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THE NEW YEAR -- LIKE THE OLD YEAR WHICH WE HAD DESPISED AND HOPED TO ERASE FROM MEMORY...



Editorial...

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THE NEW YEAR

With its promises
Broken,
Forgotten,
And never thought of;

With its heartaches
To come,
Severe,
And adding heavier burdens;

With its prayers
Offered
Repeatedly,
And backed with little faith;

With its goals
Faraway,
Too distant,
And ill striven for;

With its sunshine
Bright,
Warm,
And clouded by sorrow;

With its rain
Refreshing,
Quenching,
And hated for its wetness;

With its hopes
Depressed,
Defeated,
And exchanged for despair;

With its judgments
Belittling,
Humiliating,
And opening one's eyes to himself;

With its awesomeness
Wondering,
Pondering,
And considering of life;

With its unrest
Here,
There,
And everywhere people dwell;

With its wars
Thundering,
Maiming,
And bringing senseless death;

With its God
Waiting,
Pleading,
And being rejected by mankind.

The New Year—like the Old Year which we had despised and hoped to erase from memory . . .

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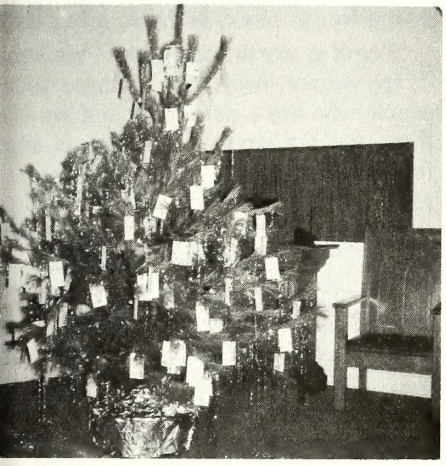
Winterville Church Displays True Spirit of Christmas---Giving

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by GLADYS CORBETT

"THIS has been the best Christmas yet!" many have said. Truly we have found it is more blessed to give than to receive. The Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. James Lupton, has experienced a tremendous joy from sharing with others gifts and funds amounting to over $1,300 for Christmas.

The church donated Christmas gifts for a needy family with four children. A donation of $100 was also sent for the ECU Student Fellowship Fund.



Money Tree

The Sunday school, with Mr. Seth Cayton as superintendent, decorated a money tree. The junior class prepared and passed out colorful envelopes for the members to use. The tree was really beautiful. It was a joy to watch the members go up and hang their earmarked funds on the tree. A total of $745.83 was collected, with $376.35 for the Children's Home, $368.48 for missions, and $1 for Cragmont.



Decorating the Money Tree

Another highlight for Christmas was experienced through the league, with Miss Debby Hines as director. We decided to give gifts to Missionary Timmons and his family in appreciation for the work they are doing. It was a thrill to draw their names and bring gifts for them. We marveled at the way the colors and articles matched. Surely God had a hand in this!

The senior league collected a big box of used clothing and sent it to Brother Timmons to be used in his work for those in need.

The AFC members, with Mrs. Durwood Lawrence and Mrs. James Lupton as sponsors, sent gifts to Missionary Harold Jones and his family. They also fixed a sunshine box for a shut-in.

The Willing Workers Class, with Miss Leah McGlohon, teacher, sent a personal gift of money to Missionary Harold Jones' family.

The Nobles Men's Class, with Guy Corbett, teacher, made contributions to the Joneses', Barrows', and Timmonses' missionary accounts, and also made a contribution to the Children's Home. These were hung on the money tree.

The Lela Nobles Auxiliary prepared four fruit baskets for shut-ins.

The Young Women's Auxiliary prepared a sunshine box for a local widow.

The Christian Fellowship Class with Randolph Harris, teacher, gave a pounding for a recently bereaved family. They also went Christmas caroling.



Junior Choir Presents Cantata

As a climax to all the projects, we enjoyed the cantata, "O Come to My Heart," presented by our junior choir. Their voices blended beautifully in three-part harmony, as they sang of Jesus' birth. Featured soloists were Alice Hines, Jo Ann Hines, and Guyla Corbett. A trio featured David Hines, Erwin Hines, and Betty Hines. Deborah Carawan was narrator; Debby Hines was pianist; and Mrs. Melvin Hines was director.

The Winterville church truly enjoyed Christmas 1970 in a way that will be long remembered.

YFA PROGRAM BOOKS READY

The YFA Program Book for 1971 is now ready for distribution. It contains programs written by Tommy Manning, carrying the theme, "This Is Youth." In the programs, Youth, the main character, is plagued with all of the problems facing today's Youth. We find him searching, breaking away, learning about love, having the improper perspective, deluded, led astray, being warned, taking strength, being guided, growing up, going forward, and finally bound for heaven. These programs are designed to appeal to the Now Generation, with added insights to the importance of religion, parental respect, and general regard for others.

The following is an excerpt from the January program, as spoken by the Observer, one of the characters: "These are the young people. They come in assorted sizes, various shapes, and different colors. They wear mod clothes and look through lavender-colored glasses. They throw crazy parties and rock to psychedelic music. They are caught up in extreme styles which show the long and the short of it—the maxis and the minis. There are beads for boys and pants for girls, and long hair and earrings for both. Bare feet and shaggy beards are a common sight, and many of them live in levis and T-shirts. Some of them call themselves teeny-boppers, and others venture further and quite unashamedly refer to themselves as hippies. All of them consider themselves a part of the Now Generation. They are a turned-on and a tuned-in group of people. They get down to the nitty-gritty of life, and they do their thing. This is Youth. This is Youth. Perhaps this is not Youth the way you know it, or perhaps it is. Nevertheless, this is Youth!"

We find throughout these programs that Youth is being watched by the Observer, who sees the faults and good traits as well. We find the Minister, who plays an important role in questioning Youth about his attitudes and his unacceptable behavior: the burning of buildings, his disrespect for the "older ones," his leaning toward promiscuity, drugs, alcohol, etc. While it is well known that not all of today's young people are engaged in such activities, it is also well known that such activities are prevalent and that many unassuming young people can be led into this way of life by those of more "varied" experience. Thus, it was thought important to include exhortations concerning these evil activities.

In the programs, some of Youth's peers speak out to urge him to remain in his present state (which is not a good one), against the advice of the wise Minister. We find that two of Youth's peers are usually more logical in their thinking and urge Youth to consider what the Minister is attempting to get across.

In the earlier programs, Youth is seen to disregard God, largely because of unwise parents and those of the older generation whose "tongues don't match their actions." We see Youth shift all the blame for his plight on the "older ones," not wanting to admit that he must be responsible for the consequences of his own decisions—that he must stand on his own.

The climactic conclusion finds Youth and those of his immediate group admitting their errors, changing their attitudes toward life and the "older ones," and finally accepting the Saviour.

Throughout the programs, parents and young people as well are led to examine themselves perhaps more deeply than ever before; and often the revelation is not a pleasant one for either.

"This Is Youth" will prove to be stimulating as it approaches from a different angle the many problems facing young people of today. Youth is not degraded in these programs, but Youth is exhorted to a better type of life than that which is exhibited by many. At the onstart, we find that the following is projected:

"Is Youth despised? Perhaps—but let it not be so. Let no man look upon Youth and consider it a wasted existence. Let no man lash out at Youth with searing tempers. Let no man shake his head, lift his hands, and say, 'God, they're just no good; they can never amount to anything; nothing good can ever come of them or their ideas!'

"Let Youth be careful, though; let Youth be prayerful; let Youth be respectful; and let Youth be wise, lest man is justified in his condemnation. Let Youth follow the directives found in the Scripture which teaches: 'Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.'

"Youth is worth something! We know it, for we are involved with those young people who are a part of it; and we love them and see wonderful things in store for them. Yet, sad to say, we see terrible things in store for some of them.

"Let us tell you about them—these people. Let us tell you about some of their problems. Let us tell you about some of their joys. Let us tell you about them. Just come with us. Keep your eyes and ears opened and your feet ready to move, for we have to move quickly; and there's much to see and hear. Get ready now, for THIS IS YOUTH!"

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., will be held at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina, Tuesday, January 26, 1971, at 10:30 a.m.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign the proxy below and return to me, Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
HUBERT BURRESS, Secretary-Treasurer
Church Finance Association, Inc.

We hereby appoint S. A. Smith, president; Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., January 26, 1971, at 10:30 a.m., at the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church.

Date_____ Signed_____

The NEIGHBOR WANTED

by DORIS HARRIS

THERE was something strange about the Barnett man. Jake had thought something was wrong in that house since the first day he and Janie had gone over to welcome the new neighbors into the neighborhood.

It was an intangible thing. You couldn't put it into words. He'd never mentioned it to Janie. He'd wanted to say something several times, but he couldn't find the right words. He couldn't just say, "I've a hunch something's wrong with the neighbors."

Bart and Bunnie Barnett were cordial. They waved from their adjoining back yards. They stopped and talked when they couldn't avoid it. But they'd never invited Jake and Janie into their home. They'd lived there almost eighteen months, and they'd never been in each other's homes. Oh, sure, Jake had gone over to borrow an egg for Janie a couple of times. They had a nice house. Through the door he could see a room with furniture, new and tastefully arranged. It seemed too quiet to Jake. He'd chalked that up to the fact that they didn't have any kids. The Barnett home was a contrast to their own house, with sneakers inside the door and coats strewn all the way to the kitchen cookie jar.

Jake was friendly. He had a big laugh, and he enjoyed life and people. He'd never met a stranger—that is, not until the couple moved in next door. He'd tried the usual friendly approaches, but didn't get anywhere. He'd wanted to invite them to church. They'd made it a habit of taking a cake or flowers or something to new neighbors and asking them to attend services with them. It's hard going to a new church. But somehow Jake had never asked the new neighbors to go with them.

"We ought to ask the neighbors to attend services with us," he said one evening over the top of the sports page.

"I asked Bunnie months ago when they first moved in," Janie replied. "She said Bart always made decisions like that. I thought you'd asked him."

"No, I didn't." He opened his mouth to start to explain this strange feeling he had, but without the words it seemed ridiculous.

Jake was very uncomfortable in Sunday services the next week. The preacher preached on witnessing unto "Judaea." He said the Lord meant to witness right around him. "Your next-door neighbor may need Christ," the insistent voice went on. Jake sighed. He knew he'd have to call on the neighbors this afternoon, or he'd have no peace. He felt a prick of conscience because long ago he'd made the commitment to personal witnessing.

He was full. He knew he shouldn't have eaten three biscuits with beef gravy, but he had. He walked slowly across the back yard. He could see Janie's head bent over the sink as she was clearing the dishes.

"Yes?" Bunnie's voice was crisp when she opened the door. The house was immaculate. There was no smell of cooking food. She was wearing smartly tailored slacks.

"Uh, I—I thought I'd stop by and chat with Bart a few minutes."

"He's in his study—the first door to the right." She didn't even offer to show him the way.

The carpet was thick, and the hall wall was done in a gilded wall covering. Jake thought of their own finger-streaked hall and of Janie fussing for him to paint it again. The door he paused before was heavily paneled. For some reason he felt like a small boy about to knock on the door of the principal's office.

"Who is it?"

Jake tried to be hearty and informal. "It's Jake."

"Jake?" The voice had a questioning tone. Bart's face appeared at the door. "Come in, come in." He waved him to a black leather armchair. "You are the friendliest neighbor I've ever had. It's been my experience that friendly people usually want something. What do you want?"

Jake was startled, but a direct question deserves a direct answer.

"I've been wanting to invite you to church."

The usual excuses tumbled from his neighbor's lips.

Jake looked around the room. It was extravagantly furnished but the accents were so startling that Jake could hardly keep his eyes from them. On his desk Bart had a skull. He'd seen pictures of the old philosophers with skulls on their desks to remind them of how short life can be, but he'd never seen one in a neighbor's den. One wall was paneled in richly grained walnut, and groupings of frames were attracitvely displayed. But the frames contained "wanted" posters for infamous outlaws and a death mask of Dillinger.

"Does my collection interest you?"

"It—it's unusual."

"Some men like cars, some like horses, some like church; but I've been fascinated by famous criminals."

"Do you mean, in how they were apprehended?"

"No, I'm more interested in the criminal than the detection aspect of crime."

He moved to the posters. "Billy the Kid—ugly, mean, vicious, unlearned. Every generation of kids knows about him. And John Dillinger, who is still romanticized. The next generation will know the names of Oswald, Ruby, and Sirhan. And why? Because they committed crimes—murder. History has a strange way of choosing its heroes."

"But history isn't the final judge,"

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Plymouth Church Choir Social And Christmas Program

The Christmas spirit prevailed at the annual Plymouth, North Carolina, First Free Will Baptist Church choir social, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Sadler, Saturday night, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. Following the reading of the Christmas story, the group joined together in singing Christmas carols.

The Choir Award this year was presented to Mrs. Estelle West for her outstanding attendance record and her excellent cooperation during the past year.

Refreshments with the festive touch were enjoyed as everyone wished each other a very "Merry Christmas."

The Plymouth church's annual Christmas program was presented Sunday evening, December 20, at seven o'clock. The program was by candlelight, with the nativity scene unfolding as the church choir sang Christmas hymns. The Rev. Charles Sugg of Goldsboro, North Carolina, was narrator for the program.

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Attention Leaguers

The State League Convention will meet March 13, 1971. All those interested in competing in the State Sword Drill Contest, between the ages of 9-12, are asked to contact Deborah Hines King at Route 2, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572. A trip to Cragmont will be awarded the winner, and the runner-up will have one half of his expenses paid.

Coming Events

January 16—Free Will Baptist High School Day, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

January 21, 22—North Carolina Ministerial Association's Midyear Spiritual Life Conference, Trent Church, Oriental, North Carolina

January 26—Church Finance Association, Inc., Ayden Church, Ayden, North Carolina

DID YOU FORGET?

Did you forget to show your love and appreciation for your pastor by nominating him for the annual Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year Award? There is still time if you hurry. Nominations must be postmarked or hand delivered not later than January 11, 1971, to the Rev. C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888. Rules for the nomination and award were printed in "The Free Will Baptist" of December 16, 1970, on Page 9.

Committee on Minister of the Year Award,

C. L. Patrick, Chairman
W. Burkette Raper
David W. Hansley

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NOTICE

Sunday Schools of Second Union, Central

Please have your secreatry send the current names and addresses of your pastor, Sunday school superintendent, and Sunday school secretary to the secretary of the Sunday School Convention of the Second Union of the Central Conference, Mrs. Jane C. Tripp, Route 1, Box 245, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Please send this information before January 31, the time of the next convention.

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One Door, and Only One

A New York minister, eager to see and hear Booth the actor, once wrote him: "I am anxious to be at one of your plays, but as I have always been opposed to the theater, and would appear inconsistent, could you not admit me at some private or stage door?"

Booth's reply was short. "There is no door to my theater through which God cannot see."—Christian Victory Magazine.

DADDY

(Front Gate in Heaven)

by Ronda Jeannette Carraway
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

They say that my daddy has gone away
But in my heart he will always stay
Our love for each other will last and last
For there's a future and not a past.

He tells me to be good and to stay sc
sweet,
And someday in heaven our eyes wil
meet;
His picture I look at from day to day,
And, "I love you" is the first thing
say.

Late at night when the stars are in place
I look up to heaven and see Daddy'
face;
I reach out to touch him, but he's toc
faraway;
But Daddy says, "Ronda, we're gettinc
closer each day."

My heart catches his words as they fal
from the sky,
And again I ask, "Oh, why did he die?"
I get the same answer as I always do,
"Jesus called Daddy, and someda
He'll call you."

(The above poem was written by Rondz Jeannette Carraway, in memory of he father, Gilbert Carraway, who was calle home August 7, 1969.)

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The Church

The church is never a place, but al ways a people; never a fold, but alway a flock; never a sacred building, but al ways a believing assembly. The church is you who pray, not where you pray A structure of brick or marble can nc more be a church than your clothes o serge or satin can be you. There is ir this world nothing sacred but man, nc sanctuary of God but the soul.—Origir Unknown.

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Pentecost

The Holy Spirit came on the Day o Pentecost in a sound to awaken them in a wind to move them, in fire to en lighten and warm them, in tongues tc make them speak. This is a very fine statement of the case. Out of this grows this query: Are we awake today? Are we on the move for Christ? Are we en lightened and on fire for God? Are we using our tongues for Him?—Hugh Sensi baugh.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Cape Fear Ministers Visit Moye Library



During the November 23 meeting of the Cape Fear Conference Ministerial Association held in the Historical Collection Room of the Moye Library at Mount Olive College, Gary Barefoot, librarian, discussed briefly the purpose of the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. Barefoot showed the members of the association examples of the various types of materials collected for the repository, and special mention was made of the manuscript collection. Members are shown looking at manuscript minutes of the Cape Fear Conference from 1855 to 1956. Barefoot described the services of the collection to individuals interested in researching church histories, biographies, organizations, etc. He also solicited the aid of those present to collect materials to insure the preservation of denominational heritage.

Those attending were (left to right): the Revs. Eddie Edwards, Francis Darwin, J. Stewart Humphrey, C. Sheldon Howard (seated in chair), J. C. Hathaway, Dr. Michael Pelt, Barefoot; the Revs. Bobby Bazen, Edmund Gonzalez, Henry Armstrong, C. Felton Godwin, and J. Walter Stanley.

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College Groups Active at Christmas

At a time of the year when everyone is caught up in the spirit of Christmas, many of us have a tendency to reflect and say, "People have forgotten the real meaning"; or "Young people today do not know the excitement that Christmas can really offer when they give of themselves without hope of reward."

Here is what some of today's college students at Mount Olive College did during the Advent Season.

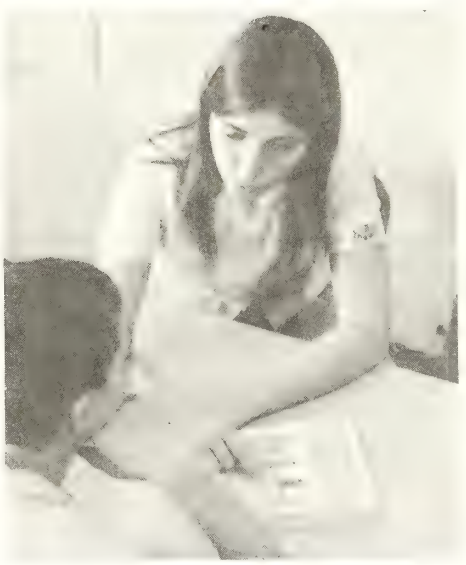
The Free Will Baptist Fellowship prepared fruit baskets to give to "shut-ins" and sang Christmas carols for them. The Lettermans Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes adopted a needy family. They provided toys, ham, staple goods, oil, etc. for this needy family. A par-Chi also adopted a needy family. A party was held for senior citizens by the Baptist Student Union. They also went caroling. Phi Beta Lambda visited and carried fruit baskets to a rest home and sang carols to the patients, while the students in the women's dormitory collected clothes for a Korean orphanage.

The brilliance of the Star of Bethlehem still shines, for it radiates in the lives of others which say to the world today, "There is hope, for there is love."

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Coop Student at Work

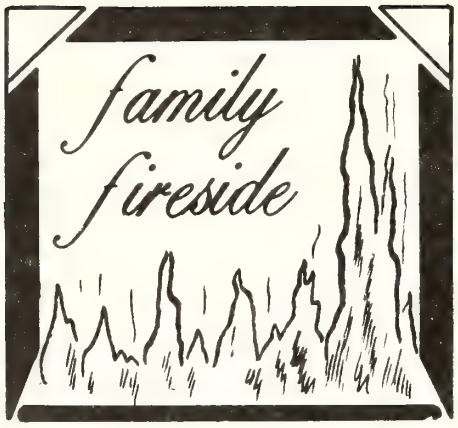
Eyssel Franklin, a sophomore at Mount Olive College, is one of the College's first students to enroll in its program of Cooperative Education. Eyssel has spent the fall semester at Camarillo State Hospital in California. Miss Franklin made the following comments concerning her work experience:



"As a coop student at Camarillo State Hospital my work deals with boys, ages 8-14, with various problems. Some of them are autistic, and others are behavioral problems. In the mornings I have the lower functioning, more regressed boys. Some of these youngsters in this group read, but most are still learning the alphabet. In the afternoons I have the higher functioning boys. Most of these boys have behavioral problems. I have a ball!

"The working conditions are very good.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

How He Got Through

Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:14

A certain mountain in West Africa was held by a tribe of cannibals as their stronghold. Troops had tried to cross the mountain, but had failed. One day a missionary went alone into the enemy's country, calmly climbed the mountain, and reached the other side. Later, he met the captain of the troops. "Do you mean to tell me you have got through untouched?" he said. "How did you do it?" Said the missionary, "You went as men of war; I went as a man of peace."—*Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

Prayer Thought

A warlike attitude never solves any problem, but a peaceful attitude can solve many.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Faith

Scripture Reading—Joshua 14:12

Give me the faith that asks not why
I shall know God's plan by and by;
Give me the faith that looks at pain
And says all will be right again;
Give me the faith to bow my head,
Trustfully waiting to be led;
Give me the faith to face my life,
With all its pain and wrong and strife,
And then, with the day's setting sun
I'll close my eyes when life is done:
My soul will go without a care,
Knowing that God is waiting there.

—*Author Unknown,* 1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

Prayer Thought

Having faith in God will give us much strength and guidance as we live the Christian way.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Ready

Scripture Reading—Luke 12:20

I would be ready, Lord,
My house in order set,
None of the work thou gavest me,
To do unfinished yet.

I woud be watching, Lord,
With lamp well-trimmed and clear,
Quick to throw open wide the door,
What time thou drawest near.

I would be waiting, Lord,
Because I cannot know
If in the night or morning watch
I may be called to go.

I would be waking, Lord,
Each day, each hour for thee,
Assured that thus I wait thee well,
Whene'er thy coming be.

I would be living, Lord,
As ever in thine eye;
For whoso lives the nearest thee,
The fittest is to die.

—1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

Prayer Thought

Ask yourself this question, "If the Lord would come today, would I be ready?" Think about this for awhile.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Sure Sign

Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1

When the way to the meeting house seems too far; when singing comes hard and seems dreary; when the sermons seem too long; when you see so much to dislike in your brethren; when the preacher makes you mad; when the members frequently say things that offend you; when the reading of the Bible is dull and puts you to sleep; when prayer is a burden; when it frets you to be called on to give; when you feel that there is no use of working with the sinners around you; when you are impatient of the shortcomings of your brethren and despondent about your own; when there is no gladness and satisfaction in the mention of God, Christ, or His religion to you; when you dread death, and dislike to think of judgment, and are in company to avoid thinking about such things; when you make excuses for your sins and try to persuade yourself that God will not punish or judge —then you are not right with God. You are drifting, backsliding, sinning, and going into darkness. Turn at once and square up matters with the Lord. Haste thee, stay not! Look not behind thee!—1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

Prayer Thought

It is so easy for us to follow our own desires and wishes, not caring for the welfare of others and the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ; but this is not good.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

The Church

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 7:17

The church is never a place, but always a people; never a fold, but always a flock; never a sacred building, but always a believing assembly. The church is you who pray, not where you pray. A structure of brick or marble can no more be a church than your clothes of serge or satin can be you. There is in this world nothing sacred but man, no sanctuary of God but the soul. —1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

Prayer Thought

The church is a place for worship. We should all enter with reverence and keep our minds on the Lord. God does not dwell in a building, but in the soul of man.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

A Jewish Boy's Persistence

Scripture Reading—John 8:31

A little Jewish boy joined up with the Schoolbag Gospel League, and was so pleased with the Gospel of John that he hastened to headquarters to get one of the other Gospels. Before leaving he gave his heart to the Lord and prayed this prayer, "Oh, Lord, I want to know the truth." A little later, he came to the headquarters with twenty-two Gospels. When he went home with them, his mother asked, "What makes such a bulk in your pocket?" On his telling her, she took the Gospels and destroyed them all, giving the boy a severe beating, and leaving him with cuts on the forehead and cheek. What do you think he did? He went and signed up two more children, then returned to headquarters for twenty-four Gospels. What a missionary was this Jewish boy!—*Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

Prayer Thought

Are we willing to receive punishment for the sake of spreading the gospel? Our persecutions are but little when compared with those of Christ.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Dynamite!

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:16

A man was sitting on a pile of planks near the Quirinal in Rome. At his feet lay a large package. A couple of officers, passing, noticed the bundle on the pavement. They stopped and asked what it contained, ever suspicious of internal machines. "Dynamite!" said the man. The officers jumped. One of them gingerly seized the package, the other the man, and both were taken to the police headquarters. When the package was opened it was found to contain—Bibles! "Where is the dynamite?" inquired the officers. "'The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,'" replied the colporteur. He was right. "Dynamite" is the exact Greek word that the sacred writer uses for "powerful." The Bible is dynamite toward sin and all unrighteousness.—*Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

Prayer Thought

The Word of God (the Bible) is the most powerful thing in the world. Between its covers are the answers to all our problems, great or small.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR

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JOANIE'S SECRET

by Doris Land

THE light switch made a clicking noise as Joanie flipped it off and ran for the bed. She jumped in, pulling the covers over her head to hide the darkened room.

Mother would be in to say good night, so the time of total darkness could be pushed back a few minutes longer. While she waited, Joanie prayed that God would help her be strong enough to sleep without a light.

Joanie's decision to face the dark was a secret. She had always slept with the little light burning beside her bed. She was afraid to be without it. The soft glow pushed back strange, frightening shadows in every corner of the room.

The light was a necessary part of Joanie's life until the Sunday that "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" (Psalm 56:3) became her class's new memory verse.

Each week one of the girls in Joanie's Sunday school class told how she whispered the new memory verse before going to sleep and wasn't afraid any more.

Joanie was ashamed to depend on the light instead of trusting God, as the Bible verse and her friends told her she could. She prayed every night to be able to face the darkness.

Tonight she knew her prayers had been answered!

"Good night, dear." Joanie had been so busy thinking over her plans that she hadn't heard Mother come in.

"Want me to turn on the light?" Mother asked. She pulled the covers away from Joanie's face to kiss her good night.

Here was a chance to change her mind. Only God knew what Joanie planned to do. She could say yes, and the magic light would once more hold back the dreaded night.

"No, Mother," she found herself saying.

"Very well. Would you like for me to stay while you say your prayers?" Mother sounded puzzled about the light, but she didn't say anything.

"Not tonight, Mother. Maybe I can tell you my secret in the morning. Good night." Joanie watched her mother leave the room, closing the hall door behind her.

Light from the other side of the door shone through its cracks, causing objects in the room to take on strange shapes.

A scraping noise from the window made Joanie jump. Then she realized it was only the wind blowing a branch of the old elm tree against the screen.

"God, please help me not to be afraid," she prayed aloud. "I know you are here with me."

Joanie repeated the verse she had memorized: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" (Psalm 56:3).

Joanie started playing a game. As she identified the frightening shapes that lurked all about her, her fear began to disappear.

The hunchback in the corner was really her robe draped across the back of a chair. The huge shadow on the wall was her favorite doll with the hall light shining behind it.

The dancing, full-skirted ghosts were the pretty lamp shades on her dresser moved by the night breeze, and that funny looking dwarf over in the corner turned out to be Raggedy Ann waiting for Joanie to play with her.

The sun in Joanie's eyes made her blink.

Why, the night is gone, she thought. I know now that I can depend on God to help me go to sleep. I won't ever need the night light again.

"Mother! Mother!" Joanie called, as she ran downstairs. "I can tell you my secret now. I'm not afraid of the dark any more!"—Gospel Herald.

Go-Ahead Christianity

by Mel Johnson

A red-blooded teen-ager is center front with a microphone in his hand. Listen to him:

"The religious freedom that our forefathers fought for and on which this country was founded has been infringed upon. The very day the Supreme Court took action and declared that the Lord's prayer and Bible reading were no longer to be a part of our morning devotions, this great country experienced a serious setback in its moral, religious, and academic freedoms."

That was a teen-ager speaking—a strong-backed Daniel. That Altoona, Pennsylvania, high school student has sparked a nation-wide effort to promote the repeal of the Supreme Court's ban on voluntary prayer and Bible reading in the public schools.

It is time for the voice of the righteous to be raised against those who are out to bury our faith as well as our freedoms. We are grateful for the privilege of living in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." We wave the Stars and Stripes proudly. Let us be no less dedicated and determined as crusaders for Christ.

God will always honor courage and obedience. With the Egyptians behind and the Red Sea ahead. He ordered Commander Moses to ". . . speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15). Go-ahead Christianity steps out and speaks up for righteousness.

Let's rise up against the flood of filth that is contaminating America's news and entertainment media. It seems to me that it is more of a conspiracy than a coincidence that only the voices of vulgarity are permitted to reach the public. The standard excuse is that anything normal or pleasant isn't "news." Listen to me—decency of any kind is news today! Let's demand our rights and give clean minds a chance to be heard.

I'm convinced that the rapid deterioration of this nation's moral fiber is the result of the successes of a small, militant minority, which has been able to convince the courts that their constitutional rights have been violated. It doesn't make any sense to me that a single atheist in a town can intrude his will on the entire community. But the atheists do it, while the church mops its brow and twists its hands.

Go-ahead Christianity is militant. It is ". . . set for the defence of the gospel" (Philippians 1:17). It earnestly contends for ". . . the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

Go-ahead Christianity looks up as well as out. It shines with the joy of its coming Lord. It tells the story of the living Christ without embarrassment or apology.—Gospel Herald.

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What Think Ye of The Christ?

Youth: Too happy to think—time yet.
Manhood: Too busy to think—more gold.
Prime: Too anxious to think—worry.
Declining years: Too aged to think—old hearts harder get.
Death: 'Tis too late to think—the spirit has flown.
Eternity: Forever to think—God's mercy past.

Into hell I am righteously cast, forever to weep my doom. —Copied.

Mount Olive News

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All the people working here go out of their way to be helpful. You are not treated this way because you are a student; this attitude prevails between all the workers here.

"I've learned more since I've been here than any text book could ever tell me; and besides, the experiences on the job and the classes offered to coop students are most enlightening. One does not have to attend, but they are very helpful and interesting. One can never be overly prepared, but courses in psychology, sociology, and health are very good preparation for this kind of employment.

"In addition to the required working time, I'm doing volunteer work with an individual child. It's really a fantastic feeling to get somewhere with one of these youngsters. I wouldn't trade the feeling for anything."

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Special High School Day at College

Mount Olive College looks to the future and seeks opportunities to serve larger numbers of Free Will Baptist high school students! In order for students to make a wise college choice, a visit to the campus of the college under consideration is essential. The College believes that any student who visits the campus and learns about the various programs will find that Mount Olive College is certainly worthy of serious consideration.

A special High School Day is being held on January 16 for Free Will Baptist students. The program will begin at 10 a. m. and will conclude with lunch. The program will include a tour of the campus, a review of the academic programs, a discussion of student life, a description of religious life, an explanation of the financial aid program, an overview of the athletic and intramural programs, and opportunities to talk with students, faculty, and administrators.

All Free Will Baptist high school students and parents are urged to attend. Mount Olive College is not for everybody, but it may be just the college for you. See the back of this issue of "The Free Will Baptist" for additional information.

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The devil is not afraid of the Bible that has dust on it.

Dope and Spiders

In research, guinea pigs, rats, mice, and monkeys are the most common animals used in experiments. But in North Carolina's Department of Mental Health, Dr. Peter N. Witt has settled on using spiders. He noticed how intricately symetrical the spider's wheel-like webs are, and this led him to choose the creature. Any disturbance of the spider's nervous or muscular system would be revealed in the webs it spun. So he raised swarms of the gray and brown creatures, then he set his spiders tripping on drugs, sipped from a syringe in dilute solution.

Amphetamines are stimulants which cause humans to become hyperactive, hallucinatory and disoriented. When used on spiders, they make all the assessments in building a web—but then fail to make the correct actions. Dr. Witt says, "They see where the last strand was placed and they know where the next one should go, but they weave it in the wrong place." Thus, amphetamine webs are highly irregular. Those webs which are woven under the influence of tranquilizers are usually regular in pattern but considerably smaller than normal. Those spun under the influence of barbiturates tend to be smaller and widely erratic. Other research experiments were made with mescaline and psilocybin and they affected the spider's muscles and brain.

Thus the spider, which is among the "four things little upon the earth," and which inhabits king's palaces (Proverbs 30:24, 28), is also in a scientist's laboratory, and may serve medical science in a big way.—Christian Victory Magazine.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What is meant by "fear God"? and is it right to fear Him?

Answer: The Bible uses "fear" in two distinct ways. In one it means to dread or be frightened, and in the other it means to reverence. It is not always easy to determine which use is intended as we find it in either the Old Testament or the New Testament, for in some cases in both it would seem as reasonable to use the one as the other meaning. The two Hebrew words most frequently used in the Old Testament have both meanings, but in the New Testament the Greek word has more generally the sense of being frightened or to dread.

God would make clear to us through the Bible that the thing most earnestly desired of us is love, respect, and reverence. But our sin of disobedience keeps us from loving, respecting, and reverencing Him as His Word teaches that we should. He has given us a conscience. When regarded as it should be, our God-given conscience will help us to discern His will; but when abused enough, it will fail us and may not be relied upon as the needed guide. The awakening of fear within sometimes serves as an aid to bring us back to God and a more perfect respect for Him and His Word.

Such verses as the following sometimes do this: "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1); "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice" (Ephesians 4:30, 31); "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

Usually when a man's conscience is aroused, after he has been living in sin, he fears the power and the justice of God; but after he has realized the pardoning grace of God, he feels a reverence for Him. As he makes progress in the growth of a knowledge of God and in His grace fear diminishes and love, reverence, and an appreciation of God become more dominant in what he does, how he feels, and reacts to every experience he has. He experiences the command of God, "Draw nigh to me, and I will draw nigh to you"; and he is glad for the experiences. Then as God becomes the dominant factor in his life he, in a more perfect way, reflects the will, way, and methods of God as they are set forth in the Scriptures. This calls for a crucifixion of the old man and dying daily to the world and the things of the world; the carnal man or the flesh, as the sinful way of a worldly man's natural life without Christ is called.

That perfect love and that abiding in Him as He invites us to, opens a whole new world of experiences to us. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18); "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me . . . . If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15: 4, 7); "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

There is a sense in which we should be afraid not to obey the Word of God, because we should know from what it teaches that such disobedience fosters grave and eternal consequence. Many passages set forth both the glory in its obedience and the ill consequence in disobedience or neglect in the obedience to the Word. Such may be seen in "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24); "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1); "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Then God wants us to be His friends. He invites us to live and come before Him in holy boldness and tells us that perfect love casteth out fear—the fear that those of the world need to experience. Abiding in Him and He in us portrays a new dimension in our relationship. We have at this point obeyed and thereby gained the desired results as we have grown in His grace and in a better knowledge of Him in a correct use of the Word. We now reverence, and in a cautious fear, live carefully lest at any time we might displease Him in what we either do or think. As we privately think, we realize that as we walk hand in hand with Him, that it is always to our best interest to ascertain and then obey His precious will in all things. This keeps us in a closeness where we experience "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17); and, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Whatever any of us lack in attaining unto this status, we should always be striving toward it as our goal. We "run with patience the race (against sin) that is set before us" and "press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." So as sinners we feared, were afraid to get sick, to die, to go to judgment, etc. Now we love God, or we should love Him, with our whole heart, our whole soul, and all our mind; reverencing Him in living a cautious life of positive righteousness in Christ lest we might displease Him and thereby grieve the Holy Spirit of God whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption.

All sinners are positive sinners. They may be deceived by the wiles of the devil as he maneuvers them into a false religious profession or form of worship, but theirs is a positive state of being since all sinners, regardless to their confession or creed, are always advancing the cause of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and are opposing all Christians and even the Saviour that died for them. This being true, we need always to be reverencing God and showing favor to

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STORIES

for our youth



IN OR OUT

JEWELL READY

PETE lost the race to the phone by just about a foot. He tried to reach around Pixie and grab the receiver, but girls have a way of holding on once they get their hands on a telephone.

"Oh," she said, just after she had said, "Hello." She held the receiver toward Pete.

"I told you it was for me," he reminded her. Keith had said he'd call tonight and let him know about Saturday. That was what the call was about. "You know I will," Pete said, nodding his head. "I'll see you, Keith."

Pixie was at the fireplace now, pretending to warm her hands, but Pete figured she was eavesdropping. Sure enough, she asked, "Where will you see Keith, and when?"

"Science Nature Club meeting, of course," Pete told her. "That's the only time I ever see Keith, and you know it. We're having an outdoor meeting Saturday and a hike."

"You'll freeze," Pixie said. "I hope you do—never letting any girls go to your old meetings."

"It wouldn't be any fun if girls went," Pete told her. "I can just see us now, hiking through the woods with a bunch of girls whining about their feet hurting and the nasty old briers scratching them and—"

About that time Pixie swung a sofa pillow over her head and aimed it at him, so Pete made a run for the kitchen. He had to get permission to go on the hike, anyway.

"It's just a special Science Nature Club meeting," Pete argued a few minutes later. "We learn a lot of things and have fun doing it."

"I wish we knew Keith a little better," Mrs. Porter told him. "You're with him at these special meetings one day out of each month; I just think we should know him—that's all."

"You met him at the fair."

"I saw him only briefly; and then I didn't like the way he talked." Pete thought back to the county fair—back in August. He had stayed all night in the pavilion with a group of other boys and a group of prize steers. His steer's stall had been next to Keith's. They had set up cots and gone to bed, but talked most of the night. Right away, it seemed, they liked each other, and Keith had invited Pete to join the Science Nature Club.

Keith seemed to have the habit of saying things he shouldn't just for the sake of saying them. He said some pretty bad words while he and Pete were talking. Then, as Pete was lying on his canvas cot, feeling grateful to Keith for inviting him to join the club, he wanted to do something to show Keith how well they should get along together. He thought of a word he wouldn't dare say in his parents' presence; one he'd never even said out loud, in fact. And Pete said it.

It shocked him when he actually heard himself saying the word, but it also gave him a peculiar feeling of power or age or something he couldn't name. So in a few minutes he said it again. And later on, he tried another word he thought would meet with Keith's approval. His face burned a little now when he thought about it. But back then it had seemed the thing to do.

"Does Keith know you're a Christian?" Pete's mother asked.

"Aw, Mom, boys don't talk about things like that," Pete complained.

"It's what God expects of you," she pointed out as Pete left the kitchen.

He didn't plan to say anything about the Lord or church or the fact that he was a Christian—not to Keith. He wanted to stay a good friend of Keith's and keep having fun in the Science Nature Club's special activities. That was the only time Pete went. The club met once a week, but those meetings were pretty much studying and working experiments, and Pete didn't care about that.

On Saturday morning, Mr. Porter took Pete to the school, where the boys were meeting to start their day's hike. "I'll be here at four," he promised as he climbed back into the pickup and drove away.

It was a great day. Over a hundred boys showed up, all excited about the hike and all carrying water canteens. By the time they had walked all the way up and over the Culpepper Trail, they'd be plenty thirsty, all right. Pete looked eagerly for Keith. He found him talking to the leader, Mr. Mason.

"Hi," Keith said when he saw Pete. "I think we're just about ready to go."

They meandered along the trail, taking plenty of time to see everything along the way, inspecting and discussing bugs, animal tracks, and skinned places on trees which showed signs of deer's having been there, nuts and leaves—anything the woods had for them this time of year. Finally they came to a clearing where there was a little park. There were a rustic platform and benches, a place to cook, and rough wooden tables.

"Looks like an open-air church," Keith said, looking at the platform and benches.

Pete looked quickly at him. But then he saw the amusement in Keith's expression. Keith thought it was funny.

They built a fire and roasted hot dogs and ate chips and drank soda pop. Pete thought he'd never get enough. He and Keith were sitting with a group of other boys when someone yelled at them.

"Hey, you boys. Mr. Mason said we should gather up here on the benches. He wants to talk to us."

'We're going to have church." Keith laughed, leading the way to the benches, where most of the boys were already seated.

Pete looked at him while they waited for Mr. Mason to begin, wondering what Keith would think if he knew Pete was a Christian and that he just tried not to show it when he was with Keith. It seemed too good a friendship to spoil

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THE NEIGHBOR WANTED

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Jake said quietly. He wondered at the wisdom of his own words, remembering a verse about how the Lord gives one words when one needs them.

"God, you mean?" queried Bart. "My father was a godly man. He worked in a sweatshop all his life. He barely had enough to eat, and when he died, everyone had to chip in to bury him. He spent his life being godly, and where did it get him?"

"Was he happy?"

"What's that got to do with it?"

"Everything!"

"He didn't complain. He—I don't know. I never thought about it. Yes, he was a happy man."

"Well, then?"

"He died without anything. He lived for good and no one knows his name. These men," he waved toward the panel, "died committing murder, and everyone remembers their names."

He moved restlessly. "What about you? Does anyone know your name?"

"Sure—my wife, and my kids do, and God knows my name, too," Jake said quietly.

Bart moved to an ornately carved gun rack over the fireplace. He lifted a high-powered rifle from its place. He handled it easily. Then he sat on the edge of his desk and carefully loaded it. "Know anything about guns?"

"A little. My dad was a collector. I keep his collection in the basement."

Bart fondled the gun as if it were a living thing. "It's beautiful, but it's an instrument of death. You Christians talk a lot about death, don't you?"

"Death is the natural end of life. We all face it, so any man who makes no provision for it is something of a fool."

"A fool?"

"Not to make preparation for the inevitable."

Bart lifted the rifle and pointed it in Jake's direction. "What would happen to you if this gun went off?"

"I'd be standing in the presence of God."

"Doesn't that frighten you?"

"Not as long as I'm not standing in my own righteousness."

"Explain that."

"When Christ died for me and I accepted Him as Saviour, He gave me His righteousness. That's why I wanted to ask you to go to church services with us."

There was a tap on the door. Bunnie pushed it open, and there was a silver tray in her hands. Two tall, frosted glasses graced it. "Drinks," she smiled brightly. "The one to the left is non-alcoholic." The tea was smooth and minted.

"I was explaining my collection," Bart said.

Bunnie smiled sadly. "I suppose it's because we have no children to carry on our name that we're so interested in names that are remembered."

"Our neighbor was just going," Bart said.

Jake got up and moved toward the door. "There's a permanent place for a name. It's called the Lamb's book of life. It's God's record of those who trust Him."

Jake's shoulders slumped as he walked back to his kitchen door. He felt as if he'd made no contact for the Lord at all. He'd never met people quite like the new neighbors. They seemed so lonely and lost. He didn't want to go into his house. He knew Janie would want to know what had happened. He walked around the house and looked at the roses. Finally, he shrugged his shoulders and started in. Janie met him at the door. "Hi, I was coming to look for you," she said. "You just had a call. He said, 'I want my name permanently recorded.'" She shrugged. "He said you'd know what he meant."

Jake smiled, putting his arm around his wife's shoulders. "Have supper early. Our neighbors will be going to church with us."—Gospel Herald.

ONLY WEAK MEN LEAN

by FRED C. RENICH

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength" (Isaiah 40:29).

Probably the hardest lesson for any of us to learn is the blessedness of weakness. Everything in and around us says strength is an asset and weakness is a liability. We admire strong, successful people—the kind of people who have what it takes. This is true in every area of life, both temporal and spiritual. The lifelong refrain that runs deep within every man's subconscious says, "The race is to the swift, and the battle is to the strong."

It is not only the rest of the world that believes "nothing succeeds like success." This is true among Christians as well. We all want to be successful Christians, involved in successful Christian projects. Our heroes are always strong people or people who have been initially weak but who have overcome their weaknesses. We look at some great person in the world and say, "Wouldn't he make a wonderful Christian?"

However, all around us is evidence of a great tragedy. We have no gospel for the person who is truly weak. This is why it is so hard for any of us really to be honest with ourselves without being devastated. We are afraid to admit our true weaknesses and to accept our real selves. To do so would leave us spiritually bankrupt. We know in our heads that God is not looking for goodness or strength in us, but everything around us works against our really believing that, for the Christian, spiritual bankruptcy is in fact the gateway to blessing. While we admit freely that our salvation depends on God's mercy alone and on nothing good in us, we imply (though we do not state it) that an awful lot depends on us after we are saved if we are going to get along as Christians.

The problem is rooted in our constant tendency to slip from faith to works. The just shall live by trusting as much as the sinner is saved by believing.

Our strength is to stem from leaning and depending upon our mighty Saviour, rather than naturally "having what it takes" to be praying, Bible-loving, victorious, soul-winning Christians.

All around us are weak, discouraged, defeated Christians who look with longing eyes at the distant mountaintops of Christian triumph. A few elite in God's kingdom have scaled those heights, but many are saying, "I don't have what it takes to make the climb." We fail to understand that it is Jesus who does the climbing; it is our role to be carried by Him. But it takes a weak man to lean, for only when one is weak will he do so. Thus our needs become our friends when they do, in fact, drive us to trust in His supply.

Have you ever studied the promises of God in terms of the kind of person to whom they are given? If you do, maybe you will realize something of the blessedness of weakness and human bankruptcy as gateways to present and eternal blessing.—Gospel Herald.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 17



IS IT WORTH MY LIFE?

Lesson Text: Matthew 13:44-46; Luke 14: 15-24

Memory Verse: Luke 14:33

I. INTRODUCTION

Though much is required of those who would be a part of the kingdom of heaven and many responsibilities are associated with our membership in it, the blessings and the rewards are in just proportion to its requirements. It was observed by one who espoused the cause of the separation of the colonies from the British crown that what men obtain too easy they esteem too lightly, and that heaven knew how to put a proper price upon her gifts. This being true, it would be strange indeed if so valuable an article, or rather a possession, as eternal life should not have to be obtained at great sacrifice. The great sacrifice has been paid for all who enter in, but it is required of those who thus enter that they dedicate their all to this work.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Our lesson today emphasizes two great truths.
2. Christ paid the price for our salvation.
3. We must pay the price of full surrender to enjoy that which He has provided.

B. Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13:44)

1. Give some of the various interpretations of this parable.
2. Show that the important truth is that the man gave all that he possessed for the treasure.

C. The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price (Matthew 13:45, 46)

1. Compare and contrast this parable with the one above.
2. Show that the one thing they have in common is that the man gave all for the treasure and pearl of great price.
3. The price of obtaining salvation is to give "all."

D. The Parable of the Great Supper (Luke 14:15-24)

1. What was the setting of the parable?
2. The supper is prepared.
3. The servant is sent out to invite others to come.
4. Many excuses were offered.
5. Guests were compelled to come.
6. The main truths of the parable are discussed.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A little boy on his death bed, urging his father to repentance, said, "Father, I am going to heaven; what shall I tell Jesus is the reason why you won't love Him?"

What excuse would you think up in answer to your son in this case? How flimsy would be the "reasons" why we will not love Him! Alexander Pope said, "An excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie; for an excuse is a lie guarded."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. Today's lesson has to do with values and goals. Everyone sets up goals for himself as he proceeds through life. For example, we may have need of a new automobile, and so we begin to work toward that goal. We become more careful about how we spend our money; we save every bit we can, so we can purchase the automobile we want.

Most married couples desire to purchase a home. But this requires a down payment, so once again money is saved in every way possible to get the necessary amount.

The same can be said for household furnishings, clothes, vacations, etc. In all of these we readily see the importance of money.

These items we have mentioned are important. We must have a place to live, clothes to wear, transportation, etc. But the important question is, What is the goal of your life? Is it to achieve "things" only? If so, your heart is set on the wrong goal. In the end you will find only disillusionment and death. Seek the kingdom of God! Lay hold on it. Give your all for it. To enter God's kingdom should be our chief goal, for only therein do we find eternal life.—Standard Commentary.

C. There is a story which illustrates how a modest price paid for a secondhand organ was the beginning of a great musical career for a Negro boy.

"Thirty-five dollars!" said John, as he looked at the secondhand organ in the music store. "Only thirty-five dollars! That isn't much for a real organ. My! I wish Mother would get it for me. I don't suppose she can, but I am going to see what I can do anyway." So he ran home to ask for the prize.

John was a Negro boy, and his mother, who was a widow, found it almost impossible with the small salary she earned to keep them both clothed and fed. So, of course, his mother said, "No," as she had many times before when he had wanted some musical instrument on which to learn to play. But John wouldn't take that for an answer, and he was so persistent that she finally gave him five dollars someone had paid her and told him that if five dollars would buy it, he could have it.

He paid the five dollars down and his mother didn't have the heart to make him take the organ back, so she worked all the harder until it was finally paid for. He graduated from high school and some friends made it possible for him to attend music school.

After many years of faithful and efficient service, his state recognized his ability; for he was asked to play at the dedication of an organ at the State College of South Carolina. And today John Donovan Moore, for whom his mother bought the organ long ago, is one of our great musicians.

And so we learn that some investments we make of life, time, and talent pay large dividends. This is what Jesus is trying to tell us about the kingdom of God in these verses. It is of great value and is worthy of the dedication of heart, mind, and soul.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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Someone once said, "Christmas is more than a day—it is the soul of all little children on earth."—Table Talk.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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with serious talk like that; and Pete felt that it was really too much to ask of a fellow to go around preaching to everybody he met about how he was a Christian, how he went to church to worship and learn more about God, and how he felt about the things God had made. He still felt those things, but he figured they were best kept to himself, at least when he was with people who might not feel the same way he felt.

"Now we've all had fun today," Mr. Mason began, and everybody agreed. "And I'm glad," he went on. "But there's something I have to tell you. You have to decide—on this trip—whether you'll be in or out. What I mean is this: either you want to be a serious student or you don't. Now at our regular meetings we have ten or twelve members; but for special things, everybody shows up. Too many of our members want only the good times that go along with belonging to the club, I'm afraid." He paused a moment. "We want you to be members; but only if you're members all the time. O.K.?"

There were a lot of long faces in the group when he finished, and Pete's was one of them. 'I don't think that's fair," he grumbled in a low tone to Keith.

But Keith turned cold eyes on him. "I agree with Mr. Mason," he said. "Why should he take a bunch of boys on good-time trips when they won't get in there and work the rest of the month? It only fouls up things for the rest of us."

Pete's own eyes could give cold stares, too. "If I'm one of the idlers, why do you keep calling me about special meetings? You must think I shouldn't come."

"I kept hoping you'd like it so well you'd begin to come regularly," Keith told him frankly. "Now that you have to either get in or out, I hope you'll get in."

"I don't know, yet," Pete said stubbornly.

"Well, I don't want you to misunderstand. That's all," Keith told him. "We want all these fellows. But we want them full time. Doesn't that make sense to you?"

"Yes, I guess," Pete agreed, thinking about the Scripture he had learned which said just about the same thing. The Scripture was Revelation 3:15, 16.

Pete didn't like the idea of being put out of the Science Club, but the thought of God's turning away from him scared him terribly. He couldn't keep on being the kind of Christian he had been—confessing God when he was with people who already believed; hiding his feelings when he wanted to.

"I never told you I'm a Christian," Pete said to Keith as they walked through the woods along a path made by animals.

Keith looked oddly at him. "No, you didn't. You've kept it a good secret—or are you kidding?"

"No," Pete told him. "I guess I was a Christian the way I was a member of this club—only when times were best. But I see now I can't be that way; especially, I can't be a Christian that way. My Christianity is more important to me than anything else."

"So what has that got to do with the club?" Keith asked. "You in or out?"

"In," Pete decided. "It's a good club —I want to be in."

"O.K.," Keith agreed quickly. Pete could see he was embarrassed talking about anything religious and wanted to change the subject. That was O.K.; there would be other times when it would be the natural thing to do. He had made the start—he had told Keith he was a Christian and that he had failed in the past. He wouldn't fail again.—Junior Trails.

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Questions & Answers

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His children in all things. Without having to plan to do so, the unsaved fosters the spirit and attitude of the prodigal son of Luke 15 and must arise. He can only do that by the power of the gospel and turning from the world, to his heavenly Father; and then in this, he becomes not a servant only, but a son in service.

Then when all this that the Bible speaks of takes place (and it will), then may he enjoy the things of his Father's house; and not until then will he be able to exercise the reverential fear toward God and the holy things he is called upon to do. As the Bible requires, he needs to live a cautious life of obedient service in what he knows is the presence of God. God is present everywhere, at all times, and will be personally manifested to each of us in this presence as we give place to Him. James 4:8 says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. . . ." "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18: 20); "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). So let us reverence Him that is closer to us than the physical presence of the members of our bodies and heed the Bible's warnings to not give place to the devil.

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Pat Boone Elected Member of Bible Voice Board

Mr. Pat Boone has been elected to the Bible Voice Board of Directors according to an announcement made by George Otis, president of the Van Nuys, California, publishing firm. The internationally known entertainer and businessman has published two new books during the past four months which have each sold more than 75,000 copies to date. The first is a clothback, titled, "A New Song," which is Pat Boone's autobiography. The other book is a paperback, titled, "Crisis-America." Mr. Boone plays the lead role as the Rev. David Wilkerson in the current movie, "The Cross and the Switchblade." Mr. Boone has also released two recent hymn albums, "Rapture" and the "Pat Boone Family Album."

Mr. Otis reports that Bible Voice 1970 overall sales are running 45 percent above 1969, with the increase distributed almost uniformly through the Bible recordings, sacred music, and Christian books.

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Your Heavenly Father Knows

"Martin Luther in his autobiography says, 'I have one preacher I love better than any other; it is my little tame robin, who preaches to me daily. I put his crumbs upon my window sill, especially at night. He hops onto the sill when he wants his supply, and takes as much as he desires to satisfy his need. From thence he always hops to a little tree close by, and lifts up his voice to God, and sings his carol of praise and gratitude, tucks his little head under his wing, and goes fast to sleep, to leave tomorrow to look after itself.' "—From Heart to Heart Talks, July 1970.

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Will you plan to come and bring others who are interested?

In order to assist the College in making appropriate plans, please send name and number of persons who plan to attend and have lunch. Send information to: Miss Ruth Gardner, Director of Admissions, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

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Compassionate - -My Foot!

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COMPASSIONATE – MY FOOT!

A little child was hungry, and we were so compassionate that we got a lot of men together and discussed his hunger and sighed at the thought of it; but we didn't offer him any food.

A father was in prison for a crime that he did not commit, and we were so compassionate that we talked at great length about visiting him and letting him know our deep concern; but somehow we never got the time to see him.

A nearby family was ragged, and we were so compassionate that we shed a tear or two at their plight, thinking maybe that they needed the humility that rags bring; but we never bothered to clothe them with a few of our unwanted garments.

A widow lady was sick in her bed, and we were so compassionate that we told our neighbor about it; then we crept quietly away and thanked God for our own good health, but we didn't say a word in her behalf or let her know that we cared about her being sick.

An orphan came to our door one day begging a place to stay, and we were so compassionate that we preached to him about the shelter of God's undying love; but we turned him away from our door and the warmth of our home.

A young girl who had made an unfortunate mistake was lonely and unhappy, and we were so compassionate that we told her how many friends we had and emphasized how many she had lost, not forgetting to point out the error of her way which put her in her condition.

We are just loaded with compassion! We are so holy—so very close to God!

We are so compassionate that the hungry still go unfed, while we attend our grand banquets and eat more than we want and more than could possibly be good for us.

We are so compassionate that the imprisoned still suffer alone, not knowing that we care about them or the crime that put them there.

We are so compassionate that the ragged still go ragged, while we build new closets to house our vast wardrobes.

We are so compassionate that the sick still suffer upon their beds of affliction, little knowing that we sympathize with their pain and discomfort, and never receiving a visit from us, or a word of cheer, or a thoughtful note.

We are so compassionate that the orphans still crave the warmth of a fireplace and the embrace of someone's loving arms and the security of a real home.

We are so compassionate that the lonely, unwed mothers-to-be still weep their lonely tears at mistakes made, but not forgiven by us who are so moral and so unerring.

We are so compassionate that we will pray for them—all of them—sure; but we won't go out of our way to help them.

We are so compassionate that we make God sick!

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Leadership: The Art of Developing People

DR. CHARLES SAPP

v to Apply Human Relations Training to the Everyday Job)

HE need for leadership in all walks of life is greater today than ever be-. Every aspect of living demands ling hands: government, business, the fessions, the fine arts, the mechanic , etc.

eadership does not mean domination. world is full of people who like to inate. The leader, however, is of fferent nature. He seeks effectively activate people to act in their own rest and in the interest of their com-ities.

he sluggard does not aspire to lead-ip; and there are passive persons are content to be led. Getting their from other people, they wait until on is forced upon them by the situa- rather than make the situation out which concerted action may bring efits to all concerned. These people seldom good leaders.

ow do men manage to get out in t and stay there? Well, they raise standards by which they judge them-es, and by which they are willing to judged. They raise their aims, both themselves and for the group with ch they are associated. They develop rgy, knowledge, and skill so as to ch the standards they have set for mselves.

his acceptance of higher standards judgment is the basis of all human progress. A love of high quality is essential in a leader. Dependability is another quality of the leader—he keeps all promises. The leader will take counsel with his people; however, he will act on whatever his mind tells him is right.

To embark successfully on a career involving leadership demands courage. With faith in himself, he will be brave enough to act upon probabilities instead of certainties, and put his whole energy into making them come true. One mark of a great leader is that he feels sufficiently secure to devote his thoughts to the well-being of his subordinates and the perfection of his job.

The man who would be a leader must pay the disciplinary cost involved. This does not mean he must withdraw from the world, but it does entail restraint, control, and moderation wherever these are necessary to achieve the ends he seeks. Leaders need to submit themselves to a stricter discipline than is expected of others.

It is not surprising to find that great numbers of people who have been acknowledged leaders were people who themselves learned the art of obeying. The man who has not learned to render prompt and willing service to others will find it difficult to win and keep control of his followers.

Besides doing well what he has to do, the leader has initiative—which is the ability to think and to do new things. He must keep his imagination alive so as to originate ideas and start trends.

Diverse though the areas of leadership may be, there are, nevertheless, certain basic principles generally agreed upon as being necessary. The leader must be sincere in his beliefs about his business and his place in it, and he must have the force of character necessary to inspire others to follow him with confidence.

Thoughtful men choose persons to work with them, and particularly men who will be close to them for special qualities. Their assistants should be different—capable of doing things the leader cannot do for himself.

The leader's job is to get work done by other people, and the good that they do is reflected upon him. He senses the readiness of an assistant for further development, and sets the stage so that the efforts of his subordinates are used to the full in pursuance of his purpose. Having delegated work, the leader must trust his assistants. His action implies the courage and readiness to back up a subordinate to the full.

The more dynamic the leader is, the more he needs to control the irritability that arises in him when projects are delayed, thrown off the track, or botched. He needs to seek patiently for the reason, and to be receptive for ideas for improvement. As a key man in the organization, he must be a creative listener, smothering ruthlessly all empty excuses and brushing off all merely time-wasting talk; but getting the meat of what people have to say.

The art of being a leader is the art of developing people. At its highest peak, leadership consists in getting people to work for you when they are under no obligation to do so.

The leader should approach his job in the spirit of being a coach. He will kindle interest, teach, aid, and inspire. He will seek the special talent every worker has. His people will cooperate with him in maintaining discipline for the good of the team. He will suppress his own ego and encourage the progress of those whom he leads. He will create in his group a sense of mutual effort, directed toward a specific goal.

A leader in any activity will find it an advantage beyond price to have clear-cut policies written down. This keeps in mind consistent paths, and helps to clarify to assistants the purposes toward which their work is directed. When he has his policies well shaped, then he may move on with sureness to the proper means and methods.

The leader must venture to run the hazard of his own judgment. He will often find that getting things started is more important than making sure that they will turn out perfectly right. He will find, too, that many of his decisions will have to be made with incomplete

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

CRAGMONT ON THE MOVE!

by the Rev. DeWayne Eakes
Director of Publicity

Exodus 14:15 records these words: "And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." This verse of Scripture comes to the Israelites as they are in their exodus from Egypt and the hand of Pharaoh. Pharaoh had come upon them, and the Israelites were made immobile by reason of their fear. The word of the Lord came to His people to "Go forward!"

Cragmont and we Free Will Baptists most certainly are not the Israelites exiting from Egyptian bondage. However, the admonition to God's people to go forward for His glory applies to us very readily. Or phrasing it somewhat differently, Cragmont Assembly is once again on the move! From its beginning in 1946, Cragmont has made admirable progress. This has been due, to a large extent, to the efforts of its governing boards of directors and stockholders and to the ardent support of a small number of our people. I say a small number, because until the last couple of years the majority of our people gave mainly token support to Cragmont.

We have reaped many benefits from our summer encampments. Not only the lives of our youth, but also those of our ministers, women's groups, church groups, and individuals have been blessed by the ministry of Cragmont. Enough for the time being said about our benefits from Cragmont, let's get down to the business of the present needs of our beloved assembly!

Due to the relentless advance of "Father Time," it has become an immediate necessity to build new buildings at Cragmont and continue to go forward—if our ministry of mountain-top magnitude is to continue to grow. Seeing this necessity, the board of directors has planned a development program. The first phase of this program is the construction and furnishing of two cottages at a cost of $40,000. These cottages will house a total of 80 campers plus the accompanying counselors. The board, in its January 4, 1971, meeting, authorized the borrowing of $25,000 to complete the work on these cottages by the beginning of the 1971 camping season. Of course this is a step in faith. We believe that you, Mr. and Mrs. Free Will Baptist, care enough about your youth and the rich ministry of Cragmont to assure for it a bright future. When you invest in Cragmont, you are investing not only in the future of our youth and denomination, but you are also strengthening them in the present "Now."

Ministers, laymen, and youth, rally around the banner of Christ which is carried forth through the ministry of Cragmont Assembly. We urge you to support Cragmont through your prayers, the attendance of you and your youth, and financially in a greater and more glorious way! If one hundred fifty of our churches would give $170 each, we would have enough to complete this phase of our program debt free! It can be done! W you and your church do your part?

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NOTICE

ALL PAST DIRECTORS OF ENCAMPMEN AT CRAGMONT

Please send the number in attendanc the year, and the names of your encam ments (this includes youth groups, mi isters, women's groups, and chur groups) to: The Rev. DeWayne Eakes, Li tle Rock Free Will Baptist Church, P. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 2785

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College Day at Davis

Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davi North Carolina, observed Sunday, Jan ary 10, as Mount Olive College Day. D W. Burkette Raper, president of the Co lege, taught the young people's Sunda school class at 10 a. m. and delivere the sermon at the 11 a. m. worship se vice.

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There are no tranquilizers to compa with good books, good music, goo works, and good worship.—Joseph Krin sky.

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When it seems hardest to pray, pra hardest!—Selected.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., will b held at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina, Tuesday, Januar 26, 1971, at 10:30 a.m.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, pleas sign the proxy below and return to me, Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina. The prox will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
HUBERT BURRESS, Secretary-Treasurer
Church Finance Association, Inc.

We hereby appoint S. A. Smith, president; Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., January 26, 1971, at 10:30 a.m., at the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church.

Date _____ Signed _____

First Century Ethics For a Twentieth-Century World

by
MISS MARICE DeBRUHL
Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church
New Bern, North Carolina

"YE are the salt of the earth: . . . the light of the world. . . ." (Matthew 5:13, 14). Jesus used these words to describe the relationship His disciples were to have to mankind. Indeed these words describe not only what was expected of the original twelve who walked the dusty roads of Palestine during the first century, but should characterize the life of the twentieth century believer as well. Realizing that in order for His disciples to make such an impact on society, they must first receive instruction on how to live "the good life," the Scripture tells us that ". . . he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying" (Matthew 5:2). And so in the Sermon on the Mount the master Teacher himself set forth a code of ethics by which His followers were to pattern their lives. One could preach a series of sermons comprising many hours of study on these three great chapters of Matthew's Gospel, but perhaps the entire sermon can be summarized in Matthew 5:43-47.

Today we hear a great deal about thought patterns, behavior patterns, etc.; but in this pertinent passage the young Galilean is setting forth love patterns—not always logical by man's standard—but binding and relevant by God's standard. He speaks of love as the motivating force in the life of the Christian, of loving not only friend and family, but one's enemies as well. This is the type of passage that makes one squirm when he realizes the full impact of what is being said. It makes us feel a good deal like the young man who, although his life was not consistent with the Christian life, went to church every Sunday nevertheless. The minister being aware of the man's shortcomings would hammer away at his sins Sunday after Sunday. At the conclusion of each service the young man would greet the minister with a handshake, a smile, and these words: "You sure told **them** about it today, Preacher." Finally, on a cold, icy, December day the minister approached the pulpit to find only this young man present for the service. Believing this to be a God-given opportunity to point out to this fellow the error of his way, the minister refused to call off the service and insisted on preaching as usual. Again he used a sermon aimed at calling this man's attention to his sins. At the conclusion of the service the young man greeted his pastor with a smile, a handshake, and these words: "You sure told them about it today, Preacher; it's a shame they weren't here to hear it." As the young man in this story convinced himself that the minister was talking to someone else, we would like to believe that Jesus on this occasion was talking only to His disciples of the first century. But the thing that should be first and foremost in our minds when we read these words, "Love your enemies," is that **this means me.** You and I as members of the "Now Generation" must love as Jesus loved, not only the lovable but the unlovable as well.

What Kind of Love Was Jesus Speaking of?

There are many kinds of love, and the Greek language contains four different words for love. Unfortunately, in the English language we must use the same word to describe the feelings of a movie actress for her fifth husband that we would use to describe the emotions of a mother for her child, or the feelings which caused a loving God to give the life of His sinless Son for the sins of mankind. In this passage the Greek word "agape" is used. The real meaning of agape is unconquerable benevolence and invincible goodwill. Another definition describes this type of love as an attitude of unbreakable goodwill. If we regard a person with agape love, it means that no matter what that person does to us, no matter how he treats us, no matter if he insults us or injures us or grieves us, we will never allow any bitterness against him to invade our hearts; but we will regard him with that attitude of unbreakable goodwill which will seek nothing but his highest good. Let us remember that Jesus never asked us to love our enemies in the same way that we love our friends. The very word is different. To love our enemies in the same way that we love our friends would neither be possible or right. In the case of loving our family and friends it is love born of the heart. But in the case of our enemies it is not only something of the heart but of the will as well. I believe the type of love Christ is speaking of here must be cultivated, or worked at, and comes about as the result of discipline on the part of the believer. It allows for the dislikes we may feel for individuals and their ways. It calls forth from the Christian something more stable than "feeling" and puts love in the realm of attitude, which in one way or another expresses itself through action. At any rate, "It takes a great deal of doing to love some people."

We must, however, practice this type of love in our daily living. Perhaps it is easy to sit back at home, surrounded by friends and family, and read this passage; maybe even convincing ourselves that we love to such a degree. But what happens when we get out there where the people are? What about those people whom we work beside hour after hour, week after week, year after year? How many of them would we have chosen as friends or associates had the choice been ours? I read recently that a person could consider himself fortunate indeed if during the course of his work day he was associated with one person whom he could admire and respect very deeply. And so more often than not, we go about our daily routine surrounded by those toward whom we are either

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Youth Choir and Children's Choir Entertain Senior Citizens



The Youth Choir and the Children's Choir of Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina, entertained the senior citizens of the church and community with a musical program on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. Donald Boykin acted as master of ceremonies.

Following the program, the guests were invited into the educational building where they were served old-fashioned cake and coffee. There were approximately forty senior citizens who attended.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson is director of the choirs, and Mrs. Jane Boykin is pianist.

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N. C. Ministerial Association's Semiannual Conference

The North Carolina Ministerial Association's Semiannual Spiritual Life Conference will convene Thursday and Friday, January 21, 22, 1971, with the Trent Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina. The president, the Rev. David C. Hansley, will preside, with the Rev. Wayne West as music director. The theme for the conference will be "A Call to Evangelism," with Scripture taken from Isaiah 6. The program is as follows:

Thursday Evening, January 21

6:30—Banquet, Oriental Marina Restaurant

8:00—Service, Trent Church

—Songs of Inspiration, Stoney Creek Youth Choir

—President's Remarks, the Rev. David C. Hansley

—Presentation of "Minister of the Year" Award

—Special Music, Stoney Creek Yo Choir

—Message, the Rev. Earl Glenn

—A Challenge to Serve

—Hymn of Dedication, Stoney Cre Church Youth Choir

—Benediction

Friday Morning, January 22

10:00—Congregational Hymn

—Prayer

—Welcome and Announcements

—Special Music

—Message, the Rev. Charles Cris

—Congregational Hymn

—Special Music

—Message, the Rev. C. L. Patrick

—Congregational Hymn

—Special Music

—Now What? the Rev. C. F. Bow

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report, December, 1970

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mou tain, North Carolina, reports as follo for the month of December, 1970:

Balance November 30, 1970		$10,272.
Receipts		
Churches	$489.86	
Sunday Schools	10.00	
Sunday School Conventions	17.00	
Auxiliaries	134.00	
Leagues	30.00	
Unions	77.01	
Total Receipts		757.
Total to Account For		$11,030.
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 48.15	
Insurance	208.00	
Total Disbursements		256.
Balance December 31, 1970		$10,774.
On Savings		2,171.
Grand Total		$12,945.

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First Church, Plymouth To Have Revival Services

The Rev. William (Bill) Dale will the guest evangelist for revival servic January 18-24 at the First Free Will Ba tist Church located on Highway 64 Wes Plymouth, North Carolina. Mr. Dal who is pastor of Spring Hill Free W Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Car lina, will be assisted in the services b the pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Sugg.

The services will begin each evenir at 7:30 and will feature special musi A cordial invitation is extended ever one to attend these services. The pa tor and the church membership reque your prayers for the success of the r vival.

Coming Events

January 16—Free Will Baptist High School Day, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

January 21, 22—North Carolina Ministerial Association's Midyear Spiritual Life Conference, Trent Church, Oriental, North Carolina

January 26—Church Finance Association, Inc., Ayden Church, Ayden, North Carolina

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Birthday Celebration Held at College



Mount Olive College celebrated its ineteenth birthday recently in a special ervice held in the College's chapel-audiorium. James B. Hunt Jr., a Wilson, orth Carolina, attorney, spoke to an udience which included students, Colge personnel, members of the board of rustees, members of the Mount Olive ollege Area Foundation, and other riends of the College.

The importance of determining the eaning of life, learning to live a meangful life, and learning to love each ther as human beings were stressed by Ir. Hunt. He emphasized the fact that he purpose of a college education is ore than just studying and preparing or a livelihood. He urged students to edicate their life now and in the fuure to making a better world, to applyng moral principles to everyday actions, nd to living and providing positive leadrship.

The young attorney, church, civic, and olitical leader praised Mount Olive Colege for its progress and paid tribute to resident W. Burkette Raper as one of he finest college presidents in America. He said that Mount Olive College was founded on the faith and confidence of people who believed in and dedicated themselves to the need for Christian higher education.

It was especially appropriate for Mr. Hunt to be guest speaker at the College's birthday celebration since it was at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina, Hunt's home church, that the decision was made by the State Convention to move the College from Black Mountain to Mount Olive, North Carolina.

The College was chartered on November 27, 1951, and began its first collegiate year in September of 1954. The College has grown from a student body of 22 students to approximately 350 students. The assets of the College have increased from less than $10 to over $2,000,000.

President Raper presided at the Founders' Day service. The program also included selections by the College chorus under the direction of Mrs. Viola Hilton. The Rev. Sheldon Howard and Dr. Michael Pelt were also participants on the program.

Mount Olive College Founders' Day Prayer

DECEMBER 17, 1970

(Given by Dr. Michael R. Pelt)

Our Father in heaven, we pause in these moments together to offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for light that has come into the world to guide and enlighten all men in their search for truth and understanding, for thou art the inspiration behind our noblest dreams and our highest hopes for all mankind.

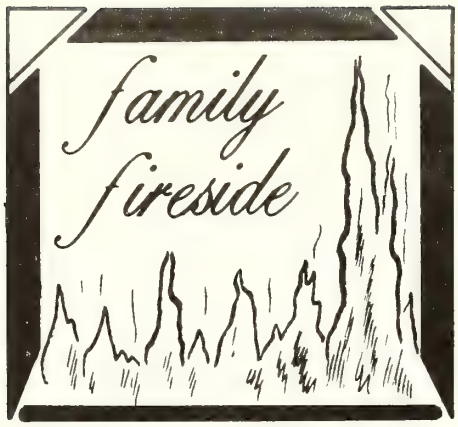
We ask thee with thy gracious favor to look upon our college on this anniversary of its founding and grant that knowledge may be increased among us and good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who serve here as teachers, administrators, and staff, that together we may provide a setting in which personal growth and sound learning can take place. Grant to those who come to study here a vision of their highest possibilities, together with the humility and openness required of those who would gain true wisdom and insight into the great mysteries of life.

We remember with deep gratitude all those who helped to launch this college almost two decades ago. We acknowledge gratefully their concern to provide for a college that would serve both the church and the needs of young people who desire a unique kind of educational experience. And we thank thee for the many thousands of men and women of faith who have given unselfishly to assist us in achieving the goals we have set for ourselves—goals which the founders could see but dimly.

Now, as we face the years ahead, we look to thee for wisdom and continuing guidance. Give us patience as we confront the problems of keeping a college afloat in these difficult times and guide us as we chart the course that lies ahead in uncertain waters. Be thou the pilot of our craft and grant that even the most adverse winds may not drive us from our course. Equip us everyone for our several tasks and may our service to this college be acceptable to thee and our finest reward thy words, "Well done." We pray in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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Worship is to Christian living what the mainspring is to the watch.—L. R. Axelson.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

GOD'S CHART

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 13:11

The Bible is God's chart for you to steer by, to keep you from the bottom of the sea, to show you where the harbor is and how to reach it without running on rocks or bars. If you have been reading it to gratify curiosity; or to see if you could catch a Universalist; or to find a knife with which to cut up a Unitarian; or for the purpose of setting up or taking down a bishop; or to establish or overthrow any sect—if you have been reading it so, then stop. It is God's medicine book. You are sick. You are mortally struck through with disease. There is no human remedy for your trouble. But here is God's medicine. book. If you read it for life, for growth in righteousness, then blessed is your reading; but if you read it for disputation and dialectical ingenuities, it is no more to you than Bacon's "Novum Organum" would be. 1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The Bible is everybody's best road map. No matter what your need might be, you can receive guidance and comfort in God's Holy Word.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

OUR MAIN BUSINESS

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:1

The modern drugstore is one of the most interesting businesses in any city, with its services ranging from ice-cream sodas to tools for the "do-it-yourself" enthusiasts. Drugstores have greeting cards, candy, cosmetics, Christmas-tree lights, toys, picnic supplies, TV tubes, games, electrical appliances, laundry and household supplies; and in St. Louis, a drugstore once advertised live puppies, cats, and parakeets for sale! Then, tucked away in one small corner of the drugstore is often a little counter surrounded by crowded shelves, whence comes faint shuttlings back and forth of someone filling prescriptions. If the Christmas-tree trimmings were not seasonally removed, no one would see the sign: "Prescriptions filled accurately and promptly."

Now, let us not criticize modern drugstores; frankly, they are fascinating! We see in them, however, a parable of the church. It is sometimes hard to determine the church's main business. The church's main business is to preach. The parting word of Christ to His disciples was, "Go, preach." And the church, Luke tells us, "went everywhere preaching the gospel." As Christians, entrusted with the saving message, we must rise to new and keener appreciation that much the church can do is good; but its main business is to communicate the gospel, and in so doing, save men. Brethren, we are in the "soul business"—let us keep our main job in sharp focus! — 1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our main business in the church is to try to win souls to Christ and to spread the gospel. Is your church in the soul-saving business?

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

NOT A TRANQUILIZER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:1

Too large a segment of society, including too many church members, regards the gospel as a tranquilizer, a sedative to cushion the bumps of life. In a day of shortcuts, labor-saving devices, automation, and the push button, we want our religion in capsule form. The less it demands, the more we like it. The less it disturbs, the more adequate we consider it to be. If it is convenient, then it is good. If it can be covered by a check without other requirements, it is acceptable.

The church is in danger of becoming a body of flabby softies. We find ourselves compromising when we should be contending. We temporize with sin when we should be tearing it apart. Instead of accepting the status quo, we should be blazing new trails. The gospel is a stimulant, not a sedative. It drives and projects rather than shelters those who accept it. Never since our Lord set forth the principles of His kingdom has the gospel been needed so much as just now. We need to be militant, urgent, almost fanatical in our projection of the claims of Christ. Certainly we do not need a tranquilizer.—1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are we, as church members, asleep as far as the functions of the church are concerned? It is time we wake up and become busy for the Lord!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

HANDS

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 29:3

These hands are shaped as God's and so
Let them be careful what they do.
Let them be quick to lift the weak;
Let them be kind as they are strong.
Let them defend the silent meek
Against the many-languaged wrong.
These hands are shaped as God's. Take care
They catch the sparrow hurled from air,
Lest God look down from heaven and see
What things are wrought beneath the s
By us, His images, and be
Ashamed of what His hands have done.
—*Sara Henderson Hay,*
1010 *Illustrations,*
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PRAYER THOUGHT

We should all use our hands in a w that is pleasing to God. Remember o hands are God's hands.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

WHERE HIS HOME WAS

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:19

A poor widow, taken ill with an incu able disease, was received into an infirmar Kind friends took her little boy to live wi them, and he was treated in every way as he were their own child. One day, ho ever, he was asked by an acquaintan where his home was. "I live at so-and-so he replied, "but my home is where Moth is."—*Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Pu lishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we live for God and accept Him our Saviour our home will surely be heaven with Him.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

DIFFERENT HANDS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 97:10

The Rev. Ira Gillett, missionary in Po tugese East Africa, tells the story of group of natives who had made a lo journey and walked past a governme hospital to come to the mission hospital f treatment. When asked why they h walked the extra distance to reach the mi sion hospital when the same medicines we available at the government institutio they replied, "The medicines may be t same, but the hands are different!" *Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishi Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Certainly hands are different, and han guided by God are more effective th those performing only on command.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

TWO SUNS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:1

A man scoffingly asked, "What adva tage has a religious man over anyone li myself? Does not the sun shine on me on him, this fine day?" "Yes," replied h companion, "but the religious man has tw suns shining on him at once—one on h body, the other on his soul."—*Knight's Ma ter Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we have the love of God in o hearts the glow within us is as bright a warming as the sun that shines upon us.

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If a man's religion won't take him church, it is doubtful that it will ta him to heaven.—Selected.

A SHORTAGE OF TUNERS

by Vernon K. McLellan

THE United States is confronted with a serious shortage—of piano tuners. The Piano Technicians Guild, Inc., which is to tuners what the American Medical Association is to doctors, reported recently that "we have only four thousand fully qualified tuners for twelve million pianos—and 60 or 70 percent are untuned.

"When a tuner thinks of millions of pianos souring the air with clinkers (off-key notes), he feels like a missionary in a jungle infested with unwashed, unfriendly unbelievers."

The guild says the profession, which takes years to learn, has top pay of about ten thousand dollars a year. This salary is not attracting new blood. The guild's executive secretary, who has had over fifty years of tuning experience, says, "No one, except a doctor or minister, is closer to the family than a tuner—if he's the man he's supposed to be."

"This is serious business," he admonished. "A tinny piano puts a family on edge. A good tuner is a friend of the family."

People are a lot like pianos. It is clearly evident that millions of men and women across our nation are out of tune with Jesus Christ. The savage surge of crime would bear this out. The tragic trail of divorce, the insidious increase of immorality, and the unfortunate upswing in mental disorders and other ills are all indications that God's Son is not the One around whom many lives are revolving. He is unknown, unwanted, or unnecessary to many.

The Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:18 (Amplified New Testament): "But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself (received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself) and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation—that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him."

Could it be possible that the rising din of discord in so many areas of life is due to the lack of "tuners"—born-again, Spirit-filled representatives of Jesus Christ? Have these commissioned followers of the Saviour lost their zeal and enthusiasm to introduce out-of-tune men and women to the heavenly Father, whose ability to rearrange lives can be supported by scores of witnesses?

". . . he that winneth souls is wise" the Bible says in Proverbs 11:30. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6). "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:19, 20).

Are you enjoying the incalculable blessings associated with witnessing and winning souls to Christ? Are you laying up treasure in heaven—investing for eternity? Are you faithfully presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed in such a way that others are benefiting from the symphony of praise flowing from your life?

If not, seek the Lord earnestly until your primary concern is to lead others to Christ. Then, learn the simple plan of salvation so that you can present it clearly and convincingly. Lastly, ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to **every** creature" (Mark 16: 15). Do your part to remedy the shortage of spiritual "tuners."—Gospel Herald.

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Asking for Judgment

Rock festivals have been held all across this country from Woodstock, New York, to Altamont, California, with intermediate points such as Powder Ridge at Middlefield, Connceticut, Love Valley, North Carolina, and Livingstone Parish, Louisiana. Nothing seems to be going right with them lately. The one at Grant Park in Chicago ended in a riot. The one held at Altamont, California, ended in a free-for-all in which one man was stabbed to death. At Powder Ridge the townsfolk and local authorities moved in to choke it off. The promoters went ahead anyway—trampling a court order under foot. Finally the electricity was turned off and with no electricity, no amplifiers; and no amplifiers, no rock.

At Powder Ridge, the local people with a sense of decency, would not allow the goings-on. There was plenty of narcotics and alcohol, and they were swimming naked. One onlooker said, "Sodom and Gomorrah got nothing on them."

We marvel at the patience of Almighty God. Such goings-on is certain to bring God's judgment down.—Christain Victory Magazine.

WE BELIEVE:

1. That there is only one God who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the Universe; that His eternal existence is in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that all three are equal, but distinct persons. They are the divine Trinity.

2. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God; that He was born of the Virgin Mary; that He died for man's redemption; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor.

3. That both, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the infallible rule of faith and practice.

4. That man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation and stands guilty before God and separate from Him.

5. That it is the privilege of all men to be saved; that God desires the salvation of all; that the gospel invites everyone; that the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

6. That the human will is free and self-controlled; that it is possible for a person who has been saved by divine grace to make shipwreck of his faith and become lost. The person (believer) who through grace perseveres unto the end of life has promise of eternal salvation.

7. That sanctification is initial at regeneration and continues progressively through the Christian experience, becoming final and complete in heaven.

8. That there are three gospel ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel teaching: baptism by immersion, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints' feet.

9. That tithing is God's financial plan for supporting the work of the church here on earth.

10. That our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again; that there will be a resurrection of all men, each in its own order; that they which are saved will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they which are lost unto the resurrection of damnation; that the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." This is the final judgment.

SCRIPTURE CAKE

by James L. Harte

3½ cups of 1 Kings 4:22 (flour)
½ cup of Judges 5:25 (butter)
2 cups of Jeremiah 6:20 (sugar)
2 cups of 1 Samuel 30:12 (raisins)
2 cups of Nahum 3:12 (figs)
2 cups of Numbers 17:8 (almonds)
½ cup of Judges 4:19 (milk)
2 tablespoons of 1 Samuel 14:25 (honey)
2 teaspoons of Amos 4:5 (leaven or yeast)

Season to taste with 2 Chronicles 9:1 (spices—we suggest half a teaspoon of nutmeg and one teaspoon of cinnamon). Add a pinch of Leviticus 2:13 (salt). Add Jeremiah 17:11 six times (eggs). Apply Solomon's advice for making a good boy, "Beat him with a rod" (Proverbs 23:14), to the batter and you will have a good cake.

Mother's recipe went like this: Dredge fruits and nuts in a fourth of a cup flour. Dissolve one cake or envelope yeast in a little milk. Cream the butter, add sugar, and beat until light and flufffy. Beat in the six eggs one at a time. Now add dissolved yeast and sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk and honey. Stir fruits and nuts into batter, and pour batter into greased (today foil-lined can be used) pan and let rise. When risen, bake in slow over at 225 degrees until done.

Although the family has shared prayer before the meal, another word of thanks to a beneficent God is not amiss before forks are stuck into this delicious dessert. May all who partake be ever mindful of His bounty.—Gospel Herald.

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NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you, all the many churches and auxiliaries who so generously remembered me with cards and gifts at Christmastime. I want to say a thank you with love from the bottom of my heart also to the board of superannuation for their remembrance.

I wish I could thank you all individually, but I cannot; so I shall try to convey my appreciation in this manner. May God bless each one abundantly. May the new year be the best ever and bring peace to the world. May you receive many blessings for your thoughtfulness.

Remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Duffy Toler
131 North Eastern Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

NOTICE

Sunday Schools of Second Union, Central

Please have your secreatry send the current names and addresses of your pastor, Sunday school superintendent, and Sunday school secretary to the secretary of the Sunday School Convention of the Second Union of the Central Conference, Mrs. Jane C. Tripp, Route 1, Box 245, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Please send this information before January 31, the time of the next convention.

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Attention Leaguers

The State League Convention will meet March 13, 1971. All those interested in competing in the State Sword Drill Contest, between the ages of 9-12, are asked to contact Deborah Hines King at Route 2, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572. A trip to Cragmont will be awarded the winner, and the runner-up will have one half of his expenses paid.

Messages From Pike Reported by Widow

Mrs. Diane Kennedy Pike, widow of the Right Rev. James A. Pike, resigned bishop of the Episcopal Church, diocese of California, says that she has received messages from her dead husband. In an interview she said, "I have been given a number of messages from him about the meaning of his experience in the wilderness, his death, my continuing existence after he died, and the nature of our relationship in this new dimension."

It will be recalled that Bishop Pike became interested in the occult after his 20-year-old son committed suicide in 1966. He later said that he had been in touch with his dead son. Now, his widow is listening to the "peepings and mutterings" of familiar spirits (Isaiah 8:19).—Christian Victory Magazine.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Where did the colored race originate?

Answer: All human beings, which of course includes all the races of people on the earth, are descendants of Noah—he and his family, which included Noah, his wife, Shem and his wife, Ham and his wife, and Japheth and his wife. All other human beings, together with all creatures that could not survive the universal flood that God brought as a judgment upon the whole earth, except a pair each of the unclean and seven each of the clean creatures, were destroyed in the flood that covered the whole earth. These two, each of unclean and seven each of the clean, were preserved with Noah and his family in the ark that took Noah 120 years to build. This would clearly indicate that the above mentioned race was a descendant of Noah.

"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.... And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. . . . And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female" (Genesis 6:6-8, 13, 14, 17-19).

"And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth . . . . And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. . . . And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all the flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 7:1-3, 7, 19-21).

"And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, and their kinds, went forth out of the ark" (Genesis 8:15-19); "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.... And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply: and bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein. . . . And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread" (Genesis 9: 1, 7, 18, 19).

The following is to be found on Page 33 of Sandison's **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered:**

"Noah and his family being all that were saved from the Flood (Genesis 6: 17), the colored race must have originated in this family. Noah had a son named Ham. The name **Ham** signifies **swarthy** or **sunburnt** and Noah's youngest son undoubtedly so named prophetically as the progenitor of the sunburnt Egyptians and Cushites and all the darkskinned servile races who are today designated sons of Ham. Ham was married when the Deluge occurred and with his wife and four sons, Cush, Mizraim, Phut, and Canaan, were saved from general destruction. It is a notable fact that Noah did not curse Ham for his offense (see Genesis 9:25), but he cursed Canaan, the youngest son of Ham, and prayed that he might be the slave of Shem and Japheth and their descendants. The punishment involved in the curse was perpetual servitude."

There are to be found all kinds of answers in several kinds of literature to this question, but except that which we read in the Bible, I know no valid answer. God, and perhaps He alone, knows all the detailed answers as to why the skin of the various races of people varies in color as we know to be a fact in this day. Many have attributed environment conditions, such as climate and food, as being partial or completely responsible for the various colors of the skin of races; but many authorities, wholly or partially, disqualify any such suggestion.

Jesus grew up, lived, taught, and was crucified and resurrected in what we might term the center of many cultures and colors of the skin of the different people of His day; but nothing of significance, that I know of, is to be found on record that He said which might help us to either understand when or why this difference in the color of various races' skin began. It would seem that other descendants of Ham, other than Canaan who was cursed, are darkskinned.

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A room of quiet, a temple of peace,
The home of faith where doubtings cease;
A house of comfort where hope is given,
A source of strength to make earth heaven;
A shine of worship, a place to pray—
I found all this in my church today.

—Author Unknown.

STORIES

for our youth



THE BIG CATCH

ELSIE MILLER GESNER

MUZZY DANIELS whistled as he took a fish off his line and put it in his bucket. He had followed a hunch and had set up his bright red fish hut in the cove. This spot was not far from the old logging road, and it was away from the other fish huts at the far end of the lake. One faded yellow hut now stood within shouting distance of his own hut. As he looked, Randy Nelson rushed from the yellow hut to tend a line through the ice.

"He deserves a break," Muzzy muttered, "but I sure wish he hadn't come."

Randy was not really as stuck-up as Muzzy had thought; he was only lonely. He was the son of the bank president. His mother had her own TV program, and she went into the city everyday for this purpose. As a result, Randy was often left alone with the hired help. Muzzy had invited him to attend church last summer, and within a few weeks Randy had accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. When Muzzy was first aware of Randy's loneliness, he felt he had to do something to help him.

One day last week Muzzy said, "Hey, Randy, are you going ice fishing? The lake is frozen now."

Randy shook his head slowly. "I—I guess not. I don't know the first thing about ice fishing."

"Well, why don't you come with me? I'll show you," Muzzy offered.

Slowly Randy shook his head again. "I—I don't believe my dad would allow me to go. He told me the lake is too deep and dangerous."

"But it isn't now. The ice is a foot thick. I could find some extra equipment for you. Dad and I set up our hut last week, and it's all ready for Saturday. Why don't you ask your dad if you can come along?" urged Muzzy.

"I'll see," was the only answer Randy gave.

On Friday Muzzy saw the poster in the sporting goods store window. The tight knot of boys around the window was his gang. Excitedly they hailed him.

"Hey, look, Muzzy! Are you going to enter the ice fishing contest for the biggest salmon? There's a class for ten to twelve-year-olds."

Muzzy read the poster rapidly, then nodded. "I sure am!" His head was whirling with the list of tempting prizes. At the first opportunity he told Randy about the contest.

There was a mysterious glint in Randy's eyes. "Maybe I'll see you out there," he responded.

When Muzzy reached the lake, he looked across the ice and saw a lone figure struggling to put up a yellow hut. He could tell at a glance that it was Randy. After Muzzy had set his lines, he walked across the ice to see Randy.

"Whose hut do you have?" Muzzy asked.

"It's Mr. Olson's hut. He's so crippled with arthritis this year that he can't come out here. I borrowed his hut and some of his gear, and his brother brought it out here for me," Randy explained.

"I'll help you put it up, but why don't you want to fish from my hut?" Muzzy asked. He felt a little hurt.

Randy stopped his work. "Don't you see, Muzzy? I've got to do this by myself. My parents said I couldn't come, but I came anyway. I've got to prove to them that I'm big enough. I want to do it by myself, just this once. I'm going to work as hard as anyone in that contest. But I'd like to win just to hav something I earned by myself instead having it given to me." There was u gency in Randy's voice.

Muzzy's heart fell. He had wante Randy to come out here, but not witl out his dad's permission. Randy was Christian now, but how would he eve make his dad believe it if he disobe ed?

Muzzy walked back to his own hu The fish were biting, and he pulled in few, but nothing he could enter in a cor test. When he felt a large, wet snov flake on his face, he looked up. Flake began to fall faster. In minutes it wa snowing hard. Hastily he packed up hi gear. He would have to get over to th road before the storm became worse. H knew the dangers of being lost in snowstorm out on the ice. He remen bered Randy, but when he turned t look, the storm had already closed in.

"Well, Randy ought to know enoug to get to the nearest shore and find th road before the snow is too deep. It' not my fault that he sneaked out here! Muzzy muttered.

But Muzzy could not forget it tha easily as he later sipped hot chocolat at home. Being curious, he dialed th Nelson home. Joe, the hired man, an swered. Randy was not at home. Jo thought that he was at the library. Muz zy's heart was pounding as he hung u the receiver.

Would Randy stay in the hut, an would he have enough firewood to kee warm? Or had he set out for home an lost his way on the ice? Muzzy wor dered. He breathed a quick prayer fo help; then he went into the den to te his father.

"Randy's hut is straight out fron Crow Point," Muzzy said as the ca moved slowly along the icy road. H had begged to make the trip with hi father because he knew the location c Randy's hut. Mr. Nelson and Joe wer also on their way.

Mr. Daniels and Muzzy were the firs ones to reach the lake. They venture out onto the ice. With the aid of compass, they found the hut with littl trouble. Randy was warm and cozy in side, but he looked very unhappy. H held up a large salmon nearly thirt inches long.

"Here, Muzzy. You take it. I don' want it. I'm sorry I disobeyed my dad I told God I was sorry, too. When I sav the storm coming, I got scared. I knev it would be awfully easy to get lost i

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Attention Local WA Presidents of Eastern District

Once again it is time for you to nominate the "Free Will Baptist Woman of he Year" in your local auxiliary. This s a wonderful way of honoring one who as rendered outstanding Christian service. The year went by quickly, and I eel sure that you have been busy in the ord's work and perhaps have already aken care of this item locally; but if ou have not, I want to urge you to get o work on it.

The following criteria will be used to etermine recipients of the award:

1. Active leadership and service in the ocal auxiliary and church, 50 percent;

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The service rendered can cover as far ack through the years as you desire.

January is designated as "Free Will Baptist Woman of the Year Month" for he Eastern District, and all auxiliaries vill elect a woman most worthy and onor her in some way in the local hurch.

Your nominations must be sent to the istrict Woman of the Year chairman, Mrs. Richard J. Bryan, 516 B Street, Bridgeton, North Carolina 28519, not ater than February 28. These nominations will be judged by a secret panel.

There will be no registration fee—just ubmit name and write-up of qualifications. The winner will receive recognition at the spring convention. The convention will give a gift of money alternately to Mount Olive College and the Children's Home in her honor.

I shall be hoping to hear from all auxiliaries in our district.

Mrs. Richard Bryan

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hy comes temptation but for man to meet
nd master and make crouch beneath
his feet,
And so be pedestaled in triumph?
—Robert Browning.

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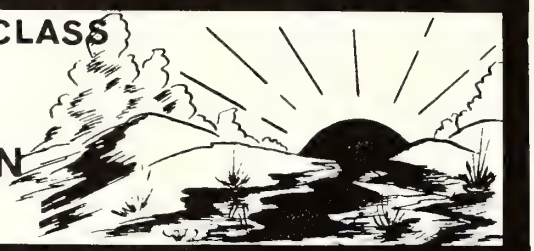
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FOR JANUARY 24



GOD'S SEEKING LOVE

Lesson Text: Luke 15:11-24

Memory Verse: Luke 19:10

I. INTRODUCTION

During Christ's lifetime on earth there were many who never fully understood His deep concern for lost men, women, boys, and girls. In the first place, they did not think of themselves as lost; they felt their own righteousness. In the next place, they had imagined that Jesus' real purpose for coming was to reestablish the ancient Davidic kingdom and set Himself up as King of the Jews. They missed entirely the real purpose of His coming as expressed by Luke: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (19:10).

In Luke 15 Jesus is trying to show His concern for the lost sheep of Israel. In this chapter He uses three parables to point up that concern. The first was the Parable of the Lost Sheep in which He reminds them that He is the good Shepherd. The second was the Parable of the Lost Coin with pretty much the same application. In both parables His hearers are reminded of the great joy in heaven over a sinner who repents.

The third parable is the best one of all. Here we have the tenderest story our Lord ever told, the story of the lost son. It is a story which all of us know so well for we have heard it told and preached on so many times. But it is a story that never grows old and never loses its charming appeal and tender pathos. Today's lesson, fortunately for us, is taken from the story of the prodigal son.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The privilege of a son is to come to his father to have needs supplied (Luke 15:11, 12; cf. Philippians 4:19).

B. One of the lessons that many young people must learn painfully is that it is necessary to work for a living (Luke 15: 13, 14; cf. Proverbs 6:6-8).

C. It is better to willingly learn humility in good circumstances than to have to learn it with pigs (Luke 15:15, 16).

D. A sinner begins to show signs of good sense when he sees that others are better off than he is materially (v. 17).

E. Following the sinner's realization of need, his next step is to come to a decision to do something about it (vv. 18, 19).

F. Fathers love their children, but some children are slow to perceive this (Luke 15:20; Psalm 103:13).

G. Confession of sin is the first step in restoration of fellowship (Luke 15:21, 22; 1 John 1:9).

H. There is always great rejoicing in heaven when a soul comes to the Lord (Luke 15:23, 24; cf. v. 7).

—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Work clothes are likely to get extremely dirty. We wonder when we throw them into the washer whether they'll ever be clean again. Yet less than an hour later, there they are, clean and fresh again, hanging on the line. The spots are gone; the dirt washed away.

Lives are something like clothes. In this world we constantly brush against evil, getting spots and stains on our lives. It is wonderful to realize that we can get rid of these spots and stains. God will forgive us and take them away, if we are truly sorry for our mistakes. Of course, the washing of clothes never gets done if we don't make an effort to do it. If we put it off, the dirt gets more deeply embedded. Then it's harder than ever to get it out. The sin in our lives won't wash out by itself either. We have to make the effort to get rid of it. And the longer we put off doing it, the more deeply embedded that sin becomes.

Repentance is the work God requires of us before, in His loving way, He takes away our sins. We must be truly sorry for our sins and resolve never to commit them again. Assured of our repentance, God will forgive our sins, leaving our lives clean and pure once more. We must come to Him, saying, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee" (Luke 15:18). Then He will wash us clean. "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him" (Psalm 103: 11).—Standard Commentary.

B. Some years ago my husband was conducting a series of meetings in a large country church in Virginia. He preached a sermon on the Prodigal Son, and I never saw so many young men accept the Lord in one service. They did not look as if they were prodigals, but fine, clean young men. However, God had used the sermon to help them to realize their need of a Saviour. As each one came forward, his mother would give a little shout of joy. I had heard shouting before, but never shouting that seemed to well up from the joy in the heart of each mother over the son who had been lost but was found again. This was the only shouting that ever moved me to tears, and I think I saw that day a faint picture of the joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth.—Selected.

C. "Among the many beautiful and touching stories told by Gipsy Smith was an account of a band of gypsies trying to cross a swollen stream. Many were swept away in the rapidly moving waters. One young man made a desperate effort to save his mother. In the struggle, he continued crying out, 'Do as I say, Mother! I can save you!' But she would not obey and was lost. Tearfully, Evangelist Smith told of the funeral and how the young man wept bitterly and said over and over, 'I wanted to save you, Mother. I could have saved you, but you wouldn't let me.' In this picture is the plea of God. God wants to save us, but so many will not permit Him to do so."—Illustrating the Lesson, 1967.

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A Child's Sound Advice

Little Johnny, looking through a pile of dusty books in a corner, came upon a book labeled "The Holy Bible." Remembering something he had once heard, he took it to his mother, and inquired, "Isn't this God's Book?"

"Yes," she said.

"Then let's return it," said Johnny. "We don't use it."

LEADERSHIP: The Art Of Developing People

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data. Having done what he can to build the necessary fact-finding organization, and having used it to the greatest possible extent; he must, nevertheless, shoulder the burden of making decisions, pushing out upon an uncharted course where lies the sense of direction given him by his judgment and experience.

The leader must be an originator. He must be an innovator. But he needs to be more: He must push plans through to successful completion, coping with the unexpected and unpredictable through originality and ingenuity applied with courage.

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First Century Ethics For a Twentieth-Century World

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irritated or indifferent. Perhaps the pressures of daily living have overshadowed the love which God placed in our hearts and caused us to forget this great principle by which we must live. Loving our enemies is an attitude of unbreakable goodwill.

Must We Go Further?

Yes, Jesus said not only must we love our enemies, but we must pray for them as well. Perhaps this is the ingredient that will make the difference. How can we honestly and sincerely pray for an individual and remain angry or hold resentment against him? Let us remember that when we pray for our enemies we are not doing something great and noble, but rather we are simply doing what Jesus commanded us to do. Let us be sure when we pray that our motives are in line with God's. Praying for our enemies is living proof of our love.

Why Must We Love and Pray for Our Enemies?

We have seen what Jesus meant when He commanded us to have this Christian love; now we must go on to see why He demanded that we should have it. The reason is very simple—it is that such love makes a man like God. Jesus points to the fact that God ". . . maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). Therefore, if God acts in such a manner, then we must so live. This kind of living separates the Christian from the non-Christian. What virtue is there in loving someone who loves us? We are told that even the publicans accomplish this. No, the ethics which Jesus sets forth calls for a more excellent way!

What About Perfection?

We read in the closing verse of this passage, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Is there one of us who could even faintly connect himself with perfection? God forbid! The Greek idea of perfection, as it is used here, means that a person is perfect when he realizes the purpose for which he was created and sent into the world. It is when man produces in his life the forgiving, sacrificial, "agape" love of God that he becomes like God, and is therefore perfect in the New Testament sense of the word. To put it at its simplest: The man who cares most for men is the most perfect man. We learn something of Christian perfection when we learn to forgive as God forgives, and to love as God loves.

Conclusion

In closing let us remember that the Sermon on the Mount represents the core of the teaching of Jesus to the inner circle of His chosen men. It has been called "A Handbook for Christians" as it sets forth ethics for citizens of the kingdom and covers such topics as anger, sex, marriage, adultery, oaths, insults, injuries, worship (giving, praying, and fasting), possessions, judging others, discipline, and testing leaders. It is often said that this world would be perfect if only people would live according to the principles of the Sermon on the Mount, but can we do it? Living this great sermon would, in my opinion, call for a new and deeper commitment on the part of the Christian. In studying this great discourse of Jesus, one realizes that he cannot do it alone, but must depend on the help of a greater source of power.

"Ye are the salt of the earth: . . . the light of the world. . . ." This is what God intended us to be. Let us note that He did not say the light of the church or the salt of the church, but He used the words world and earth; therefore, as we have said, "Our love must extend to those outside our inner circle." I believe the following quote from "The Sound of Music" illustrates what the Christian must do with the love God has placed in his heart:

"A bell is no bell, 'til you ring it,
A song is no song, 'til you sing it,
And love in your heart, wasn't put there to stay,
Love isn't love, 'til you give it away."

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It is not a sin for Christians to disagree. But disagreement becomes a sin when it is allowed to lead to a rupture of fellowship between Christians!—Henry E. Webb.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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it. I'm glad you found me because my firewood's all gone. But I'm afraid to face my dad," Randy explained.

Muzzy swallowed hard with relief. "You want me to take that? That beauty? Not on your life! If you don't win the contest with that, I'll be mighty surprised."

"Come on, Randy," Mr. Daniels interrupted. "You did wrong, but the Lord will forgive you, and you've got to give your dad a chance to forgive you, too."

On shore Mr. Daniels and the boys found a group of anxious men getting ready to search. Mr. Nelson was also there, looking very worried. He put his arm around Randy. "Thank God you're safe! Joe told me the whole story as we drove out here, son. I guess I've been too busy with my job to be a real father to you. And if it weren't for friends like yours, who knows what might have happened to you by morning."

Randy nodded. "I'm sorry, Dad. I just wanted to fish like the other fellows, but now I wish I hadn't." He felt miserable as he faced his dad. He had been waiting for the opportunity to tell his dad that he had accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. What would his dad think after this? Randy wondered.

"You were wrong, of course, son. But I was wrong, too," admitted his dad. "Maybe we'll get better acquainted with your friends, Randy, if your mother and I go to church with you every Sunday."

Muzzy was carrying Randy's fish. There was no doubt in his mind that Randy would win the contest. Still he suddenly knew that it would only be a matter of time before there would be "the big catch"—the catch that really counted—when Randy's parents became Christians, too.—My Pleasure.

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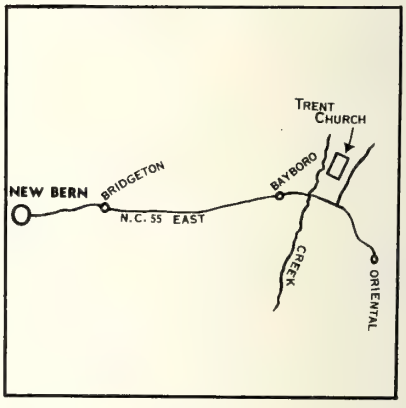
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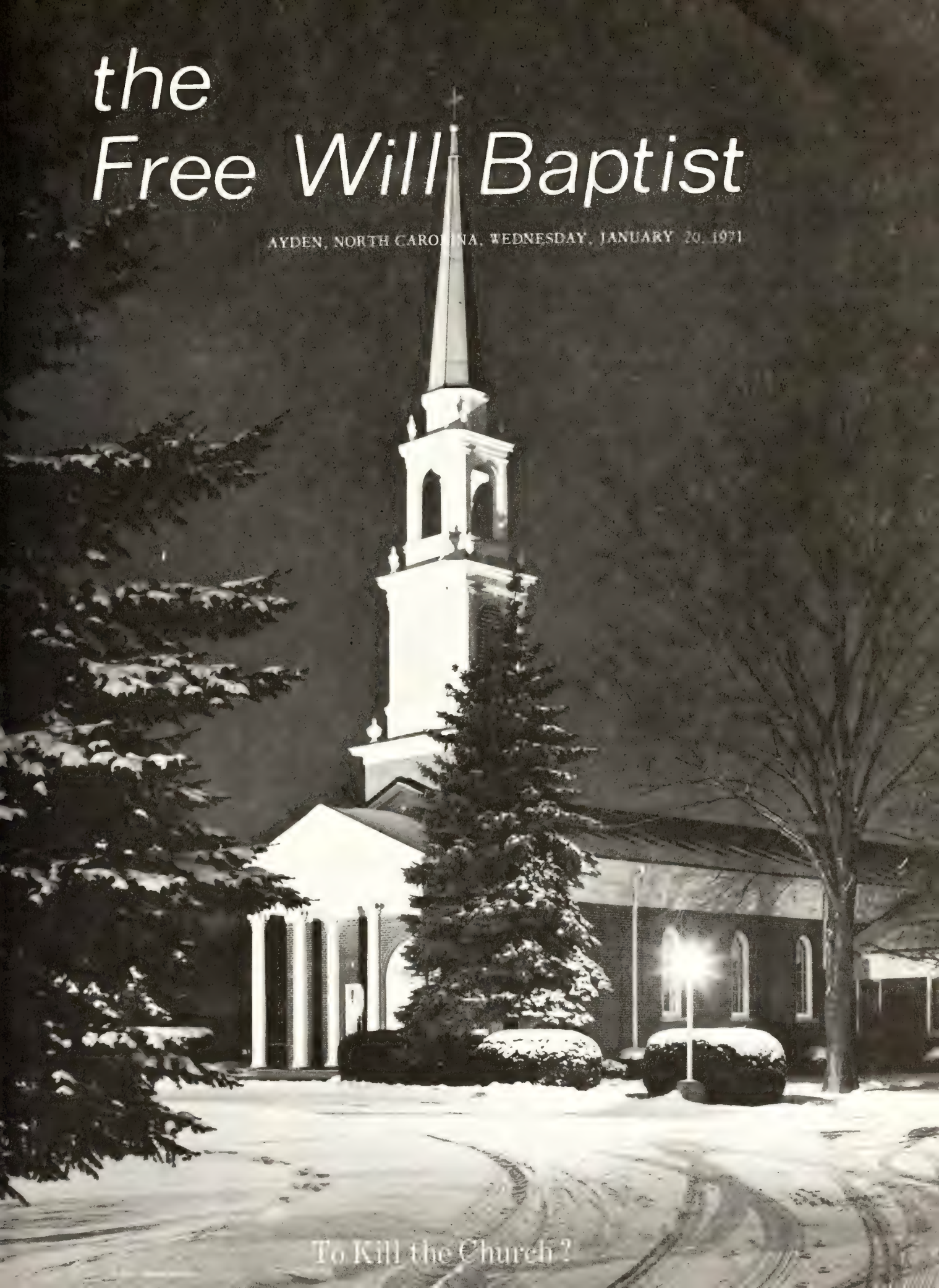
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To Kill the Church?

Editorial...

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TO KILL THE CHURCH?

If you are among those people who hate the church and want it to fail, you won't have much difficulty in bringing this about. It won't take a lot of effort to shake it off its foundations. You won't have to amass a great army to attack it with might and force.

Do you really want to kill the church? If you do, you won't have to speak out against it. You won't even have to denounce its faith or its cause.

It takes less than this!

You won't have to make strong accusations against it, its practice, its principles, or its policies. You won't have to lash out at its people or its leader, even.

It's easier than that!

You won't have to censure it or call it to account. You won't have to deride it constantly or degrade its activities or its unsuccessful ventures. You won't have to emphasize its visible shortcomings.

It's easy as pie when you really think about it—that is, if you really want to kill the church.

This is the way to do it!

Ignore it!

Deplore it!

This is the way to destroy it!

Don't attend it!

Don't amend it!

Or commend it!

To kill the church?

Well, the strongest and surest weapon you can use against the church is your absence. Just stay away, and it will surely die!

Perhaps you are among those who don't want the church to die. Nevertheless, if you absent yourself from its services, you will become one of the contributing factors, possibly the final blow that will guarantee its demise.

To kill the church?

True, you cannot kill the spiritual church—that church that Christ heads and of which He is the Foundation—as long as His Spirit is still here. But, you can kill the physical church—the physical assembly of believers meeting together in fellowship. And, many of you are doing this—consciously or unconsciously.

Just think: When was the last time you stayed away?

Another and more pertinent question: When was the last time you went?

Consider this: Would there be a church to attend if everybody had the same zeal as you have for its cause and employed the same faithfulness as you do in attending its services?

To kill the church instantly might be kinder than to make it suffer slowly to a painful end. Certainly we perish the thought of its dying at all!

Yet, we wonder: Is this not happening before our eyes and in spite of our good intentions not to let it happen?

What do you think?

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What Does God Think of Me?

By OSWALD J. SMITH, Litt.D.

E are going to let God search us. We want to find out if possible just at He thinks of us. Our prayer will the one of the psalmist, "Search me, God, and know my heart; try me and ow my thoughts; and see if there be wicked way in me." And may He n the searchlight of His Holy Spirit on us until we are enabled to see ourves as He sees us.

We are not trying to find out what world thinks of us. Newspapers, oks, and gossip may give the very opsite report of us to what God would e. They may praise while He conmns, or they may condemn where He ises. We are not even asking the nion of our nearest and dearest ends. Even they may be deceived in "Man looketh on the outward apearance but God looketh on the heart." r only desire is to discover what God nks of us.

We shall someday stand face to face th God. And then, in the sight of the ole universe, we shall be unveiled and innermost secrets of our hearts laid re. The cloak that hid us from man ll not hide us from God. Is it not bet to find out now what He thinks of and if, as He weighs us in the balance are found wanting, make up at once at we lack and get right with Him?

And so I ask, "What does God think me?" God who searcheth the heart, He looks into mine, what does He d there? Am I well pleasing in His ght? What does He think of me?

What Does God Think of My Work?

Does He find me genuine and sincere, e from all deception, and a stranger hypocrisy? Never mind how much I nder. The question is, Am I earnest? Am I sincere? If my motives are right, He will overlook my mistakes. Am I loyal to Him? Do I work from my heart, or are my labors merely professional? Is there any thought of personal gain? Am I selfish? Has money any influence in my decisions or plans?

Is my work counting for God? Does my life tell for Jesus? Am I able to lead others into a life of power and victory? Can I win souls to Christ? Do I ever try? Have I spoken to anyone about his soul during the past year? Have I a message, or is my experience too shallow to mean anything to others? Do my unsaved friends know that I am a Christian?

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2. What Does God Think of My Social Relationships?

Have I obeyed His summons, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate," and, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers"? Are the things I am doing pleasing to Him? Can He smile upon me? Is there any pleasure that is driving Him from my heart and shutting out His presence? Is my conscience at rest, or does it trouble me when I do certain things and go to certain places? Am I willing to give up all for Jesus and to choose Him before the world? He gave up all for me. Do I want to please Him or am I going to argue the question with Him?

3. What Does God Think of My Devotional Life?

Do I spend enough time with Him in private, or am I hurried? Do I get alone with God? Do I love to meet Him in the inner chamber? Is communion with Him sweet to me? Is Jesus real? Does He fully satisfy?

Am I a student of God's Word? Do I study it in private, or is it all done in public? Does He unfold its secrets and make it real to me? Do I claim His promises and make them mine?

Is my life saturated with prayer? Do I pray and get answers? Have I learned how to pray? Do I merely say prayers, or do I pray? And are my prayers availing?

4. What Does God Think of My Christian Progress?

Am I making progress in spiritual things? Am I a growing Christian? Am I better this year than last? Is Jesus more real to me? Can my friends see any difference in me? Are the old weaknesses and failings of the flesh disappearing, and is the fruit of the Spirit becoming increasingly mine?

Am I making progress against sin, especially my besetting sin? Has it been conquered—the sin that at one time conquered me? Do I want to be delivered from it? Is there still some cherished idol shutting out His peace and power?

And now, having honestly faced these four vital questions, what is the answer? We often testify that Jesus satisfies. But suppose we turn it around and ask, "Is He satisfied? What does God think of me?—The Peoples Press.

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Keep It Wholly

Little Jane was trying to learn the Ten Commandments. "Write them down, Dear," said her mother, "and that will help you to learn them more quickly."

Jane carefully wrote them and brought them to her mother for her inspection.

Jane's mother observed with amusement that she had written the fourth commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it **wholly**." She said, "Dear, you misspelled a word. The word here should be h-o-l-y, not w-h-o-l-l-y."

The child's grandmother, who sat nearby, said, "Maybe Jane has not made a mistake. At least her idea of 'holy' is preferable to that of many people who think they keep the Lord's Day holy if they go to church in the morning and spend the rest of the day selfishly."—Gospel Herald.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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THE REV. EDWARD W. MILES, Superintendent

PIERCE IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDREN'S HOME

The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home announces through its chairman of publicity, Mrs. Rebecca E. Davenport, the election of the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. as the new superintendent, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of the Rev. Edward Miles who has served as superintendent of the Home since June 1, 1969. Mr. Pierce will assume his position March 1.

Mr. Pierce, a well-known young minister of the Free Will Baptist denomination, comes to the Home from the pastorate of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina. He is 31 years of age, married to the former Linda Gibson, and is the father of two sons: Douglas and Paul, ages 7 and 6 respectively.

Active in denominational work, Mr. Pierce presently serves as secretary of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. He is also vice-president of the Cragmont Board of Directors, and cochairman of the General Conference Committee on Evangelism.

Former years found Mr. Pierce serving as president of the Cragmont Board of Directors, secretary of the General Conference, secretary of the Cape Fear Conference Ordaining Council, president and vice-president of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues; and he has held membership on various other boards and committees.

For the past few years he has served as director of the Christian Cadets' Conference at Cragmont. Thus, he has been active with youth groups and has acquired a keen interest in young people, their problems, their ambitions, and their lives in general.

Mr. Pierce has served a number of North Carolina pastorates. He received his education from the Nahunta, North Carolina, High School; Wake Forest, North Carolina, University, where he earned his A. B. degree; he attended studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest; and he is currently working toward his M. A. degree in Administration at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

The prayers of all Free Will Baptists go with him as he undertakes this most challenging position as superintendent of the Home during one of the most critical and decisive times in its history.

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ATTENTION: YOUTH WORKERS

If your youth groups have proven "Money Making Projects," would you like to share them with others? This is one of the items to be discussed at the woman's auxiliary meeting at the next general conference. Your help will be appreciated. Please write them in detail and send them to: Mrs. J. B. Starnes, P .O. Box 326, Pikeville, North Carolina 27863.

A NOTE OF THANI

Please allow us through "The I Will Baptist" to express our heart thanks for the many beautiful Christ cards we received during the holid and for the love offerings we recei We will always be grateful to the Bri ton, North Carolina, Free Will Bap Church, which sent us about $50's w of food, also a nice basket of fruit other items.

Our thanks also go to the Spring H Free Will Baptist Church near New B North Carolina, for $25 in money ar nice basket of fruit; also to the yo church group that sang Christmas ca for us. We are also grateful for the crease in the monthly payment from Superannuation Board and for the Ch mas gift.

We trust that all who read this put us on their prayer list as our he is failing fast.

Your brother and sister in Chris

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Our greatest temptations come to when we are off duty. How and wh we spend our spare time will react u our Christian experience.—Selected.

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Prayer is the key of the day and lock of the night.—Selected.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., will held at the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina, Tuesday, Janu 26, 1971, at 10:30 a.m.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, ple sign the proxy below and return to me, Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina. The pr will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
HUBERT BURRESS, Secretary-Treasurer
Church Finance Association, Inc.

We hereby appoint S. A. Smith, president; Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc., January 26, 1971, at 10:30 a.m., at the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church.

Date_____ Signed_____

TROAS

(A CITY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT)

by EDGAR C. JAMES, Th.D.

ROAS, the chief city of northwest Asia Minor, was situated on the gean Sea in the district of Mysia. It s founded by Antigonus and bore his ne for hundreds of years. About 300 ., however, Lysimachus renamed it xandria Troas in honor of Alexander Great. Later, when it became a Ro- n colony under Augustus, its official ne was Colonia Alexandria Augusta as. Eventually, the last word won or and was used by most people as name of the city.

The name "Troas" reminds one of Troy ium), the famous city mentioned in mer's the **Iliad** and the **Odyssey.** But y should not be confused. The ruins ancient Troy lie ten miles northeast Troas, near the Hellespont (the Dar- nelles), at the site now known as His- lik. In 1870, Dr. Heinrich Schliemann gan excavating there. In more recent ars, the University of Cincinnati has cavated the site, tracing the sequence civilizations from the most remote ne to the Roman era. At least nine ies have been identified at the site, th the Homeric town fourth from the .

The Romans had a particular fondness this whole area because it was the endary home of their people. Accord- to Suetonius, a contemporary Roman torian, Julius Caesar toyed with the a of making Troas the capital of the man Empire, because, according to tra- ion, Aeneas the Trojan had founded me and Aeneas' son Iulus was the an- stor of the Julian family. Although the y enjoyed many unusual privileges, esar's plan never materialized.

During the New Testament period, Troas had an excellent harbor, ringed by heights, and was the great port of traffic between Asia and Macedonia. There was an "old city" with an acropolis surrounded by a wall, and a "new city" that had grown up outside the old one. The wall surrounding the entire settlement measured six miles in circumference.

The tiny village of Eski Stamboul now stands guard over the extensive ruins which indicate the size and importance that the city once possessed. Remains of temples, a theater, a circus, gymnasiums with baths, and an imposing aqueduct erected during the reign of Trajan are still there today. However, the most beautiful columns of the public buildings were long ago claimed by the Moslems and hauled to Constantinople for use in the construction of a mosque and other buildings.

According to Luke's narrative, an important church council was held at Jerusalem shortly after Paul and Barnabas returned from the first missionary journey (cf. Acts 15:1-35). When the controversy was resolved, Paul suggested to Barnabas that they set out on another tour. However, they disagreed on whether they should take John Mark along, and Paul finally chose Silas as his traveling companion. The new team visited Syria and Cilicia and confirmed the churches that had been founded earlier (vv. 36-41). In Lystra, they added a third member, Timothy, to the evangelistic party.

Paul, Silas, and Timothy preached the gospel throughout the provinces of Phrygia and Galatia. They had planned to go next to proconsular Asia, but they ". . . were forbidden of the Holy Ghost . . ." (Acts 16:6). They accordingly changed their plans and traveled on to Mysia. There they decided to go into Bithynia, the northernmost region of Asia Minor, ". . . but the Spirit suffered them not" (v. 7).

Someone has said that the stops of a good man are ordered by the Lord as well as his steps. Paul and his companions found this to be true. God's plan was for Peter (cf. 1 Peter 1:1) and others to evangelize this area. It would be the responsibility of Paul's team to carry the gospel into Europe.

At Troas Paul, Silas, and Timothy waited for divine direction. There they met Luke, the Greek physician, who agreed to join the team. Some Bible scholars have suggested that Paul may have been stricken by malaria at Troas and thus needed a doctor to accompany him on the rest of the journey. Whatever the circumstances, the addition of Luke to the party was to prove its value in many ways.

The most important fact concerning Troas, however, is that the Apostle Paul received a vision there and made a momentous decision regarding the evangelization of the ends of the then-known world. "A vision appeared to Paul in the night," Luke recounted. ". . . There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9). The response was quick and positive. ". . . immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them" (v. 10).

The significance of this event cannot be overemphasized. Christianity no longer could be considered a mere sect within Judaism. Its gospel was to be the regenerative force for all mankind. —Gospel Herald.

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Boy, Eight, Dies of Alcoholism

Little Michele was a quiet, well-behaved boy. His school record was good, and he was always polite and helpful. He died at age eight. Then the truth came out. When he was six, Michele took his first drink of wine. By the age of seven, he had graduated to whiskey, often drinking a bottle a day. By eight, he was a full-fledged alcoholic. An autopsy revealed that he had died of alcoholic poisoning.

Shall we blame his parents, the liquor interests, our society, or the boy himself? Shall we shrug our shoulders and call it "just one of those things"?

Jesus said, "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Matthew 18:7). Each of us is either a stepping-stone or a stumbling block to others, a blessing or an offense. Each will give account to God not only for his actions but for their effects on others, especially the young. This alone should be reason enough to acknowledge the Lord in all our ways. By the way, how is your example.—Gospel Herald.

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ANONYMOUS MISSIONARY: I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out where people are dying in darkness than in a land which is flooded with lights.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Albemarle Union, League Convention, And Sunday School Convention

The Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, will be host to the Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention, Saturday and Sunday, January 30, 31. The program for each follows:

Union Meeting, January 30
Morning Session

9:45—Devotions, Mr. Fred Bates
9:55—Welcome, the Rev. John Owens, Host Pastor
—Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:00—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
10:05—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
10:40—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. John Owens
—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
11:30—Report of Children's Home, via Literature
—Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
—Report of Missions, via Literature
—Report of Press, via Literature
11:45—Report of Treasurer
—Other Business
—Announcement of Next Union
—Minutes Read and Approved
12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch

League Convention, January 30
Evening Session

7:30—Devotions, Mr. Lloyd H. Jones
7:40—President's Message
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host Church
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Session
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment
Pianist, Mrs. Jannett Spruill

Sunday School Convention, January 31
Morning Session

9:45—Devotions, the Rev. Charles Suggs
9:55—Welcome, Mr. Thomas Nooney, Superintendent of Host School
—Response, the Rev. Robert Smith
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Jimmy Raper
10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
10:55—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. Robert May
11:30—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business
Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch

Coming Events

January 21, 22—North Carolina Ministerial Association's Midyear Spiritual Life Conference, Trent Church, Oriental, North Carolina

January 26—Church Finance Association, Inc., Ayden Church, Ayden, North Carolina

Roanoke Rapids Church to Host Central Conference, Second Union

The Second Union Meeting of the C tral Conference will convene with Roanoke Rapids Free Will Baptist Chur Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, Sat day morning, January 30, with the m erator, the Rev. Joseph Lehmann, pre ing. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotions, the Rev. Charles Ci
10:10—Moderator's Remarks
—Welcome, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. Adrian Gru
10:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Un
—Roll Call of Ministers and Chu es
—Report of Denominational En prises
11:00—Business Session
11:20—Worship Service:
Hymn
Union Offering
Message, the Rev. Cedric Pie Jr.
Hymn
12:00—Adjournment

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Fourth Union of Central Conference To Meet with LaGrange Church

The Fourth Union Meeting of the C tral Conference will meet with the Grange, North Carolina, Free Will B tist Church, Sunday, January 31. theme will be, "O Ye of Little Fai The Scripture text is taken from J 20:24-29. The scheduled program is follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "On Jordan's Sto Banks"
—Devotions, Miss Pattie Carraw
—Welcome, Mrs. Sudie Wiggins
—Response, Mrs. Albert Proctor
11:15—President's Message
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Childr Home
—Hymn, "His Way with Thee"
11:30—Special Music, Deborah and ry Carraway
—Sermon, the Rev. David Hansl
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. David Hansle
—Special Music, Saratoga T Choir
—News from Mount Olive Colle
—Business Session
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Adjournment

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MOUNT OLIVE STUDENT NURSES



Front row, left to right: Carolyn Sue
e, Rita Deann Schlegel, and Wanda Sue
rker. Second row, left to right: Linda
tor, Judith Rachel Adler, and Mrs.
randa Connor, college nurse.

Mount Olive College now offers the
st two years of a Bachelor of Science
gree in nursing. After the comple-
n of two years of study at Mount
ve, the student will receive the final
o years of her program and her B. S.
gree from Atlantic Christian College in
lson, North Carolina. Specialized
urses in nursing and the sciences will
completed in the last half of the pro-
am. Clinical experience will be provid-
at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Nash
neral Hospital, Eastern North Carolina
natorium, Wilson County Health De-
rtment, Rocky Mount - Egdecombe
alth Department, and Cherry Hospital.
There are six students currently en-
lled in the program at Mount Olive
llege. They are: Judith Adler, Clin-
n; Amy Grace Barbour, Washington;
Carolyn Sue Lee, Greenville; Deborah Rose Newton, Fremont; Wanda Sue Parker, Clayton; Rita Deann Schlegel, Greenville; and Linda Gray Tutor, Turkey—all of North Carolina.

A student nurse's club has been organized on campus and is called the Nightingale Society. The officers are as follows: president, Rita Deann Schlegel; vice-president, Carolyn Sue Lee; and secretary-treasurer, Wanda Sue Parker. Mrs. Douglas Connor, College nurse, is the advisor for the group.

Recently the group met with nursing students from Wilson Memorial Hospital and Atlantic Christian College. The students were given a guided tour of the Wilson Memorial Hospital. A luncheon was held at Atlantic Christian College and afterwards slides were shown of the new Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount. Speakers were Dr. E. T. Beddingfield, Stantonsburg; Dr. Lorna Thigpen, of the nursing department at Atlantic Christian College; and Mrs. Mary Vose, of Nash General Hospital.

The nursing students are currently gaining practical experience by observing and assisting in the offices of Dr. W. H. Crumpler, Dr. M. M. Lownes Jr., Dr. H. B. Kornegay Sr., and Dr. R. H. Shackleford, physicians in Mount Olive.

SOME WORTHWHILE INVESTMENTS STILL

by Eugene Price, Editor
Goldsboro News-Argus

January 4, 1971

The monthly publication of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, **Nation's Business,** polled some of its members a few months ago on their attitudes toward college support.

The survey showed a souring on the part of many businessmen toward supporting colleges and universities as a result of the destructive behavior of some radical students.

Not only were a great many business leaders fed up with the radical student element, they had lost confidence in college administrators and faculty members as well.

The loss of support has presented a serious, perhaps disastrous, crisis for many schools.

A more recent issue of **Nation's Business** carried two letters triggered by the survey.

One was from a business executive in San Angelo, Texas — a Mr. David R. Shahan.

He suggested: "I would like to see some colleges set up in which the students could dictate the rules under which they operate. I just wonder if these schools could get enough teachers willing to work under (these) dictates . . . And after the students had four years of college, would anybody be willing to hire them?"

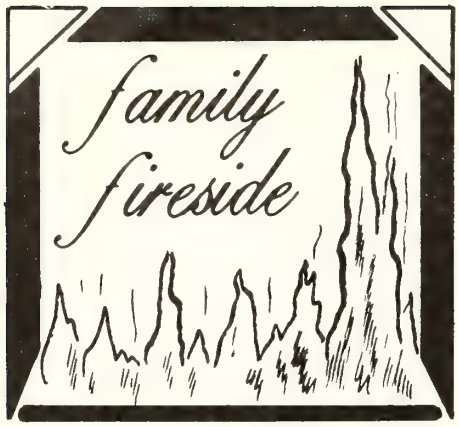
Mr. Shahan's idea might not be as farfetched as it seems at first blush.

We can only add the suggestion that the radical students, professors, and administrators who want to be part of the experiment also arrange for the financial support.

The other letter that interested us came from a fellow in the School of Business Administration at West Texas State University.

He appealed to the nation's businessmen not to withdraw support of col-

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

CONSIDER THE MINISTER

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 4:6

His job is to be a football; if he is not kicked by one group, he is by another!

If he visits with all the members, he's too familiar; if he doesn't, he's stuck-up.

If he attempts to safeguard the interests of the church, he's trying to run things; if he doesn't he's allowing things to go to the dogs.

If he attends all extra meetings of the church, he's nosy; if he doesn't he's lazy.

If he preaches stewardship and tithing, he's thinking only of money; if the money isn't available, it's his fault.

If the attendance is small, well, nobody likes him anyway; if he tries to boost attendance, he's trying to make a show.

If he's cheerful and smiling, he's frivolous; if he's serious, he's a sorehead.

If he seeks advice, he doesn't know what he is doing; if he doesn't, he is stubborn.—1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The minister has a great responsibility when preaching the Word of God to his people. We must all be considerate of him and listen with all sincerity, and not be too critical. Remember, he is human too!

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

I NEED THE COURAGE TO CONFESS WRONGS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 5:3

Jesus taught us that no man with an unforgiving spirit can expect forgiveness from God. I am to pray, "Forgive me my debts, as I also have forgiven my debtors." When Peter inquired further into this matter, the Lord told him to be willing to forgive not simply seven times, but seventy times seven. If I expect God to forgive me, I must be willing to forgive those who injure me. "If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will my heavenly Father forgive your trespasses," Jesus said. Everyday I have the marvelous privilege of repenting of my sins and praying to God in Jesus name for forgiveness.

But to be forgiven, I should make confession of my sins. If my sins have been not only against God, but have been against my fellowman, I should confess them to the ones affected. If only one person is affected, then I need make my confession to only one person. If my sin affects the entire church, I should make a public confession and ask the prayers of the saints in my behalf as I pray for forgiveness. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, . . ." (James 5:16). I do not want to underestimate the power of God to pardon. God is merciful. He is always ready to hear and answer my prayer for forgiveness.—1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we do something wrong, we must admit it to ourselves and ask for God's forgiveness. We must also be willing to forgive others. How else can we hope for forgiveness?

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

STEALING

Scripture Reading—Genesis 39:9

"How could anyone steal from the church?" There is no honor among thieves.

This is the nature of sin. When one becomes a flagrant violater of the laws of God, he has little or no conscience about when or where he breaks the law.

This principle makes it important that our children be given the best training and teaching. If they get started on the wrong way, they may go far astray. It may be necessary, therefore, to go to extremes when a little child first begins picking up things that do not belong to him. He will remember, as some older persons remember, for example, being forced to walk across a field to return a pin he had taken without asking.

Whoever breaks into a church and takes money probably will not be conscience-stricken.

Every child should have the training received in Bible school, and every Bible school teacher should stress the importance of basic principles. Don't expect every child to be an angel. Emphasize those principles.—1010 *Illsurations, Poems and Quotes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sin is a very dangerous thing. We must listen to wiser people when they try to teach us right from wrong. Will a man rob God?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

DEAD WEIGHT

Scripture Reading—Luke 16:2

I've been a dead weight many years around
the church's neck;
I've let the others carry me and always pay
the check;
I've had my name upon the roll for years
and years gone by;
I've criticized and grumbled, too; nothing
could satisfy.
I've been a dead weight long enough upon
the church's back.
Beginning now, I'm going to take a wholly
different track.
I'm going to pray and pay and work and
carry loads instead,
And not have others carry me as people
the dead.

—*Author Unknown,* 1010 *Illustrati*
Poems and Quotes.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have you been a dead weight aro
the church's neck? If so, now is the t
to wake up and do something about it.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

WHO'S NEXT

Scripture Reading—Psalm 69:12

Drink is no respecter of persons.
of 30,000 alcoholics in the state of Ma
chusetts there were 600 former doctors,
former priests and ministers, 170 for
dentists, 633 former lawyers, 17 for
judges, 600 former businessmen. W
they took their first drink they never
pected to end up as drunkards. There
more than four million alcoholics in
United States today.—*Highland, Indi*
Visitor, 1010 *Illustrations, Poems*
Quotes.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Never think that one drink won't
you, because you won't stop at one dr
It seems that one drink always lead to
other and another and another!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

WE CAN HAVE UNITY

Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1

I took a package to the post office
had the clerk weigh it. He consulted
map to find the zone to which it was
ing. He turned to his guidebook and
me the amount of the postage. I took
same package to a different post of
The clerk gave me the amount of the
age . . . and it was the same. This s
package I then took to a little cou
post office in the back of a store. T
the postmaster weighed it. He consu
his postal rate book and came up with
same rate of postage.

These postal employees had not me
convention and decided to charge me a
tain amount for the mailing of this p
age. They probably did not know one
other. They all had one official guide
and they went by it. They had unity.
long as men insist on using their
creeds and opinions in religion, we
have division. When we are willing to
the official guidebook, the Bible, we
have unity.—1010 *Illustrations, Poems*
Quotes.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We should all pull together and help
other in the home, at work, at churc
wherever the time may come when we
to work together. In doing so, we wi
following the official guidebook, the B

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

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Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:

I've formed a partnership with God;
It's free of all expense.
He furnished all the capital,

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Youth's Greatest CHALLENGE

(John 6:1-14)

By
EVANGELIST ARNOLD WOODLIEF
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IN a play there may be many characters, but much of the time, only one or two of them are important. For example, in the Bible besides Jesus and His disciples, there were 5,000 people spoken about on one occasion. But one stands out above all the rest. Much emphasis is placed on Jesus' feeding all the people, and not much on the lad or the boy who provided the food for the miracle. But Christ wants **youth** by whom He can bless the world.

The lad was in a place where he was needed, or in the right place, because a great company or a great group of people had lingered with Jesus and His disciples. After Jesus had finished teaching His disciples, He asked if there were anything by which the hungry people could be fed.

The disciples searched, and Andrew, who was Simon Peter's brother, found a lad. Andrew said, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes." The word **here** in the verse of Scripture signified that the lad was in a place where there were people who needed help, and he was close to Jesus.

In Isaiah 6:8 we are told, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." The Christian, therefore, who stays close to Jesus will find a refuge where none can molest; the fullest protection from all harm; the hiding and comfort from Jesus; and the guiding which a Christian needs. That is where the Christian should stay until he or she has come to the goal or end of life's earthly life; and then he or she will go into heaven.

The lad in the miracle made a personal surrender because he gave up his lunch: five barley loaves and two small fishes. This can be true also of our lives. Lives that Jesus does not use are those of Christians that withhold themselves from His use of them. But lives that Jesus can use are servants of God, better known to us as Christians. These servants of God are servants not by force, but are the bond slaves of love. The Apostle Paul says in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." We read also in Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Jesus, therefore, must get your "all" for you to be His disciple, just as He had the lad's full surrender.

The lad had the privilege to bless, even though he was not outstanding; and you do not have to be outstanding for Christ to bless others through you. The great company of people was hungry from listening to Jesus teach His disciples; therefore, Jesus asked His disciples to make the men sit down because there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down. These people can be compared with the many people all around us today with hungry hearts and weary souls. We, as Christians, ought to look at our abilities and feed these people with the Word of God. Let's first ask ourself this question—Is my life a channel of blessing?

The lad's possibilities increased. When the lad gave up the five barley loaves and the two small fishes, Andrew asked, "But what are they among so many?" That was a meager meal for the 5,000. Jesus then took the loaves; and when He had given thanks, He distributed to His disciples, and the disciples gave to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as far as they would go. That proved to be enough food and more for them all. When they were all filled, Jesus said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Therefore, they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments or leftovers of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world."

This may be true with one's life. Neither are we alone, nor is it what we may be of ourselves, but it is what one may become through the power of Christ when our lives are yielded to Him. The greatest challenge for the **youth** today is to have a life that is fully surrendered to Christ!

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Obedience Is the Key

Anne Sullivan, who tutored Helen Keller, said, "I saw clearly that it was useless to try to teach the child language or anything else until she learned to obey me. I have thought about it a great deal, and the more I think, the more certain I am that obedience is the gateway through which knowledge, yes, and love, too, enter the mind of a child." —Gospel Herald.

NEWS NOTES

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Albemarle Ordination Board To Meet January 30

The Ordination Board of the Albemarle Conference will meet January 30, at the Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, immediately following the meeting of the Albemarle Union Meeting. Anyone desiring to meet with the board may do so at this time.

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Lenoir County Fifth Sunday Sing

The regular Lenoir County Fifth Sunday Sing will be held Sunday, January 31, at the Woodington Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina. The singing will get underway at 6 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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Pleasant Plain to Host First Western Union

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with the Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Johnston County, North Carolina, January 30. The moderator, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, will preside; assisted by the secretary, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Opening Devotional
10:15—Welcome, Host Pastor
—Response, to Be Selected
10:20—Business Session
11:00—Worship Service:
Sermon, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
Offering for Children's Home
Special Music, Host Church
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional
1:15—Business Session
2:15—Adjournment

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Saint Paul's Pastor Installs Auxiliary Officers

The Rev. John A. Owens, pastor of the Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, in a recent service, presided during the installation of the woman's auxiliary officers for the year, 1971. Officers installed in this impressive candlelight service were: president, Mrs. Louise Owens; vice-president, Mrs. Robanna Fowler; recording secretary, Mrs. Eunice Ambrose; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elsie Meads; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Pierce; missions chairman, Mrs. Flossie Eure; youth auxiliary chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Lamb; study course chairman, Mrs. Toni White; benevolence chairman, Mrs. Evie Lamb; Children's Home chairman, Mrs. Ailene White.

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THE OLD YEAR

The old year is gone. It is not worn out. Years do not wear out; they pass by. When you look out of an automobile window at the scenery, the scenery does not wear out as you look at it. But it is gone just the same after the car has passed. It is the same way with the old year. It was not worn out, but it has passed by, and it is gone.

As we look back on the old year, we see many days that we would like to live over. In some cases, there are happy events which we would enjoy repeating. In other cases, there are incidents which we would want to improve or change entirely. But we cannot relive the past except in memory. What is done is done. That which was good will always remain good, and the bad will be forever a dark spot.

Now that the old year has gone, le us learn the lessons it taught. Wha there was of good should be carried int the new year. What there was of ev should be corrected or left behind. Thu we can build the new year on the old and make the new the best we have eve had.—Selected.

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NOTICE

Sunday Schools of Second Union, Centra

Please have your secreatry send th current names and addresses of your pas tor, Sunday school superintendent, an Sunday school secretary to the secretar of the Sunday School Convention of th Second Union of the Central Conference Mrs. Jane C. Tripp, Route 1, Box 24 Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Please send this information befor January 31, the time of the next conven tion.

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No position is so desperate that pray er cannot conquer.—Selected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING AIDS FOR 197

STANDARD LESSON COMMENTARY (Edited by James I. Fehl. Eight large pages of helps for each lesson and a verse-by-verse explanation of the text.) $3.2

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: How did the Jews get the ame Hebrews?

Answer: This word "Hebrew" means om across or beyond, and in this ap- ication from beyond the Euphrates iver. Some authorities, including many ewish scholars, say that the name is erived from Heber or Eber which means from the other side," or a sojourner, or nmigrant. Heber, the son of Salah, was ne father of Peleg. "And Arphaxad egat Salah; and Salah begat Eber" (Gen- sis 10:24); "And Salah lived thirty years, nd begat Eber" (Genesis 11:14). (See 1 hronicles 1:25.)

Abraham was called a Hebrew after e had crossed the Ephrates River in obe- ience to God's command for him to eave his home, relatives, and all that ertained to him of this world's rela- ons in a vital way. He was to go here God would show him, and that urned out to be Canaan. He had to ross the Euphrates River to do it; hence, e was the Hebrew—the one from beyond ne river. "And there came one that ad escaped, and told Abram the He- rew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre ne Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and broth- r of Aner: and these were confederate ith Abram" (Genesis 14:13).

Usually the Old Testament use of the ord is confined to that of a foreigner hen it applies to Israel and when Israel ses it in reference to another nation. ome writers have held that "Hebrew" derived from Abraham (Abrai), but this xplanation, however, is by no means enerally adopted and is given no serious onsideration by the best of ancient cholars.

The following is an interesting note om "Davis' Dictionary of the Bible": According to biblical history, the He- rews were men from the other side of ne Euphrates (Genesis 14:13 with 12:5; oshua 24:2, 3). The name may have enoted this, or it may have been origi- ally a patronymic formed from Eber, nd have designated all his descendants, ncluding the Israelites (Genesis 10:21), until the increasing prominence of the Israelites led to restricting its use to them."

Putting all together when we read of it, it seems that the use of the term has quite a history. Probably its use was first confined to Heber, then his descend- ants; and then it became more or less confined to the descendants of Abraham and his descendants, that became more prominent because Abraham obeyed God in His call of him to go to and dwell in Canaan. Later the descendants of Jacob, only because of their special prominence, inherited the name.

Now it is quite commonly used inter- changeably with Jew or the Jews. This name "Jew" or "Jews" became the iden- tifying term for all of Jacob's descend- ants after they returned from the Baby- lonian captivity. So today, whether someone says, "He is a Hebrew" or "He is a Jew," it is generally meant a de- scendant of Jacob who gained the hon- ored title of Israel.

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Question: Please explain, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in" (Psalm 24:7).—D. F. Hes- peler, Ontario, Canada.

Answer: The first thing to do in an effort to understand this verse is to recognize that it is both poetic and pro- phetic. "The gates" refers to the gates of heaven which were wide open to re- ceive the Lord Jesus Christ as the King of glory. This probably was written to portray to its readers the fact that the triumphal God-man, Jesus, is in heaven.

C. J. Elliott, in his commentary, calls attention to the fact that ancient kings, when they were victorious over some na- tion, demanded of and caused the con- quered nation to make much room for the victorious king to come in with all his trappings, and by his presence, show- ed his authority to possess and govern. The heathen king's false glory may be in the mind of the writer; if so, only to give emphasis to the true rights of Jesus, our Lord, as He entered heaven. Jesus gained eternal victory over the devil in His death and resurrection. When He comes again He will take away from him all power.

It seems that the psalmist sees Je- hovah in a new splendor here—and why not? Did He not conquer death, hell, and the grave in His death, resurrection, and ascension? Salvation by grace is available to all and that with all debts completely paid—no more sacrifices such as those offered all the way from Adam's fall to the Cross. Jesus, the antitype of all slain beasts, has given His life a ran- som for all. He has conquered death and burst asunder the bars of death.

"It is finished"—all required of Him in His redemptive work—and now all heaven, even the archangels, adore and worship Him. The Book of Revelation well portrays this. Now the King of glory is in heaven as our Mediator or go- between to plead our cause against the slanders or the accusations of the devil. He will also come again and receive us unto Himself and go back to heaven with us, showing Satan His triumphal entry as a final gesture of His authority over him. We shall be so elated over this victory that we will throw our crowns at His feet and worship Him forever.

What of the world—those refusing to acknowledge Him now? His answer is to be found in the Book of Revelation. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idola- tors, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

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Attention Leaguers

The State League Convention will meet March 13, 1971. All those interested in competing in the State Sword Drill Contest, between the ages of 9-12, are asked to contact Deborah Hines King at Route 2, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572. A trip to Cragmont will be awarded the winner, and the runner-up will have one half of his expenses paid.

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THE CASE OF THE FAT SNOWMAN

OWEN C. SALWAY

IT was the most beautiful pair of roller skates that Carl had ever seen.

Rodger turned them over in his hand and spun the wheels.

"Where did you get them?" asked Carl enviously.

"From my granny," replied Rodger. "She always sends me something special for my birthday."

"They're not much use in the wintertime," stated Carl flatly.

"No, but summer's coming," replied Rodger, "and you'll see me shooting down the sidewalk just like the wind."

Carl watched his friend put the skates back into the box, and he turned again to the snowman they were building.

The skates were soon forgotten.

The snowman grew bigger and higher until at last they could hardly reach his head to place the lumps of coal for his eyes, nose, and mouth.

"I'll run home and get one of my dad's hats," squealed Rodger, dashing through the deep snow to his house three doors down the street.

Carl walked around the snowman, patting it here and there and smoothing out the lumps.

Suddenly his eyes fell on the roller skates. He threw off his gloves and opened the box. He wished with all his heart that he had a pair of skates just life these. They felt good in his hands. They were shiny and expensive.

Maybe he could have a pair of roller skates after all. He looked to see whether Rodger was coming.

He could quite easily take these skates. All he had to do was hide them, and when his folks moved in the spring, he could tell his mother that the skates were a going-away present from the kids at school.

It would be as simple as that. But where could he hide them? Carl's mind worked furiously.

Suddenly footsteps sounded behind him. He looked up into the face of a strange man.

"Could you tell me where the Simpson residence is?" asked the man.

"Y-yes," stammered Carl, still clutching the skates in his arms, "it's that blue house down the street."

"Thank you," said the man, patting the snowman on the head and starting across the street.

The snowman, thought Carl. That's it. I'll hide the skates in the snowman and take them out first chance I get.

Quickly he scooped out a hole in the snowman and shoved in the skates. The hole wasn't big enough, and the skates stuck out.

Rodger's door slammed.

Carl grabbed up big handfuls of snow and tried to cover the skates. He was still packing snow on them when Rodger came across the yard laughing and yelling.

"Hey, look at this hat," Rodger said. "He'll look good in this."

Carl had lost all interest in the snowman. He felt as though a hundred eyes had been watching him hide the skates.

"Say, you made him a lot fatter," said Rodger, standing back for a better look. Suddenly Rodger's foot bumped against the empty skate box. "Hey, where are my skates?" he yelled, kicking about in the snow. "They're not here."

Fear sent a chill up Carl's spine. "They were there a minute ago," he said haltingly.

"They're gone," gasped Rodger. "You must have taken them."

"M-me?" squeaked Carl. "I didn take them." He'd lied. He hadn't mea to, but what else could he do now "Someone must have taken them whe I was working on the snowman," he ve tured again.

"Sure," replied Rodger. "Look, there a man's footprint. It comes right up t the snowman and goes back to th street."

"Sure, enough," lied Carl. "He mu have sneaked up when my back wa turned."

Tears were freezing on Rodger cheeks as he tried to follow the track but the snow on the street was packe hard by traffic, and he knew it was us less. He turned toward home, still cr ing.

Carl tried desperately to get th skates into the house that night, bu they had company, and before he rea ized it, it was bedtime.

First thing in the morning, Rodger wa waiting for him on the front steps.

"Thought I'd come over early in cas that man felt guilty and brought th skates back," he said dejectedly.

A warm wind had moved in during th night, and small puddles of water spo ted the yard.

Carl's eyes widened as he noticed ho much the snowman had shrunk durin the night.

"L-let's go around back and play," h coaxed, trying to get his companio away from the quickly melting snow man.

"I just don't feel like playing," re plied Rodger, settling himself down o the steps.

They sat in silence.

The head rolled off the snowman sending the hat flying into a puddle o water.

"Better get Dad's hat," said Rodge sadly, rising to his feet.

Both boys saw the roller skates at th same time.

"Look," yelled Rodger, "my skates ar in the snowman!"

He jerked them out and wiped th water from the shiny wheels.

Suddenly the realization of what ha happened gripped him. "You did this, he said, swinging around to Carl.

Carl's shoulders sagged. It was a most a relief to get it over with. H nodded.

"I—I thought it would be easy to tak them," he stammered. "But it turne out I even had to lie, and that didn

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by the Rev. Davie Brinson

Attention, Original Free Will Baptist Churches!

Through the grace of God and your generosity, Camp Vandemere, Inc., Vandemere, North Carolina, has come through this past year with a magnificent record.

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Our churches are responding in a fine fashion. Will you join them? Do today what you have been meaning to do—prayerfully consider this responsibility and send a check to Camp Vandemere.

God bless your church as you do your full part in undergirding the financial and spiritual needs of your camp.

Camp Vandemere Board of Directors
David C. Hansley, Secretary

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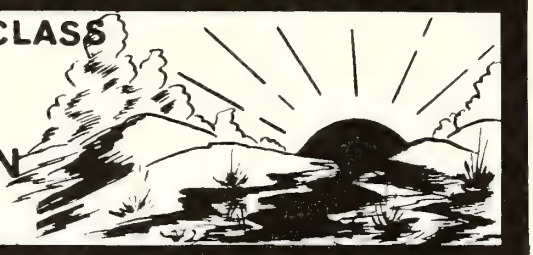
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 31



THE BASIS OF GOD'S REWARDS

Lesson Text: Matthew 20:1-16

Memory Verse: Psalm 103:8

I. INTRODUCTION

Of all the parables which Jesus gave, the one in our lesson today may pose the greatest difficulty in the understanding of it. The casual reader may question the wisdom of the Lord is dealing with the different laborers in the field, some working all day and receiving the same as those who worked an hour or so.

The parable has no difficulty, however, if we will only understand the divine principle back of it. We must not look too much at the "earthly story" and fail to see the "heavenly meaning." In giving this parable Jesus was teaching one of the most blessed truths in the Bible.

At the judgment seat of Christ, Christians will be rewarded according to the quality of their work and the faithfulness with which they did it, and not according to the number of hours or years they worked. For instance, one may have served God faithfully for forty years, another for only ten years; so, as we understand this parable, both would be rewarded the same in heaven. On the other hand, a man may call himself a Christian and "serve" the Lord for forty years and, because his works were selfish and for his own praise, he would receive little or no reward. Then the man who truly served God faithfully for one year would receive abundant reward. In short, this is a parable of the principle of divine blessings for faithful service. It should teach us to be able to say in that day of judgment, "Thank God for the privilege of serving Him well."—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. What is the content of this parable?
2. The story of the rich young ruler shows a selfish young man.

B. Putting Men to Work (Matthew 20: 1-7)

1. A penny per day was the wage (vv. 1, 2).
2. What was the promise to pay (vv. 3-5)?
3. Providing for needs often comes in the form of work, not "handouts" (vv. 6, 7).

C. Paying the Wages (Matthew 20:8-10)

1. Putting them in line was the method of issuing their wages (v. 8).
2. A penny per person was the pay (vv. 9, 10).

D. The Payees' Protest (Matthew 20:11, 12)

1. It was not based on their agreement.
2. It was based on what was done for others.

E. The Payer's Provision (Matthew 20: 13-15)

1. The payer had kept his promise.
2. The payer had a right to do what he pleased with his own money.
3. The complaining laborers were envious.

F. The Point of the Parable (Matthew 20: 16)

1. This verse goes back to Matthew 19:30.
2. We will be rewarded according to God's mercy and His promise.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Alfred B. Nobel, a Swedish chemist and engineer, gave the world the first practical means of harnessing the awesome power of high explosives. He combined nitroglycerin with an inert absorbent and made dynamite.

Through further experimentation, he combined nitroglycerin with gun-cotton and made what was called "blasting gelatin." He climaxed his discoveries with the development of detonators, which made it possible for the explosives to be discharged at will.

The inventor had hoped these explosives would be used for man's benefi but soon they were being used for pu poses of destruction.

Having amassed a huge fortune, Nob decided to use his money to advance t cause of peace. He decreed, through h will, that a fund be established to pr vide five prizes each year; one each the fields of physics, chemistry, mec cine, literature, and peace. Some m feel that some of the selections mad through the years were not wisely mad Nevertheless the Nobel Prize is one the highest awards a man can receive.

There is a higher award, which can receive. It is worth more than t money, medals, and momentary reco nition that accompany the Nobel priz Jesus gives to those who believe in Hi this award for faithful, obedient servic It is lasting and it is an unmerited gift it is eternal life.—Standard Commentar

"There is a cute story of a lad wh had just been baptized. Looking wi boyish frankness into the face of t minister, he asked, 'What do I do nov What is next?' This boy's question one every Christian should ask. In t Book of Acts, we are told how to becor a Christian. It is followed by twent two books telling the Christian what do!"—Standard Commentary.

One preacher is quoted as sayir "The church is full of apoplectic sair who are crammed full with spiritu truths but are suffering from lack exercise. The church has something do besides administer a gospel boa house and evangelical restaurant!" W he right?—The Advanced Quarte (F.W.B.).

C. There is a familiar story of a lit boy who was asked by his parents wh his Sunday school lesson was about. so happened that the lesson discuss this verse, "Many be called, but f chosen" (Matthew 20:16). Somewh confused, the boy answered, "We talk about Jesus saying, 'Some are cold a a few are frozen.'" The truth of wh he said is so serious that it perhaps ru out any humor.

God calls us. When we respond His call, we become His chosen ones, a bride becomes the groom's chosen when she says, "I will marry you." Th is no greater joy than that of know God has called us and that we are do our very best to do His blessed will our lives.—Ray O. Jones.

Mount Olive News

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ges, but to channel that support to hools in which activities of students d faculty members have not resulted chaos and destruction.

There are plenty of such schools still the nation, the writer noted, and he as absolutely correct.

We have a privately supported school ght here in Wayne County, North Caro-a, that has a student body, faculty, ministration, and record that could be hibit "A."

Mount Olive College started from thing, in a building that had been andoned as obsolete by the public hools. In the minimum allowable ne, it had earned full accreditation for educational program.

Today the school is well along toward oviding buildings to match its aca-mic excellence and its record of re-onsible conduct on the part of stud-ts and faculty members.

It also still is making good use of that iginal "obsolete" building.

Such schools as Mount Olive College fer to today's disenchanted business-en an opportunity for high return in-stments in responsible student and culty attitudes and academic excel-nce.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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d I get nine tenths.
e gives me wisdom, guidance, strength,
d power for all details.
pay one tenth for all of that;
y partner never fails.
—*Author Unknown,* 1010 *Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do you as a Christian tithe as you ould? Remember we can never outgive od!

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lp. My sin was uncovered right be-re my eyes."

Rodger continued to wipe the water om his skates.

"I'm—I'm sorry," said Carl as tears lled down his cheeks and fell into a ddle at his feet.—My Pleasure.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Crafus F. Armstrong, 171 Hannah Pickett Avenue, East Rockingham, North Carolina 28379, announces that he is available to serve any church full time. Any church desiring the services of Mr. Armstrong may contact him at the above address or by telephoning him at 997-2851.

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The Rev. Bill Gaylord wishes to announce that he is available for pastoral services second and fourth Sundays. Any church desiring his services for these Sundays may contact him by writing Box 2173, East Carolina University Station, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; or by telephoning 752-2040.

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NEW FILMSTRIP INTRODUCED

by L. E. BALLARD

At a meeting of officers and teachers of the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, on the evening of January 6, 1971, the first of a series of filmstrips being prepared by the Rev. L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, for eventual production through Eye Gate Producers, was introduced.

This first film is on the subject, "Teacher, Do You Care?" and contains eighty frames, and a record by Mr. Ballard featuring music and singing by the children of Community Free Will Baptist Church of Weldon, North Carolina. It is designed to impress upon teachers the sacredness of their commitment as teachers of children and young people, and to deepen their dedication to God.

The reaction of those who witnessed the maiden showing of the film expressed favorable opinions regarding its possibilities for use in Free Will Baptist Sunday schools. Before its final production for general use, many of the pictures now being used by permission of the Eye Gate Producers will be replaced by pictures made by Mr. Ballard, using Free Will Baptist groups and individuals as models.

The Field Work Department of the State Sunday School Convention has also in preparation at this time a series of cassette recordings of lessons on Sunday school work to be offered for sale or rent to schools desiring to improve their schools and teachers through their use in workers' meetings or training classes. Some of our best Sunday school workers over the state are being asked to prepare materials for these cassettes. Many other Sunday school agencies have already placed on the market, or made available on a rental basis, educational lessons in this form. We want our own Original Free Will Baptist films and recordings for our people.

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Search for Noah's Ark

Early in the summer season came the word that Turkey had banned the team of American explorers from a long-planned exploration of Mount Ararat in search of what is believed to be the remains of Noah's Ark. Turkey had previously given full cooperation to the explorers, but when the party reached its final planning stages the support was withdrawn. The officials would not elaborate as to why they suddenly changed their mind and refused to allow the American expedition to scale Ararat.

But the August issue of the Bible-Science Newsletter carries the headline, "SEARCH FOR ARK UNDERWAY." Word was received from Eyrl Cummings that on August 2, permits had been granted for him and an Alpinist (and perhaps several other persons) to travel as tourists, and that they were on their way to climb the mountain. The plans were to remain on the mountain until August 28. Whether or not the SEARCH group got its permit also, we do not know, but according to this report in the Bible-Science Newsletter, it was helpful.

Mount Ararat is located very near the Turkish-Russian border. The reason for the refusal of the Turkish officials has come to light—it was because of Soviet Russia's pressuring the Turkish government to refuse permission, because it was thought to be an "espionage operation." Pravda, the official daily newspaper of the Soviet Communist Party, in its July 19, 1970, issue, featured an article to this effect, entitled, "Spies with the Bible."—Christian Victory Magazine.

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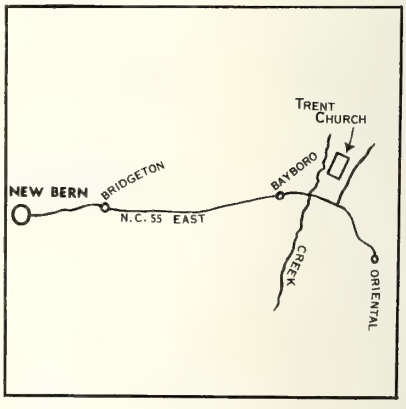
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HARRY A. JONES, **Secretary**
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WHERE IN THE CHRISTIAN IS THE WORLD?

Editorial...

Cover Photo by Harold M. La

WHERE IN THE CHRISTIAN IS THE WORLD?

The Christian is found in every corner of the world, and all too often the world is found in every corner of him.

A bold statement, huh? All right, let's discuss it. Where in the Christian is the world? A lot of places could be the answer, but let's begin with the feet. His itching feet take him many places where he has no business being. He might be able to trip the light fantastic to a boogie beat, but if he isn't careful he'll become a lightweight Christian—and a lightweight obviously does not carry much weight. So, the world can get in the Christian's feet, and that's bad; but there's a worse place still.

The world can get in his dress. He can accumulate vast wardrobes concentrating on the latest fashions, and hardly a person will condemn him—unless he becomes so obsessed with his personal appearance that where formerly four suits had sufficed, now eight are a necessity. Anytime the Christian becomes a clothes hog it makes one wonder as to the amount of charity he possesses. Some poor souls haven't even one shirt to wear, and some Christians (yes, Christians) are not satisfied unless they have a closet full of the big-collared striped ones in every color imaginable. (A lot of us have sore toes after that statement.) So, the world can get in the Christian's dress, and that's bad; but there's a worse place still.

The world can get in his thoughts. What enters the mind is not so important as what stays there. If the Christian finds himself patronizing more and more the sensual, immoral thought waves, he had better watch out. He had better check the radar on his thinking cap. If worldly ideas appeal more than spiritual ones, the caution light should begin blinking, and he had better heed it. So, the world can get in the Christian's thoughts, and that's bad; but there's a worse place still.

The world can get in his speech. The world might call a spade a spade, but sometimes it uses assorted adjectives to make the "spade" more noticeable; and if the Christian isn't careful he will find himself slipping into a manner of conversation so similar to that of the world that the world will consider him no different. If the world stops noticing the difference in the Christian, the Christian is in a dangerous position! So, the world can get in the Christian's speech, and that's bad; but there's a worse place still.

Let's check ourselves. The world can get in the Christian's feet, in the Christian's dress, in the Christian's thoughts, and in the Christian's speech—among other places. And we have suggested that the ones we have discussed are bad, but not the worst. O. K., what is the worst?

Have you considered the heart? If not, do so; for if the world ever gets in the Christian's heart, he's sunk! And, considering the fact that the outward is an indication of the inward, if the world gets in the Christian's feet, dress, thoughts, and speech, isn't it safe to assume that it's already in his heart?

Woe be unto the Christian who does not keep his heart with all diligence!

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The WORD Or WORKS?

by
VIRGIL LANIER

. . and a certain woman named Mar-eceived him into her house. And she a sister called Mary, which also sat at feet, and heard his word. But Mar-vas cumbered about much serving, and to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not that my sister hath left me to serve ? bid her therefore that she help me. Jesus answered and said unto her, ha, Martha, thou art careful and led about many things: But one thing edful: and Mary hath chosen that good which shall not be taken away from (Luke 10:38-42).

)W do we as new Christians serve the Lord Jesus? All newly convert-hristians that I have known want now the answer to this.

on reading the Scripture above, think that Martha hadn't accepted t, as she wasn't sitting at Jesus' as Mary was and couldn't under-d why Jesus approved of Mary's ac-; but she had received Him into her e as we receive Him into our hearts; in my opinion she had accepted Him, he called Him "Lord."

artha was like many Christians to-in that she wanted to serve her our and was attempting to do it in a tly physical, or social way. In fact, was trying to do so many things that found that she didn't have time for f them and couldn't understand why wasn't helping.

ary sat at Jesus' feet, and heard word. I think I understand how must have felt as she sat at the of Jesus. She must have been en-lled by the wisdom of His words and comfort she received from them. aps she had been deeper in sin than tha, and upon hearing her Lord speak, zed how lost she would be without I can imagine her hanging onto every word as if her very life depended on it; which, in fact, it did. Even if He were not speaking, it must have been an inspiration just to sit near and gaze upon His feet. ". . . How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, . . ." (Romans 10:15)—and Jesus is the very gospel of peace. The feet of Jesus were precious, as they carried Him to proclaim the Word of God—which He is. Notice in the Gospel of Luke how His feet were given reverence by sinners who recognized Jesus as Lord. In Luke 7:38 we see a woman, her name not given, but who was a sinner, "And stood at his feet behind him, weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment." In Luke 8:35 we see a man whom had been possessed with demons for a long time so that he had to be bound with chains and fetters and went unclothed. We see that he broke the bonds and was driven into the wilderness by the demons to live in the field and in tombs. Upon meeting Jesus the demons were driven away from him and he was ". . . . sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: . . ." He must have been oh, so humble and grateful!

So, as a sinner, Mary was in the right place when sitting at Jesus' feet, as that's where one must get upon recognizing and receiving Christ into his heart. Perhaps that's why so many Christains feel a need to kneel when praying, as it's humbling oneself to Christ, which is necessary—and many tears have washed the feet of Jesus from this position in the centuries since He walked on this earth.

Mary was learning of the peace and joy of God while waiting humbly at His feet, just as we, as newly born Christians, learn from Him today through prayer, listening to His Word, and reading His Holy Word. He speaks still and will forever. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

God doesn't want us to be ignorant and has had His Word recorded for us to listen to. It is not just to be read; it is to be listened to and understood. This doesn't mean we have to read five or ten chapters of the Bible per day. Understanding doesn't necessarily come from the quantity of Scripture we read. In fact we may very well learn more of God by concentrating on one chapter, one verse, one sentence, or even one word. No one I know has a complete understanding of the whole Word of God. When reading a passage hard to understand or one that seems to hold a specific meaning for you, it would be well to read and reread that passage, while praying for the Holy Spirit to give you understanding of it for your life. Think in a personal manner when reading the Word, as if God had it written for you; which He did. To some this may seem foolish to say that the Bible was written for one person, but you are saved by a "personal" relationship with Jesus Christ, not because you are a member of, or affiliated with a church. God doesn't save you because some of your relatives or friends have accepted Him. I can't do it for you, nor can any member of your family or any member of any church, but you and you alone must open your heart and accept the Word of God, which is Jesus Christ. So you see, God is speaking to all men in the Word, but also to teach one personally. The Scriptures may be talking "about" a group of people, but this information about people is being relayed to you.

Martha had received Christ, but perhaps didn't realize the necessity of learning a great deal about Him beyond initial salvation. She seemed to think of caring only for His person and wished to make a good impression on Him by having things neat, clean, orderly, and maybe serving Him a scrumptious meal, while Mary was concerned with the spiritual side. Jesus told Martha that

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. EDWARD W. MILES, Superintendent

Over the past few months there has been much talk, both pro and con, concerning our Children's Home. Our Home has weathered many storms before and we are sure she will weather this one. We ask all of you to stand by these children with your prayers and your support.

CAMPUS LIFE

What is it like to be a child in group care such as our Home at Middlesex? Only a child could answer this question, but we do know what it takes to make the child's life a little more pleasant while on our campus. The overall life of the children is at its highest peak in quite some time. In fact, it just might be the highest ever. Several things account for this and we want to mention only a few.

1. We have fewer children and the staff is able to do a better job by each individual child. Our children, like most children, need some individual attention and now they are getting this attention which is much needed.

2. Our children have been very active in sports and school activities this year. Of course, this helps a great deal. We have one twelve-passenger bus and we need another one badly to run back and forth to school. The children also enjoy five ponies here on our campus.

3. The allowance fund has helped a great deal. Our children's sponsors now send their money directly to the allowance fund and the Home gives the child his allowance regularly each month. Now they are all treated alike. We need a few more allowance donors at $5 per month.

4. We now have a liaison teacher on campus. She coordinates the services of six tutors who come on campus four evenings each week. Now all children who need help gets help with their lessons. Needless to say, this has done much for the morale of all of our children.

5. Kitchens have now been completed in all the cottages and the children are eating in their own individual building. This did not require additional help but a shifting of the help we already had. This has brought about a more homelike atmosphere for the children and they would never agree to go back to the central kitchen. The kitchens have probably done more for the life of the children than anything else. Each kitchen has its own 20-foot freezer as well as the usual appliances. This means we will get much more from our garden next summer than we have in the past.

6. Each cottage also has its own washer and dryer. Now, most of the clothes are done in each cottage. The "big" laundry now operates only two days each week. All of these appliances have been paid for with special gifts!

7. Our income from July 1 through December 31 is a little more than $13,000 less than our income for the same period of time last year. Our Home is debt free but we need your help if we are going to keep it that way. What will you give to help children have a home away from home?

SUMMARY

The above mentioned changes, I am sure, seem insignificant to you, but they are very meaningful to our children. These things you take for granted everyday. Even when we do our best our children are regimented far too much. These changes make their home more like your home, and thus you have a better adjusted child. The truth of the matter is the more we copy the original home the better off our children will be. Will you share your home by helping their home here to become more like yours?

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The Bible

He knew the Book from A to Z
  His mind had mastered every part;
A fine achievement—but alas!
  It never got into his heart.
—Pulpit Preaching.

TO WHOM IT MA CONCERN

by Rebecca E. Davenport

The fields of the Free Will Ba are white unto harvest, and we ar ting them be trampled and laid to by our prejudice. I am referring t Children's Home at Middlesex. It' of our greatest mission fields.

Do you know what a children's is like? It is a place for child ca every phase—not just a place to and to eat. Is that all we give blood-born children? We are these dren's parents. When we take the our Children's Home—a church-supp home—we automatically take full re sibility for them in every phase o They need extra love and care b mere fact that they **are** in a child institution.

Are we withholding our support perhaps because they are not full-fl Free Will Baptists? The statement made at the special session of the Convention: "Let others take ca them if they are not Free Will Bapt Who are the others? The Welfare D ment? Other churches? Who? So of these children have no church a tion at all. Is this their fault that are not blessed with parents who care? They are not orphans by They are really orphans by life—ne ed, unloved, and so many times un ed. I repeat: It is the greatest m field we have (the Children's Home we are failing miserably. Why? did Christ say and **DO** about the dren?

I have heard a lot of promises i last few weeks that were to be fu if the board of trustees would only draw from the compliance act. B far they have only been promises. has listened to all of this talk, a knew the intentions before the pr were made.

We are not only short of func operation, but what hurts most i fact that these children have bee objects of selfish thinking and have exploited in many instances to ca point. They have been hurt more tionally than they would be if the gone hungry. You can fill a stom a few minutes, but how long does i to overcome rejection? So many been rejected and hurt by natura ents, but now they are having the things done to them by their ad

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by SHARON B. MILLER

had been a good year, Dean Bartell hought with satisfaction as he push- he last pile of accounting books to side. Finally he could declare his ness a success—not booming perhaps, growing.

had seemed foolish three years ago enture into a retail business with on- small savings in a town that already two hardware-supply stores. How- , Dean had long dreamed of running usiness, one he could operate fairly conscientiously, one in which the ns were fairly priced and Christian ciples prevailed. The Lord had faith- y honored him in all this.

ast week, as he was getting a cup of fee in the cafe, Dean had overheard a n telling another, "Take it back if it sn't work right. Bartell's will ex- nge it or refund your money. That re operates on pleasing its customers. now. I've never had any problem re."

hose were the kind of things that de a man feel proud, not in a boasting t of way, but in the knowledge that ng fair Christian principles really does rk. Perhaps one couldn't sell an ex- ience with God, but it was something t could be used in everyday living. made a difference, and people were ck to notice that Bartell's was more n just a fair and friendly store.

Several of the employees were Chris- ns, and now there were two new be- vers, persons who hadn't known the rd when they started work at the re. Often it seemed that the chance offer help and spiritual counsel came ways that made it easy to witness for e Lord right in the line of business. an had often heard employees of his ing used by the Lord as they waited customers. Perhaps it was only in a small way, one they were unaware of. But Dean firmly believed that the Christian's mission in life was to serve God.

It was scriptural that God would bless those who obeyed Him faithfully and willingly. It was God's desire to direct lives and give wisdom and guidance, and that's just what he needed right now, Dean thought. He reached for a file and pulled out a sheaf of figures and drawings.

The chance to expand is any businessman's dream. For Bartell's, it seemed that the opportunity couldn't be riper and the possibilities better. Dean had gone over the figures and plans scores of times, both alone and with his wife Ellen. The realty company next door and the jewelry store on his other side were both moving to new locations. That left both these places open. Dean had often thought about the possibilities, but now it seemed that at last the chance was his.

By knocking out the walls and putting in doorways to the other stores, they could add a considerable amount of needed space. Not only would he be occupying most of the building, but the owner had offered him a lease with the option to buy. If he could own the whole building—and it nearly covered the side of the block facing Main Street—the chance for expansion would be almost unlimited. He could add a completely new line of housewares, and perhaps even a lawn and garden center, and then—

There was only one drawback—the financial side of it. He simply didn't have the thirty thousand dollars needed for the initial investment. In another year or so, the business would be far enough along to finance its own expansion, but right now that money would have to come from somewhere else.

Dean and Ellen had prayed about the venture, but so far they hadn't felt confident enough to go ahead and close the deal at the bank. It seemed like the only thing for them to do—but they weren't in the business alone.

At the very beginning of Bartell's Hardware and Supply, Dean and Ellen had taken God in as their business Partner. They had made it a practice to wait for His leading whenever they faced a decision concerning the store. From a human viewpoint the present opportunity looked like one good chance in a hundred. But the Lord knew what the obstacles and the trials would be, and Dean intended to wait for His leading.

Dean closed the file and bowed his head. "Lord, help me to say 'not my will, but thine' and mean it, no matter what the outcome." Then, picking up yesterday's receipts, he left the small office and set out for the bank.

The bank was fairly busy, but as he turned to leave, Dean saw Arnold Peters, the vice-president, coming out of his office and walking toward him.

"Hello, Dean," the slightly balding, friendly man greeted, "how's business?"

"Just fine," Dean said, nodding.

The older man smiled pleasantly. "About that loan, Dean, I think you ought to go ahead with it."

"Well, ah, Mr. Peters—" Dean hesitated. How could he explain his indecision?

"You won't make a mistake," the man continued, "with the way your store is growing."

"I understand," Dean answered. "I'll let you know as soon as I can."

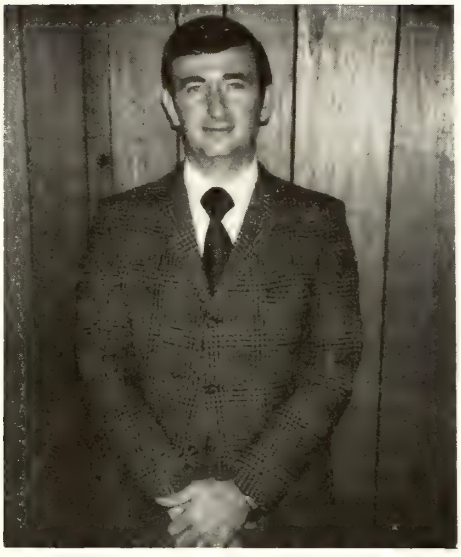
Even the people at the bank wondered at his delay, Dean thought as he walked out. But he had definitely made the plan a matter of prayer, and he was certain he would receive an answer. God's answers didn't always come in the way he supposed they would, nor were they always the ones he wanted. However, he knew they were the best for him, and he didn't intend to act until he was certain what God's will was concerning the business expansion. God would answer, for He was concerned. God was an active Partner in Bartell's Hardware and Supply.

As Dean waited for the street light to change, he stepped into the corner drugstore for a pack of gum. The front count-

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Curtis Jones Ordained At Everett's Chapel



Curtis Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Clayton, North Carolina, was consecrated and ordained to the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church November 8, 1970. The ordination service was held in the Everett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, a member of the Western Conference. The Rev. B. L. Shook of Selma, North Carolina, directed the service.

Mr. Jones is married to the former Alice Strickland and they have one daughter, Chrystal. The family lives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where Curtis is enrolled at the Piedmont Bible College.

In addition to Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Jones have another son, Harold, who is in the ministry as a missionary in the Philippines.

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Flood's Chapel to Host Second Union of Western

Thee Second Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with Flood's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Nash County, North Carolina, Saturday morning, January 30. The program is as follows:

9:30—Congregational Hymn
—Devotions, the Rev. Walton Parrish
9:45—Welcome, Elijah Bissette
—Response, the Rev. Edgar Benton
10:00—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Ministers and Churches
10:10—Reading of Minutes
10:20—Moderator's Remarks
10:25—Report of Children's Home
—Offering for Children's Home
10:40—Business Session
11:05—Intermission
11:15—Special Music, Host Church
11:25—Report of Finance Committee
11:30—Worship Service, the Rev. Charles Morgan
12:00—Lunch

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Fifth Union of Eastern Conference At Macedonia Church

The Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church of Ernul, North Carolina, will be host to the Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference Saturday morning, January 30, with the Rev. Walter Sutton as host pastor. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotional, the Rev. Willie Stilley
—Welcome, the Rev. Walter Sutton
—Response, the Rev. Owen K. Arthur
10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for Children's Home
10:50—Report of Denominational Enterprises, the Rev. Rudy Shepard
11:15—Business Session
11:30—Special Music, the Rev. Clyde Cox
—Report of Finance Committee
11:45—Announcements
11:55—Worship Service:
Message, the Rev. Carol Hansley
—Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Pleasant Grove to Host Cape Fear Union Meeting

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene on Saturday morning, January 30, with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Erwin, North Carolina. The moderat the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, will pres The local church's pianist and orga will play for this service. The prog is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, the Rev. J. Wa Stanley
—Welcome, the Rev. W. O. Lass
—Response, the Rev. Eddie Edwa
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and A isters
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Reports of Denominational En prises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Hymn, Congregation
—Special Music, Pleasant Gr Church
—Offering
—Message, the Rev. W. Burke Raper
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowshi

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Second Western Sunday School Convention, Free Union

The Sunday School Convention of Second Western District will conv with Free Union Free Will Baptist Chur Route 2, Spring Hope, North Caroli Sunday morning, January 31. The the will be, "God's Goodness," with Scr ture taken from Psalm 34:15. The p gram is as follows:

9:45—Song Service, Conducted by H. Morgan
—Devotions, Mrs. Colman Edwa
—Welcome, Miss Brenda Edward
—Response, Mrs. Henry Eason
—Business Session
—Sunday School Lesson, H. C. M gan, Superintendent of H School
—Intermission
—Song Service
—Offering for Cragmont Assem
—Convention Message, the R Doug Skinner
—Business Session
—Awarding of Banner and Troph
—Adjournment

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Weekend Youth Revival At Kinston Church

A weekend youth revival will be he at the First Free Will Baptist Church Kinston, North Carolina, beginni

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Why Do They Do The Way They Do?

by L. E. BALLARD

Field Secretary of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention

S field secretary of the North Caro- lina Free Will Baptist Sunday School vention, I visit a good many Sunday ools over the state. Most of the time mply "drop in" to observe how the day school is going along without body having time to sweep anything er the rug! Perhaps I do observe h a critical eye, but I can truthfully that I never go hoping to find some- ng to criticize.

n the hope of being helpful to those o want to see better Sunday schools our Free Will Baptist churches, I am turing to apply the question of our tion to some of the things I have ob- ved in my contacts with our Sunday ools.

Why do many of our Sunday schools the same things over and over Sun- y after Sunday with little variation m the way it has been done for many ars? If the good Lord were to permit grandfather to return to earth and company me on some of my visits to e Will Baptist Sunday schools, he uld feel perfectly at ease, for he uld find them doing exactly as they re doing during his time—fifty years o. The school is opened with one of ound a half dozen songs, used over and er. Once my father advised a choir, moring for a new songbook, that all ey would have to do to have a new ok would be to take a pair of scissors d cut about ten songs out of the book ey already had. After the opening ng, one of usually about three people called upon to pary, and he prays the me prayer he has been praying for ars. One teen-ager told me that at agmont, two years ago, he had memo- zed the prayer that had been offered er and over in his Sunday school until could repeat it for me, if I so desired. w if anybody thinks my intention is criticize something as sacred as pray- , let me remind you that Jesus warned gainst repetition in prayer in the Ser- mon on the Mount (see Matthew 6:7). The prayer in many cases will be follow- ed by the "responsive reading," which is certainly not a bad thing on occasion; but in so many cases I have observed there is evidence that neither the super- intendent nor the pupils had read it over in advance. The superintendent had not mastered the pronouncing of hard words in some cases. One man who was super- intendent of a school some years ago, had an understanding with the school that when he came to a word he could not pronounce, he would simply call it "Moses!" Imagine how many "Moseses" there would be among the descendants of Abraham if he should read the list from the Bible! Well, to make the story a bit shorter than it could become, let's say that in many schools the superin- tendent takes about five minutes to make announcements of things often al- ready known to most of the pupils; there is a closing song, selected sometimes by asking, "What would you like to sing?" and the school "breaks up" to reassem- ble somewhere in classes.

Yes, I said "breaks up!" This, let me admit, is getting to be less the rule than it once was, but it is still true. The leaving of the sanctuary for the class- rooms is often looked upon as a time to make noise, to greet one another, and to pass on a choice bit of gossip. Not so in one school I visited last year! At a given time, the pianist began to play, not too loud, not too soft. One by one the teachers slipped from their places in the pews, came to the front where an associate superintendent waited at a table to give each one his record book, any literature to be distributed, or a copy of the church bulletin. The teach- ers then formed a line near the exit. Then the pupils of the various classes, beginning with the "tiny tots," came out from the pews and walked quietly down the aisle. As each class reached the front, the teacher took her place in front of them and they went out the exit in an orderly way. Suppose I ask here, Why don't more schools do it this way—or some other orderly way?

Getting back to the matter of the songs sung in the opening assembly, Why don't those responsible give more thought to selecting songs in harmony with the lesson theme for the day, or at least appropriate to the occasion? We were in the opening assembly of one school some years ago when the super- intendent opened by having the congre- gation sing "Asleep in Jesus!" (Perhaps not too inappropriate!) Then he closed with, "Are You Willing to Go from This Room Tonight?" This was in a church having serivces only two Sundays each month, and no service was scheduled for that night.

I will take time for only one more "Why Do They Do the Way They Do?" Why do the schools choose so many teachers who cannot, or will not, attend workers' meetings or workshops? Our new film, "Teacher, Do You Care?" deals with this and a lot of other things teach- ers ought to think about. But the very first superintendent I spoke to about letting me bring the film and show it in his teachers' meeting said that he would like to do this. "But," said he, "it would be a miracle if we got half of them out to see it. We are thinking of giving up having our Sunday school workers' meet- ing altogether." Well I can give you two Bible examples, either one of which Christian workers have the privilege of following. There was the servant to whom the king of Israel committed the care of an important prisoner of war. When the prisoner escaped, the servant's excuse was, "And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. . . ." (1 Kings 20:40). Then there was the man that Jesus so gloriously saved, as recorded in Mark 5. Jesus committed to him the task of witnessing to his own people, and the Bible gives his response in these words; "And he departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

MY BIBLE AND I

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 10:7

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh,
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life had grown weary, and death even was nigh,
But all through the darkness, of mist or of wrong
I found there a solace, a prayer and a song.

So now who shall part us, my Bible and I,
Shall "isms" or "schisms" or "new lights" who try?
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,
Supplant thy sound wisdom, give folly instead?

Ah! no, my dear Bible, exponent of light!
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight!
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

—*Selected, Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The best book to carry with you wherever you go is the Word of God. In it you will find all the answers to the problems of the world.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

NOTHING TOO HARD FOR GOD

Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 16:19

"The conversion of Newt Harrison in a Salvation Army corps in Missouri," relates the late Henry F. Milans, "fairly shouts the truth that the power of Jesus is the same today as yesterday. People who knew Newt Harrison say that it was impossible to expect that such a life could ever be changed for the better. Rather, there was general speculation as to just how far down he would sink before death took him." Yet when the Harrison of this century, like Peter of old, "lifted his great hairy face to heaven and in a loud, firm voice cried, 'O God, take me as I am. I don't know how to pray . . . have mercy on me and save me,' that very same Jesus touched his life and no one ever saw Newt Harrison drunk again."—*Gospel Herald, Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There is never a task too hard for God to do. Have you called upon Him lately?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

THE CRITIC

Scripture Reading—Psalm 52:4

The man who had a good opinion of his own abilities, so much so that he thought he could do a thing better than anyone else, was once taught a good lesson. He was standing in front of a taxidermist's, in the window of which there was an owl which had attracted quite a lot of sightseers.

Anxious to display his knowledge he said, with a pompous air, "Well, if I couldn't stuff an owl better than that, I would quit the business. The head isn't right, the poise of the body isn't right, the feathers are not on right, the feet are not placed right." Before he could finish, the owl turned his head and winked at him. The crowd laughed, and the critic moved on.—*The Home, Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Criticism is a very bad habit to have. All too often we think that we know more than we do, and when we try to show our knowledge we really show how ignorant we are.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

THE FORTUNATE PASSENGERS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 106:1

A train was crowded, and numbers were standing in the aisles and on the platform. They took the opportunity to express themselves in no very patient tones in regard to the railway company. Some declared they had been standing for three hours. At a station others came aboard, and one was an invalid who was being carried in. As the passengers made way for him one repeated his complaint. "Yes, we've been standing here three hours." The invalid looked at him, and quietly said, "You are fortunate." They were tired, it's true, but the rebuke so honestly and gently given did its work, and there was a great change in the looks and tones of the passengers.—*Sunday School Times, Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We should thank God each day for what we have—even the ability to stand on our feet. Many are not even this fortunate.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

WHEN SATAN GROWLS

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 21:1

"The best evidence of God's presence is the devil's growl." So said Mr. C. H. Spurgeon, and that little sentence has ed many a tried and tired child o to stand fast and even to rejoice und fiercest attacks of the foe. We read Book of Samuel that the moment was crowned at Hebron, "all the Phil came up to seek David." And the m we get anything from the Lord wort tending for, then the devil comes t us.—*Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans lishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Satan is always there to intrude we are trying to live the good life. you hear him growl, you will know you have displeased him; but, you will pleased God.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

JUDGING OURSELVES

Scripture Reading—Job 23:6

A man was complaining of his n bors. "I never saw such a wretche of people," he said, "as are in this vi They are mean, greedy of gain, selfish careless of the needs of others. Wo all, they are forever speaking evil o another."

"Is it really so?" asked an angel happened to be walking with him.

"It is indeed," said the man. "Why, look at this fellow coming toward u know his face, though I cannot just re ber his name. See his little shark-like, eyes, darting here and there like a fe and the lines of covetousness abou mouth! The very droop of his sho is mean and cringing, and he slinks instead of walking."

"It is very clever of you to see all said the angel, "but there is one which you did not perceive; that is a ing glass we are approaching."—*Kn Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing pany.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Don't be too ready to find faul others; remember that others see the faults in you many times.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

THE WORLD'S COLOR BLINDNESS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:10

A minister was asked by a Quaker "Does not thee think that we can wa carefully, live so correctly, and avoid fanatacism so perfectly, that every sen person will say, 'That is the kind of gion I believe in?' " He replied, "Sist thee had a coat of feathers as whit snow, and a pair of wings as shinin Gabriel's, somebody would be found s where on the footstool with so bad a of color blindness as to shoot thee f blackbird."—*Knight's Master Book, E mans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Nothing is ever ideal in this w Everything takes on different appeara according to who is doing the looking

Amazing Grace

by MRS. HERSEL BOWEN
Winterville, North Carolina

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see."

HAVE you ever stood at the window of trouble, gazing out, praying with all your heart and soul: "Lord, please don't let anything bad happen to my loved ones or anyone else"? It seems that your heart will almost break as you see and hear of the terrible things that are happening to us and those about us.

Why? we ask ourselves. What did I do to deserve this? What have I done to put a stop to it? What have you done to stop the trouble that is so prevalent among us today?

I once was a wretched soul, but God saw this lonely, lost creature and reached down, took my hand, and helped me over many a rough, rocky road. Yes, I have stumbled, but never have I fallen so low that God didn't see me and set me up on my feet again. Friend, don't let anyone try to tell you that the life of the Christian is an easy one; believe me, it is not!

Oh, the difference in my life now than before I was saved! Now I have someone to lift me up when I fall, someone to find me when I am lost, and someone to help me when the world blinds me with troubles and heartaches. If your window of life is shut, please open it and look out into the world. Yes, there is work for all of us to do, and now is the time. All our troubles, heartaches, and sorrows will not go away by just closing the window; it takes the peace of God in our hearts toward our fellowman and the love of God for those about us to close the window to the evils about us.

"Thru many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home."

If we could only get the sinner (and all who have sinned and come short of the glory of God) to try God's way, they would never want to go back into this sin-sick way of life. It is so wonderful to be a child of God! Are we as Christians concerned enough for the lost? How many hours do we spend in making a living? How many hours do we spend in making preparations for the life to come? Your life, your friend's life, your neighbor's life—are they important to you? Man was the crowning achievement of God's creation, and human personality is the outstanding marvel in a world of wonders. Just think. God knows when a sparrow falls to the ground and He cares. But just think of the value God has put on us—man! Dare we let our fellowman go out into eternity without having tried to tell him of our wonderful Saviour?

"When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun."

—Poetry by John Newton.

MISSIONS

CALVARY MISSION ORGANIZED

by Mrs. Clara Elmore

A small group of true believers heard and answered the command of Christ to "go and tell to all people the message of Christ." They felt they could best do this by organizing into a new mission where all could be used of the Master as He saw fit.

This group met for the first time December 27, 1970, in a home, with eleven present for Sunday school and fifteen present for the eleven o'clock worship. On the following Lord's Day, the Sunday school enrollment lacked only one person doubling its number; and the eleven o'clock worship service lacked only three doubling its number. On this same day, January 3, 1971, we had two persons to unite with us on profession of faith and two by letter. This gave us a total of twenty-seven charter members in two Sundays' services. Two others have joined since by letter.

We have already purchased a new piano and are now negotiating the purchase of land on which to erect a sanctuary. God has richly blessed the efforts of this mission. We believe His Word, "I (we) can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (us)" (Philippians 4:13).

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Mission, 703 Atlantic Avenue, Kinston, North Carolina, was organized on January 3, 1971—one week from its beginning.

A woman's auxiliary has been organized within the mission, and we plan to try to meet the standard requirements for achievement.

We covet the prayers of God's people that we may truly be in His will at all times. We want to be as the hymn says, "In the Service of the King." Our one goal is to reach souls for the Master.

We have had one infant dedication service and a baptismal service on January 20, at 3 p.m. Our pastor is the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, a truly dedicated servant of God. He is a God-fearing man who is willing to be used of Him.

Our attendance is steadily increasing as God is hearing and answering our prayers and using these people for His glory. To you who are interested in joining us in this work, we are holding the charter membership open for several more weeks.

At the present we are meeting in the rear of a building at 703 Atlantic Avenue with Sunday school at 10 a.m., morning worship services at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. each Sunday, and Wednesday evening services at 7:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

THE WORD OR WORKS?

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one thing was needful. That one thing that is needful is the Word of God, which Mary was receiving. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). This Scripture is speaking of Jesus Christ, whom God sent in the form of flesh to be the Word and give the Word himself to man. He, the Word, is recorded for us in the New Testament and prophesied about in the Old. He is God revealed to man, you and me. Jesus told Martha that this "one thing that is needful which Mary chose, should not be taken away from her." Mary was learning of God's nature and His unending love. The Apostle Paul says, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38, 39).

Many new-born Christians today, after accepting Jesus and joining a church, get involved in all social activities of the church and community possible, and as Martha, get so wrapped up with all this activity that they neglect to hear the very One who gave them salvation to begin with. I am not against social works, but am an advocate of such, as works are needful to perfect our faith. Our Lord tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we shouldn't get so involved in work that we neglect to study the words of our Saviour. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). We should make a habit of reading and studying the Scriptures daily. On the other hand that doesn't mean we should sit in a room and read the Bible all day and neglect to do and care for our loved ones and humanity as a whole, but we are to "rightly divide the word of truth." I believe that once we kneel and wash the feet of Jesus with our tears, the desire to do His work comes to us; but I am afraid that many soon forget the initial joy, peace, and comfort of salvation, and begin to move away from God—living more and more like the world. Instead of kneeling again before Jesus and confessing our unfaithfulness to Him and asking forgiveness and more strength and faith, we often try to justify our neglect of the Word by getting more involved in some civic or social work and expect to please God by showing how good we can be. Some even think they can gain salvation from "being good." Salvation is ". . . the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9). ". . . This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6:29). Before we can please God by any works, we have to accept this Gift of the Word, Jesus. "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; . . ." (Isaiah 64:6). Only after coming to Jesus is any of our works accepted by God; so it can't be anything we do of our own to please God, but rather, by His grace through Christ Jesus.

We get salvation and begin living a life for Christ and to the very best of our ability doing His works of caring for our brothers; but often forgetting that we received this salvation as a free gift from God because of His love for us, we begin trusting the works we are doing to gain favor with God. Maybe we begin thinking that we are paying God for our salvation by working for Him. No matter how much work we do, it can't save us; and therefore we should never trust our works to save us or to gain favor with God. We do works because we desire to love and obey Him. "We love him, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Works shouldn't be done because we feel we have to pay God for Jesus' coming. Bless God, the price was paid in full when Jesus said, ". . . It is finished: . . ." (John 19:30). If one could work or in any way earn his way to heaven, then Christ died in vain. Of the Word and works, I say that we first have to receive the Word before works are of any avail; and then we do works because we are grateful to Jesus Christ for hanging and dying on a tree for us, as we are unable through any means to save ourselves from a world of sin.

If you have never come to the feet of Jesus, or if you have been there and through your own neglect forgotten His grace, then come and weep at His feet and know that wonderful joy and peace! Go do the work of Him that saved you, coming often to His feet in prayer and Scripture reading, getting more spiritual food for the next day. He awaits all with open arms. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all u righteousness" (1 John 1:9). To G be the glory!

(NOTE: Virgil Lanier is serving time in t state correctional institution in Raleig North Carolina, and since his conversio refers to himself as a "free" prisoner.)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was received co cerning the 1971 Youth Fellowship Au iliary Program Book:

"Our youth group has just finished first meeting of the new year. We e joyed the program so much . . . that decided to write our thoughts down paper. The program lets the individu get involved instead of just reading. O group certainly enjoyed it. We ev made plans to act them (the progran out by assigning the parts ahead of ti so as to give the person ample time get in the "groove." I am sure we w get more from the lessons, because want to. Thank you for the new seri . . . Debbie Ambrose, Pinetown, No Carolina."

We are gratified to have received t and other favorable reports about 1971 program book. It is our hope t it will prove worthwhile to all our you people who are using it.

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THE REASON

"Daddy," asked the Rev. Par Dailey's 13-year-old daughter Bren "why can't a man have more than wife? Where in the Bible does it it's not right?"

Relating the story to a Bible class, Baptist minister said that he thought awhile, then suggested the girl read M thew 6:24.

The biblical verse begins: "No n can serve two masters, . . ."

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Two schoolgirls were discussing t families.

"Why does your grandmother read Bible so much?" asked one.

"I think," said the other, "that sh cramming for her finals."

—Selec

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What is the baptism of the ly Ghost?

Answer: I don't know where I first ard or read a definition like this, but ve heard and read something of the nd many times. It is the act of the ly Spirit by which He takes a penitent nner, cleanses him, and baptizes him to the body of Christ, making him a nctioning member of that body. This ppens at the same time the Bible ints to as it speaks of the new birth, generation, salvation, sanctification s initial state), justification, crucifix-n, adoption, faith in its genesis, etc. e main part water baptism plays is to mbolize that which is brought about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "Know not, that so many of us as were bap-ed into Jesus Christ were baptized to his death" (Romans 6:3); "For ye e all the children of God by faith in rist Jesus. For as many of you as have en baptized into Christ have put on rist" (Galatians 3:26, 27); "I speak ter the manner of men because of the firmity of your flesh: for as ye have elded your members servants to un-eanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; en so now yield your members ser-nts to righteousness unto holiness" omans 6:19).

Man followed Satan's directions when lost fellowship with God. Now the ly way back to that hallowed relation which he may again come into inti-te fellowship with his Maker is to sake Satan and his way of life, and the God-planned and prepared way ne back to the Lord. Together with else the Bible says of this forsaking the devil, sin, the way of unrighteous-s, and returning to Him is this initial —the baptism of the Holy Ghost. No-dy is saved, nobody has forsaken sin, nobody has power over the satanic y of unrighteousness except those who the Holy Ghost have been baptized and made a member of the body of ist. It is then and only then that a sinner has a new mind which is in Christ Jesus.

This baptism by the Holy Ghost is essential to salvation, but the baptism into water, though essential to obedience, does not seem to be essential to or prerequisite to salvation. In proof of this, some scholars hold the view that the thief was crucified for notorious crimes he had personally committed; and he was one of the two that joined the mob of both Romans and Jews in ridiculing Jesus, and at that time he was crucified with Him. The one thief repented and begged and received mercy from Christ while on the cross, from which he did not come down until he was saved and his body dead, which of course seems to give no time or place for water baptism.

In his book, "The Great Doctrines of the Bible," Dr. William Evans gives the following helpful discussion on Pages 116, 117:

"The filling differs somewhat from the indwelling. We may speak of the baptism of the Spirit as that initial act of the Spirit by which, at the moment of our regeneration, we are baptized by the Spirit into the body of Christ; the Spirit then comes and takes up His dwelling within the believer. The filling with the Spirit, however, is not confined to one experience, or to any one point of time exclusively; it may be repeated times without number. There is one baptism, but many infillings with the Spirit. The experience of the apostles in the Acts bears witness to the fact that they were repeatedly filled with the Spirit. Whenever a new emergency arose they sought a fresh infilling with the Spirit (cf. Acts 2:4 with 4:31 showing that the apostles who were filled on the Day of Pentecost were again filled a few days after).

"There is a difference between possessing the Spirit, and being filled with the Spirit. All Christians have the first; not all have the second, although all may have. Ephesians 4:30 speaks of believers as being 'sealed,' whereas, 5:18 commands those same believers to 'be filled (to be being filled again and again) with the Spirit.'

"Both the baptism and the infilling may take place at once. There need be no long wilderness experience in the life of the believer. It is the will of God that we should be filled (or, if you prefer the expression, 'be baptized') with the Spirit at the moment of conversion, and remain filled all the time. Whenever we are called upon for any special service, or for any new emergency, we should seek a fresh infilling of the Spirit, either for life or service, as the case may be."

All Christians should so live as to invite a continued infilling of the Holy Spirit which would increase and assure them of exhibiting a full life of activities, both obedient and pleasing to their Lord and Saviour.

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Question: What was the language Jesus spoke while here in the flesh?

Answer: The language spoken in Palestine in Jesus' day was Aramaic, a Syro-Chaldaic dialect, which after the Babylonian captivity, supplemented the original Hebrew; although the latter continued in use for ecclesiastical documents. Therefore, it is logical to conclude that our Lord generally used the Aramaic since the common people would not have understood Him as well had He spoken some other language.

It is commonly believed that Matthew wrote his Gospel in the Aramaic and that the other three evangelists wrote in the Koine Greek. The commercial and literary language of Palestine then was Greek. John and Luke were both educated men, and therefore it is generally agreed that they knew Greek. Mark was a young man of some standing and would also probably have a good writing knowledge of the Greek of his day. I would assume that our Lord could have spoken some in both Greek and Hebrew as well as being fluent in the use of Koine Greek.

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Attention Leaguers

The State League Convention will meet March 13, 1971. All those interested in competing in the State Sword Drill Contest, between the ages of 9-12, are asked to contact Deborah Hines King at Route 2, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572. A trip to Cragmont will be awarded the winner, and the runner-up will have one half of his expenses paid.

STORIES

for our youth



ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HEDGE

MATILDA NORDTVEDT

SUSAN glanced at the clock on the schoolroom wall. Just fifteen minutes of geography left, and then school would be out. Going home with Shelley Mason after school would be such fun. Susan loved going to Shelley's beautiful big house.

Susan felt good inside. It was an honor to be asked home by popular, rich Shelley Mason. Susan felt good for another reason, too. It was that verse that she had discovered in her Bible: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

Susan had asked her Sunday school teacher yesterday what the word "abide" meant.

"Well," answered Mrs. Perkins, "it means to do God's will, to obey Him all the time."

"And then we can ask for anything we want and get it?" Susan asked.

"Yes and no, Susan," Mrs. Perkins answered, frowning thoughtfully. "When we are obeying Jesus, we will ask for those things that are His will for us. It doesn't mean that we can ask Him for a horse or a barrel of candy or just anything we want to satisfy our whims."

Susan grinned, picturing a barrel of candy in the corner of her tiny bedroom. "Thank you, Mrs. Perkins," she said. "I think I understand."

Now, as she remembered the conversation, Susan's heart beat fast with excitement. Surely spending a week at Bible camp must be God's will and not just a selfish whim. She could pray that God would help her earn the fifteen dollars she needed. Of course, she'd better remember to keep her part of the bargain—to obey.

Susan sighed happily when the bell rang and she could put away her books. Grabbing her coat, scarf, and mittens, she joined Shelley and Shelley's neighbor, Anne Marks, as they walked out into a fresh, white world. New snow! How lovely! It was almost too pretty to walk in!

The girls talked and laughed merrily as they trudged through the snow. Soon they arrived at the big white house with the green shutters where Shelley lived.

"Come over and play with us in the snow after you change," called Shelley to Anne, who was running to her own house.

"O.K.," Anne called back. "Be right there."

Shelley's mother had fresh brownies to offer the hungry girls when they came in. Susan loved the thick chocolate frosting.

"Let's make a snowman," suggested Shelley when they had finished their snack. "A great big one! The snow is just right." They ran out into the large back yard. Anne was waiting for them.

"Who's that?" asked Susan, noticing a girl about their own age at the edge of the yard.

Shelley laughed. "Oh, don't pay any attention to her. She's a retard!"

"A what?" asked Susan curiously.

Shelley tapped her head with a mittened hand. "Not all there in the upper story," she said with a laugh. "She goes to a special school for dumb kids. Come on, let's get started."

They had rolled the first big ball and were patting it in place when Susan felt a tug on her sleeve. She looked up quickly. There stood the girl Shelley had called a "retard." Susan looked her curiously. She was short and fa and her eyes were different somehow Susan smiled, and the girl smiled back

"Dana, too," she said, putting h hand on the big ball of snow.

"No, no!" cried Shelley. "You can play with us, Dana. You go make you own snowman."

The girl didn't move. "Dana, too she said again. "Dana play, too."

"Dana!" Shelley almost shouted. "Yo can't play with us. Now go home Shelley pushed the girl's hand away fro the snowball.

Dana's eyes filled with tears, and h lips quivered as she turned and trudge slowly through the snow to her ow yard.

"Why don't we let her play?" su gested Susan as she watched the lone figure disappear behind the hedge th separated the two yards.

"No" snapped Shelley. "She doesn know how to play right."

"She'd probably put the snowman head on the bottom instead of the top offered Anne. Shelley and Anne laug ed, but Susan didn't think it was funn

"I'll get a carrot for the nose," dec ed Shelley, running to the house, "a one of Dad's old hats. You roll som more snow. Be right back."

Susan helped Anne make another l snowball, but somehow it wasn't fun a more. She kept thinking of the lone girl behind the hedge. "If (you) abi in me . . ." The words of the ver flitted through Susan's mind. Th meant obey, Mrs. Perkins had said. P of the verse from the Sunday befo flashed into Susan's mind, too: "Be kind one to another" (Ephesians 4:32).

But if she obeyed Jesus and was k to Dana, maybe Shelley would get an at her and not ever ask her over aga Susan stood up and picked blobs of sn off her mitten, trying to decide. Ma she should just forget about Dana. M be she wouldn't know the differen anyway. Maybe—

But she had promised Jesus that would keep her part of the bargain. would try to obey always.

Shelley came running up with a rot, a funny hat, and a broom. "Thi going to be a supersnowman," squealed.

Suddenly Susan knew what she to do. "I'm going over to help D make a snowman," she said. She t ed and ran quickly before they c stop her. Dana was behind the he

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OPEN LETTER TO AUXILIARIES

ear Auxiliaries of the Eastern District:

Do you remember that at the Septem- er 24 meeting of the Eastern District oman's Auxiliary Convention, held at e First Church, Kinston, the auxiliaries the Eastern District were challenged raise one thousand dollars ($1,000) ward buying kitchen utensils for the ning hall at Camp Vandemere?

The purpose of this letter is to report these auxiliaries the progress you ave made, and to petition you to make ur donations as soon as possible.

We would like to thank you for accept- g this challenge and the support you ave given to the camp. Without your pport Camp Vandemere will never be e camp it should be for the Lord, our urch, and our youth. We do pray that e Lord will open up the way that we ay receive the necessary funds to meet r indebtedness of sixteen thousand llars ($16,000) on February 1, 1971; nd that a camping program can be held the campsite next summer. With ur help and prayers we are confident is can be done.

The amount received to date for kit- en utensils is as follows:

uxiliary Convention	$ 25.00
inston Auxiliary	10.00
ntioch Auxiliary	31.50
rapahoe Auxiliary	185.00
ore Creek Auxiliary	10.00
tway Auxiliary	5.00
t. Zion Auxiliary (Pamlico County)	25.00
Totals	$291.50

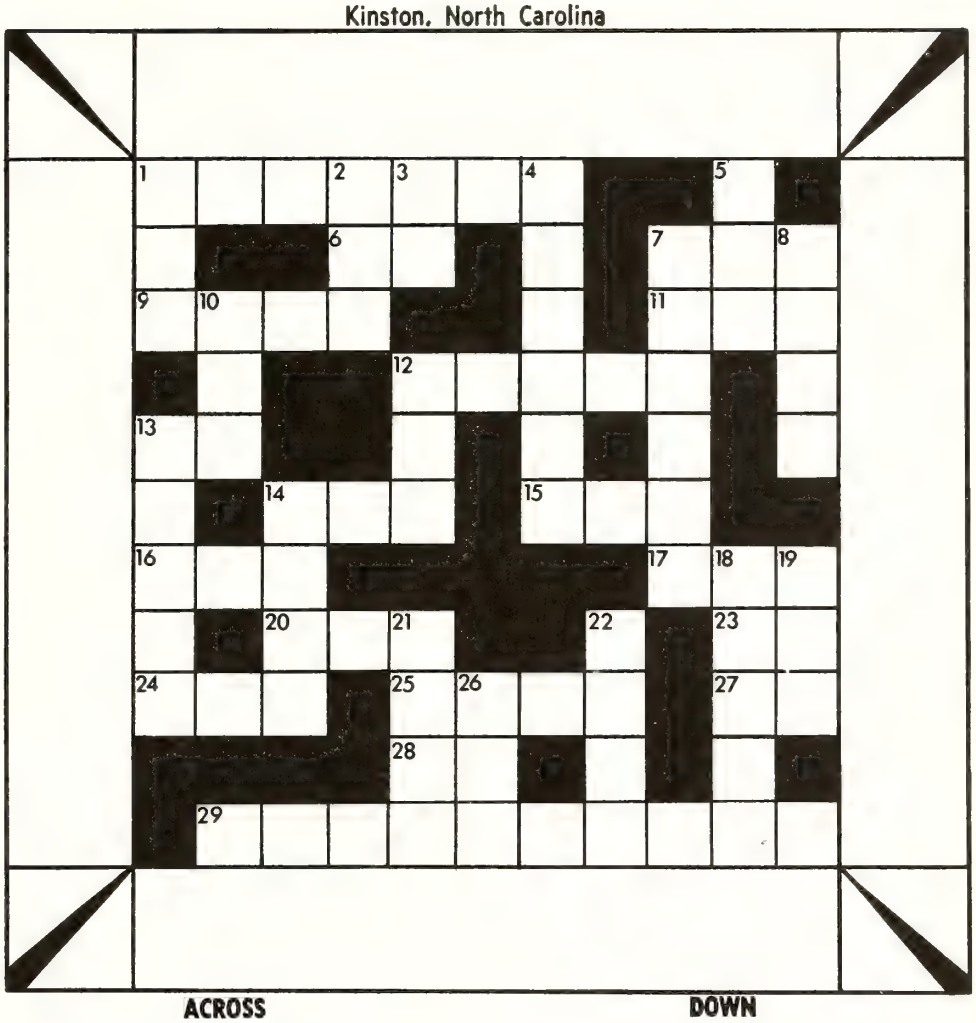
This leaves a balance of $708.50 on ur goal of $1,000.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Sumner
Business Manager-Treasurer
2918 Camilia Street
Kinston, N. C. 28501

TEST YOUR CROSSWORD SKILL

by KAREN REGISTER
Kinston, North Carolina



ACROSS

1. Ten wise, ten foolish
5. Fifteenth letter of alphabet
6. Joseph's father-in-law was a priest of _____. Genesis 41:45
7. Naaman's cure
9. Solomon's temple made of this
11. How many have sinned?
12. Moses' brother; first Levite priest
13. ". . . Follow _____, . . ." (Matthew 4: 19).
14. Decorated border of priests' garments
15. ". . . I _____ daily. . . ." (Corinthians 15:31).
16. The blind, when healed, could _____.
17. Falsehood; untruth
20. Great sorrow
23. Transgression
25. First king of Israel
27. "_____ ye therefore ready also: . . ." (Luke 12:40).
28. ". . . though your sins be _____ scarlet, . . ." (Isaiah 1:18).
29. ". . . _____ with grief: . . ." (Isaiah 53:3).

DOWN

1. Sacred oath
2. Jehovah
3. Opposite of out
4. Holy, sanctified
5. Anointing substance, Psalm 92:10
7. Prophet who interpreted handwriting on wall
8. Wicked plan
10. Metal in its natural state
12. Upper limb
13. Writer of Pentateuch; led Israel from Egypt
14. Carved of stone, Luke 23:53
18. To absorb; to impress deeply
19. Organ of sight
21. Jacob's twin brother
22. Father-in-law of 21 down, Genesis 26:34
26. Son of Abijam, 1 Kings 15:8

(Answers will appear next week.)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 7



PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Lesson Text: Luke 11:11-13; 18-1-8

Memory Verse: Luke 11:10

I. INTRODUCTION

The question that is used for the title for today's lesson is one that reflects the attitude and the philosophy of worldly men of every generation. Since many things do not manifest their true value to the natural senses, that man who uses them for his sole guide is likely to make many and serious mistakes. They are likely, like Esau, to trade away their birthright for a mess of pottage, or swap their hope for heaven to gratify their thirst for pleasure.

Righteousness and service to God bring their own rewards. Chief of these, of course, is eternal life; but this is by no means the only reward that comes to the faithful—they have also the satisfaction of knowing that they are employed in a work that is necessary and beneficial, that their labors are motivated by a spirit of love and not a spirit of selfishness, and most important of all the solemn pride of knowing that they are colaborers with Christ in the effort to bring about man's redemption and make it possible for the kingdom of God to prevail on earth.

Our lesson text for today's study is taken from Matthew 20:1-16, and deals with the mysteries that surround the kingdom of heaven.

The purpose of today's study is to show us that God is justified in giving eternal life to all who meet His conditions.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Prayer is one of the Christian's greatest privileges.
2. Prayer also carries a great responsibility.
3. The Gospel of Luke is preeminently the Gospel of Prayer.

B. Father and Son (Luke 11:11-13)

1. Who is the father on earth (vv. 11, 12)?
2. Who is the Father in heaven (v. 13)?

C. A Judge and a Widow (Luke 18:1-8)

1. The purpose of this parable is man's attitude toward God (v. 1).
2. What are the personalities of the parable (vv. 2, 3)?
3. Persistence in prayer is important (vv. 4, 5).
4. Perseverance in prayer brings results (vv. 6-8).

D. Conclusion

God withholds the answer to our prayers for a season to try our faith, so let us be persistent in our prayers.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Too often prayer is considered to be a one-way street. Prayer is man's expression to God. This type of prayer may be worship, adoration, praise, or the glorification of God. And this type of praying does not put man on the spot. All he has to do is reflect the feeling he has in his heart. Also, when man glorifies or honors God, he is giving the adoration to God that is rightly due Him.

However, prayer is also receiving. This type of prayer particularly requires boldness and faith. The man who is going to receive answers from God is the man who meets God's standards and requirements. He must pray in the Spirit, in accordance with the Word, and in the name of the Son; and he must do so continually and in faith. If he does not meet God's requirements, he will not receive answers to prayer. Prayer is both asking God and receiving from Him. There are many who ask in prayer but few who receive (cf. James 4:2; 5:17, 18).—Bible Expositor.

B. Andrew Carnegie, multimillionaire steel magnate of a past generation, once told a minister that he did not feel the need of prayer. Said he, "What is the use of praying? I already have ever thing I want." Replied the man of Go "Perhaps, sir, you could pray for th grace of humility." The least man wh talks to God in prayer is superior to th loftiest man who feels no need fo prayer.

"Tell me, little man," the minister as ed Roger, "do you say your praye every night?" "Oh, no, sir," Roger r plied truthfully. "Not every night. Som nights I don't want anything."—The A vanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. "Let me set it out in a threefo proposition (a) the Father's love wan the best for His children—that is tru upon the merely human plane; and whe the love is God's love, it is intensifie manifold. Whatever is good for us, H wants us to have; and it stands writte that '. . . no good thing will he wit hold from them that walk uprightl (Psalm 84:11). When therefore, w come to Him with our requests, we ma rest assured that, if it be for our hig est welfare, He is no less anxious tha we that it should be granted us. At th point we take a step forward: (b) Th Father's wisdom knows the best for H children—in the human sphere, love not always wise; the fond parent ma err exceedingly as to what is best fo the beloved child. This is a proble that can never arise in the higher rel tionship, for His love never outruns H wisdom. So exactly do the two qualiti correspond in Him, that any refusal v may have is a sure indication that th thing we ask for is not for our goo and therefore His loving 'No' may l accepted trustingly and cheerfully. O other thing is to be added: (c) The Fat er's power does the best for His ch dren—over and over again in the huma family, the thing which the parent wan the child to have, and which is knov to be good and wise, is not given, b cause it is not within the ability of th parent to grant it. How different it in God's case: what His love dictat and His wisdom approves, His power c supply!"—Selected.

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Teaching is not a flow of words, n the draining of an hourglass, but an fectual procedure by which a man com to know something he knew not befo or to know it better.—Selected.

Children's Home

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rents, the Christian Free Will Baptists. ey have enough to overcome by the ct of their being in a child care institu-n, but now what do you think this is ing to them—that fact that we do not em really to care? Talk about segre-tion and being a minority group! They n tell you all about it! Think! Are e happy, and do we take pride in what e are doing?

A new year is here. Are we pleased th our actions in the old year? We ve a new chance. What are we going do about it?

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oys' and Girls' Stories

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ying. Susan put her arm around her. "Let's make a snowman, Dana," she id brightly. "First we'll roll a big ball r the bottom."

Dana clapped her hands together with light and brushed away her tears. She as clumsy and couldn't roll the ball snow very well, but Susan let her help yway. Soon they had the snowman nished. Dana squealed with excite-ent. Looking at Dana's happy face ade Susan feel happy, too.

"We should have a hat for him," Susan as saying, when she heard a door slam. e turned to see a woman coming out Dana's house. It was her mother.

Dana's mother inspected the snow-an, much to Dana's delight. "It's a ce snowman, Dana," she said, then rned to Susan. "I've been watching u from the window," she said with a nile. "Thank you for being so kind my daughter."

Susan smiled. "Oh, that's nothing," e answered. "It was fun."

The woman asked Susan her name, here she lived, and about her parents, en said, "I've been looking for a girl out your age to entertain Dana for me Saturdays when I'm extra busy. Do u think you'd like the job?"

Susan could hardly keep from jump-g up and down in her excitement. ure, I would," she answered happily. When do you want me to start?" In r heart she was saying, "Thank you, sus. It's happening just like the verse id!"—My Pleasure.

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"Doing what can't be done is the glory living."—Selected.

NEWS NOTES

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Thursday evening, January 28, and continuing through Sunday morning, January 31. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Wayne West of Wilson, North Carolina, as the evangelist. In the Sunday morning worship service the Rev. Chris Singleton will bring the message. The pastor, the Rev. J. A. Evans, and the church membership cordially invite all neighboring church members, especially the youth, to attend.

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Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention at Macedonia Church

The Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention will meet with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina, Sunday morning, January 31. The Rev. Walter Sutton is the host pastor. The scheduled program is as follows:

10:00—Prayer
—Convention Hymn
—Welcome, Mr. Alton Gaskins, Sunday School Superintendent, Macedonia Church
—Response, Mrs. Eula Mae Price, Bridgeton Church
10:15—Recognition of Pastors and Sunday School Officers
10:20—Sunday School Convention Offering and Offertory
10:25—Program, Host Sunday School
10:40—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Matthew Prescott
11:05—Business Period (Finance Committee)
11:20—Special Music, Host Sunday School
11:30—Discussion, Mrs. Pauline Mizzell, Mount Zion Sunday School
11:40—Presentation of Awards
11:45—Sermon, the Rev. Walter Sutton
—Benediction

President: Mr. Harvey Whitford
Secretary: Miss Velma Morris
Treasurer: Mr. Vaughn Hill
Program Chairman: Mrs. Willie Stilley

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If the forces of Christianity were one instead of so many denominations fighting each other, think what a great power the church would be for God.—Selected.

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We take the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, as the foundation of Christian union and communion.—Selected.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Crafus F. Armstrong, 171 Hannah Pickett Avenue, East Rockingham, North Carolina 28379, announces that he is available to serve any church full time. Any church desiring the services of Mr. Armstrong may contact him at the above address or by telephoning him at 997-2851.

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The Rev. Bill Gaylord wishes to announce that he is available for pastoral services second and fourth Sundays. Any church desiring his services for these Sundays may contact him by writing Box 2173, East Carolina University Station, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; or by telephoning 752-2040.

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The Rev. Curtis Wayne Jones wishes to announce that he is available for half-time or full-time pastoral work. Also, he will be glad to supply for any pastor who might need his assistance. He may be contacted at the following address: 1403 Irving Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103; or by calling 724-9694.

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WHY DO THEY DO THE WAY THEY DO?

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men did marvel" (v. 20). Is your Sunday school carelessly losing those whom you have, while your teachers are "busy here and there" doing things other than holding and properly teaching them? Or is your Sunday school the kind of school about which the people of the region round about "marvel"?

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A kind word is never lost. It keeps going on and on, from one person to another, until at last it comes back to you again.—Anonymous.

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THE PARTNERSHIP

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er was busy, so he stepped back to the Pharmacy department to make his purchase.

The pharmacist, a speaking acquaintance, grinned as he took the five cents. "Look at this nickel in comparison to this stack of bills." He pointed to the yellow sheets representing bills he was working on.

Dean smiled and nodded.

"I'd like to think I'll get even a nickel from some of these," the druggist said with resignation; "but that's part of the business."

"Say, you know something?" the man added as Dean turned to go. "You'd really be surprised to know who the people are who have some of our longest standing debts. It's the people who call themselves good Christians—those who profess to be a little above the rest of us but who run up bills they can't pay."

"Oh?" Dean turned back.

"Well, I suppose it isn't as bad as it sounds, but some of them are our best customers. I think some of them have no real intention of paying back all of what they owe us. I guess church-going people aren't any worse in this respect than others. It's just that you expect more from them, I guess." The pharmacist grinned, his face reddening.

"Guess I got carried away on my pet theme. You're a churchgoer yourself, aren't you? Well, nothing personal, but you probably know what I mean."

"Yes," Dean said, looking at the gum in his hand, "I know what you mean."

As he walked back toward his store, Dean thought about the truth of what the pharmacist said. This was his answer. It hadn't come in the way he had expected, but he could tell Mr. Peters to lend that thirty thousand to someone else. The pharmacist was right. People expected more from a Christian, and they had a right to. A person living for the Lord reaped more than just the ordinary rewards of a life of service, because there was an interest paid on Christianity in terms of testimony, reputation, and witness. He couldn't afford to ruin his reserve by overstepping his bounds. He had his interest to protect.

There were times to step out in faith, much as he and Ellen had done when they first opened the store. Now, simply through a man's conversation, God had shown him that this wasn't the time to expand. It wasn't a complex or hazy answer to prayer. Dean felt the peace and contentment that come from walking in the will of God. The way would open for the best time to expand the store. The chances were that God's way would far surpass the plans and ideas in the file on his office desk. That was the beauty of the partnership. It was Ellen and himself in a partnership with God, all the way.—Gospel Herald.

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PRESIDENT RECEIVES WYCLIFFE GROUP

On Wednesday, December 2, President Richard M. Nixon received representatives of the Wycliffe Bible Translators in his White House office.

Wycliffe's general director, Dr. William Cameron Townsend, reported to President Nixon that Wycliffe workers had entered their 500th tribe. Dr. Townsend was accompanied by Wycliffe's executive director, Dr. Benjamin F. Elson; Senator Carl Curtis of Nebraska; Mr. Dan Piatt of the Billy Graham Association; a Wycliffe's board member; and Mr. James Hefley, author. The party presented the President with a specialty inscribed copy of the book about Wycliffe, "Who Brought the Word."

President Nixon recalled that in September, 1956, he had participated in dedication ceremonies for a Wycliffe plane, "The Spirit of Orange County," held at Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, California. The plane continues in service in Peru.

President Nixon presented an autographed Bible to Dr. Townsend and gave each of the group a pair of cuff links bearing the presidential seal.

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Love is the divine secret of unity, the God-given lubricant guaranteed to overcome friction in human relations.—Burris Bulter.

Sinners in Church

"I don't go to church because I a
not what I ought to be." These are th
words of a man speaking to a ministe
He obviously did not know the tru
meaning of the church. The church
for no one else but repentant sinner
The church is the one institution in ou
world whose sole requirement for mem
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what we ought to be. We confess ou
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is the Head of the church. The churc
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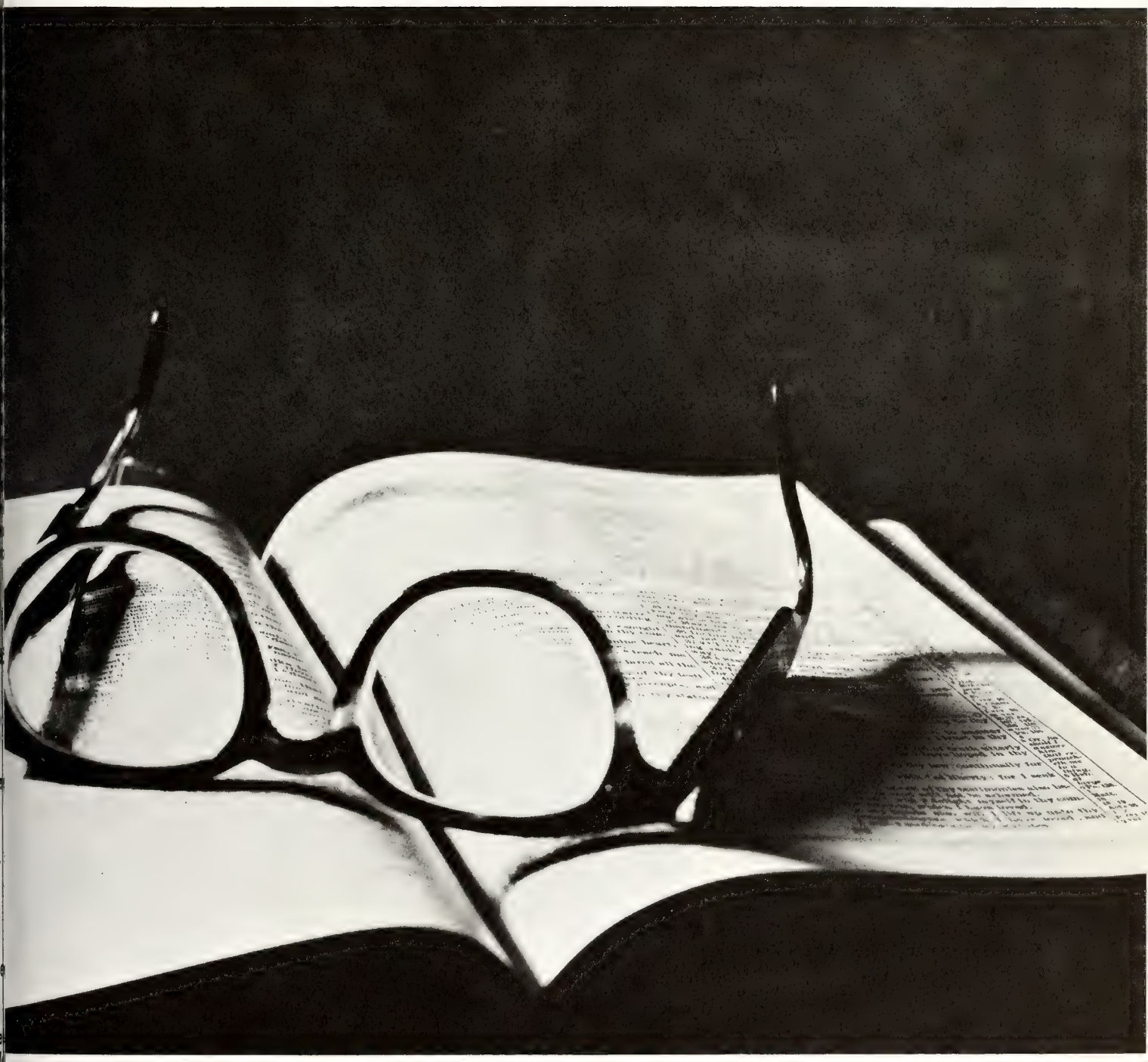
Water (Acts 10:47).
Much water (John 3:23).
Going to the water (Acts 8:36; Matth 3:5, 6).
Going into the water (Acts 8:38).
Burial (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12)
Planting (Romans 6:5).
Washing (Acts 22:16).
Birth (John 3:5).
Coming out of the water (Acts 8:39).
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For teachers: "The Bible is a revo
tion of God's will. The aim of every
son is to lead the pupil to live acco
ing to God's will as revealed in the
ble."—Guy P. Leavitt.

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MY TEACHER'S BIBLE -- GONE!

Editorial...

MY TEACHER'S BIBLE – GONE!

My teacher's Bible was beautiful to me, but in some people's eyes it was an ugly old book. Its cover was faded and worn, and its pages were ragged and dirty from years of use. I used to look at it and feel secure just knowing that it was near. They say now that a schoolroom is no place for such a book, but I cherish the time when it used to sit on her desk.

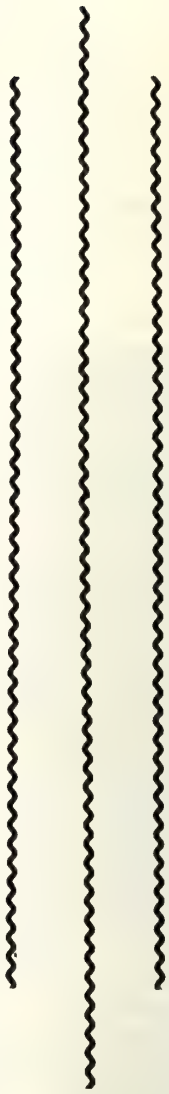
It held its place—along with Arithmetic, Language, Geography, and History—and somehow seemed the most important of the books. She would take it and read from it the first thing each morning. It seemed to make the day go better, to get us ready for our lessons with the right attitude, knowing that we had just communicated with God through His Word and through our united prayer. She would handle it gently as though it were some precious jewel—which indeed it was! They say now that a teacher is not wise to patronize such a religious book, but I cherish the time when she used to hold it in her hand.

It was educational. I learned about the Egyptian bondage and the parting of the Red Sea. I learned how Jesus calmed the tempest and fed the multitude. I was awed at the raising of Lazarus and the healing of the blind man, and I used to wish that I had been the good Samaritan. These stories were so familiar that I could recite them all, and I was eager each morning to hear more. They say now that a teacher has no business telling such stories to school children, but I cherish the time when I learned these truths from her lips.

I went back to visit that schoolroom sometime ago. The room was painted the same light green. The same old desk sat in the corner. The blackboard looked just as chalky and needed washing as it always did. There was some scrap paper, balled up and carelessly left on the floor by some student who had left in a hurry, and a red pencil was lying on the windowsill. On the teacher's desk sat the same vase with a typical rose bud, and there were all of her books—Arithmetic, Language, Geography, History—but wait, one was missing—her old faded Bible! In the place where it had been for so many years was an unfamiliar book by some man named Darwin.

With tears in my eyes and pain in my heart, I couldn't help but rush from the room. And as I ran through the doorway my foot brushed against the trash can, emptying its contents on the floor. There among all the pencil shavings, used chewing gum, and scrap paper was my teacher's precious Bible—discarded and waiting for its turn at the incinerator. Next year my little boy will be starting to school, and it pains me to think that his teacher might not have a Bible . . .

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Kinston Minister Receives Silver Beaver Award



FRANK CRARY, an ordained minister and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, North Carolina, was honored by the East Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America, at their annual recognition banquet held at Washington, North Carolina, Wednesday night, January 20. Mr. Crary received the coveted Silver Beaver Award, the highest award that can be presented to an adult in scouting.

Active in the scouting program for more than 50 years, the Kinston minister has been especially active in all district and council camporees since 1959. He has served as institutional representative for the First church in Kinston since 1959, and was the district camping chairman for the years 1961 and 1962, and currently serves as a member of the camping committee.

In 1960 Mr. Crary received the Green Band Award for meritorious service to scouting, and in 1968 he received the Council Compass Award.

In religious work the "scouting minister" has exhibited unselfish devotion to the cause of his Maker, as on numerous occasions he has conducted prayer meeting at the local church. He has served as deacon for several years, recently having been made an honorary deacon for life. A man humble in spirit, Mr. Crary does countless good deeds for his neighbors, never expecting or asking for thanks. He is chaplain of the Kinston National Guard and the Caswell District, and his visits to the hospital are nearly a daily habit.

He is a retired officer of the North Carolina National Guard and has received the North Carolina National Guard Distinguished Service Award, and is manager of the Kinston Airport Commission. He is also active in the United Fund.

The Kinston church is proud to have within its membership a man of Frank Crary's character, a man who serves not only in word, but in deed as well—a man who has had and will continue to have great influence on young men of America. We join with the boy scouts in saluting this most deserving recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS

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NOTICE

ALL PAST DIRECTORS OF ENCAMPMENTS AT CRAGMONT

Please send the number in attendance, the year, and the names of your encampments (this includes youth groups, ministers, women's groups, and church groups) to: The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

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THE GO-AHEAD IS GIVEN!

On Tuesday, January 19, a party of three, consisting of the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, president of the Cragmont Assembly Board; the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, publicity director; and Mr. Moses Farmer, surveyor and a member of the Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, arrived at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, to finalize contractural and financial agreements for the building of cottages number six and seven at Cragmont.

Final agreements were reached on Wednesday, January 21, and the contract with Mr. Cliff Myers, who was awarded the contract calling for the completion of two dormitory buildings for a cost of $34,000, was signed. The loan transaction with the Northwestern Bank of Black Mountain was completed for the sum of $25,000 and the corporate seal of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. was duly affixed.

The **go-ahead** has been given! The contractor is to begin construction in the immediate future, and assures us the buildings will be ready for occupancy by the 1971 campers! This is a momentus occasion which many have been eagerly awaiting. The go-ahead is also given for each of us as Free Will Baptists and for each of our churches. Send all funds, which we are sure are forthcoming, to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574, earmarked for the building fund.

As publicity director I am offering my service. I will be available to address your church group on any second, fourth, or fifth Sunday night, or during the week to speak to your laymen's league, woman's auxiliary, or youth auxiliary. I may be contacted as follows: P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851, or by calling 239-6471. We have a slide program and will attempt to answer any questions you might have regarding the development at Cragmont; also we are eager to share these things with you. We only ask that you allow us to receive a freewill offering for Cragmont at the close of the service.

Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
Publicity Director

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Attention, Cragmont Campers, 1971!

We have some important news for all Cragmont Campers for 1971! Due to the increases in the cost of living and the cost of operations of Cragmont Assembly, the total cost for the week this year will be $37. The additional $2 over last year's cost is to be paid as part of the registration fee. When you send in your registration fee this year, just remember that it will be $7 instead of the usual $5. The remaining $30 will be due as usual when you board the Cragmont bus.

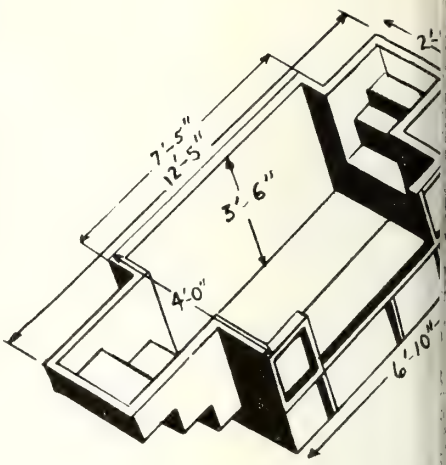
Don't forget—registration fee this year will be $7!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
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A church that does not practice stewardship is like the man who has electricity in his home but does not turn it on. He has power, light, and heat but does not enjoy it.—Selected.

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"Have It Good"

by
SHIRLEY M. DEVER

THE package from one of our dearest friends was unexpected. It contained the latest creation of one of my favorite authors—**Christy,** by Catherine Marshall. There was a card inside the book upon which our friend told us that the book was her expression of gratitude for a few days' vacation she had spent with us. Words have a way of engraving themselves upon a writer's mind. The last three words in this little note somehow left an indelible impression on my mind.

"Have it good," Pat ended her endearing note. This was her way of saying "good luck" or "best wishes," but somehow it was said differently and much better. Best of all, it sounded just like her. Pat is a spry, seventy-one-year-old woman who has undoubtedly wished the best for everyone she knows every one of her life.

These three little words reminded me of a time another close friend and I were talking about the secret of enjoying life. She told me that a couple of choice sentences written by Bailey Willis, a professor at Stanford University, pretty well summed up the secret as far as she was concerned. "The world is a remarkable place. Be good to yourself and study it well." I'll buy that, won't you?

"Have it good." If this is our wish for other people, we also need to know how to make good things happen in our own lives. In one of his newspaper columns, Norman Vincent Peale went so far as to say that "by taking a positive attitude toward each day, you can make good days out of bad days." This, of course, is the way to have it good nearly everyday of your life!

Here's the way a potentially bad day might be transformed into a good day. (This really happened to me.) I had a house full of company. I needed to make a trip to town so that I could get my latest writings in the mail, gas our truck, and do the weekly shopping. Above all, it presented a great excuse to get off by myself for a couple of hours. But destiny threw me a curve. My niece and nephew and Labrador retriever made such a fuss that the rest of the group thought I should take them with me. So I did.

Outnumbered, I drove the five miles into town with two lively kids, a one-hundred-and-ten-pound dog, and a brief case full of manuscripts. I started to turn into the post office, but six-year-old Mark informed me that it would be wiser to get gas, since there were no cars in line at the service station. I took his advice. At the post office later, I ran into friends who hadn't met the kids before. They were satisfied by the chance meeting, and I was able to beg off visiting them that evening. Rock, the dog, chased off a couple of kids who started to hurl some small boulders at our truck. After shopping, my niece and nephew helped me cart all the groceries out to the truck and load them in back, and, when we got home, they helped me unload them and put them away. While we were gone, the rest of the household had been busy working in the yards, something I figured on doing after our guests had left.

Looking out our kitchen window, I noticed that we had one of the lowest tides of the year. Island friends were digging clams on our beach. The words from Pat's note of appreciation came to me. "Have it good." Later, as I watched the tide slowly seep up the beach, I knew I'd discovered another way to enjoy life—go along with the tide.

Not long ago, a young friend of mine became concerned about a family in our community which is in dire need of help. Raising seven children on a low income is tough, and they scarcely had enough to eat. Because I feel it is every Christian's duty to help those in need, especially poor people in his own locale, I took this as a genuine opportunity to render some assistance. A number of us packed up as many boxes of groceries as we could manage and took them to these people. The looks on their faces were a tremendous payment. Seemingly, one can have it good if he regards each happening in his life as a new, golden opportunity.

In **The Parables of Peanuts,** the following conversation takes place between Lucy and Charlie Brown.

"I never think about the past," Lucy confesses to Charlie Brown. "Also, I never worry about the future."

"What about the present?" Charlie Brown asks.

Lucy turns around to face him squarely. "The present drives me crazy!"

The author of this provocative book, Robert L. Short, reminds us that we already have salvation and that "men can begin to know and enjoy this salvation even now by abandoning their shaky little foundations that are 'driving them crazy,' and instead basing their lives on the firm footing that is Christ Jesus."

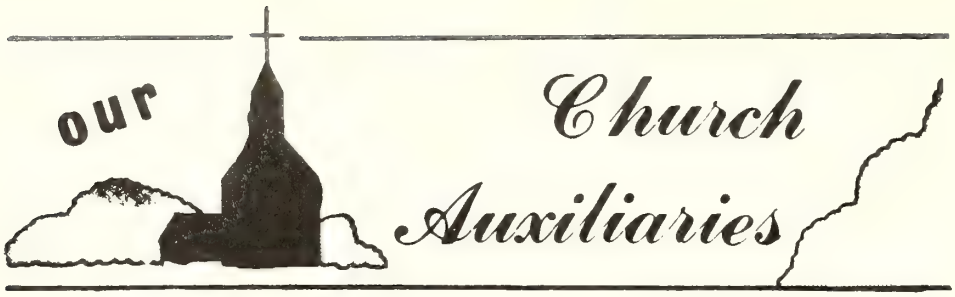
And so there is still another way to have it good. My past is neatly tucked away in color slides, photograph albums, storage bags, and foot-lockers. By living a Christ-centered life, the future is assured. That leaves only the present to reckon with, and it is a wondrous thing to enjoy "the eternal now."

"Have it good." This isn't a once-in-a-blue-moon kind of thing. It's something to hope for and strive for each day of our lives. It implies getting the most out of life each day. It involves loving one's work, taking time out to play—and especially to pray.

Our Lord Jesus Christ told us the best way of all to have it good "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

If you wish to have it good, you must

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ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT

How would you like to do something for God and at the same time be eligible to win a trip to Cragmont or $30 in cash? All you have to do is to write an essay or declamation. The essay is "The Greatest Need of Our Church." The declamation topic is "Is Old Time Religion for Modern Youth?"

The rules for the essay contest are as follows:

1. Essays are to be from 1,000 to 1,500 words in length for the YFA; 700 to 1,000 words in length for the AFC.

2. Participant must be a member of the YFA, ages 14 through 19 or the AFC, ages 9 through 13.

3. An elimination committee in the local church will judge the essays and the winning essay will be sent to the district. Only the essay placed first in the district will be sent to the State Youth Chairman at least two weeks prior to the convention.

4. Name, age, and church of the contestant must be sent to the District Youth Chairman, along with a copy of each essay at least two weeks prior to the convention.

5. Essays may be typewritten. No essays will be returned.

6. Suitable awards will be given to the winner and the runner-up in each age group.

Rules for the declamation contest are:

1. Each district in the convention will represent with one speaker from each age group.

2. Each church may represent with a contestant from each age group to the district. Winner of the district contest will represent at the State Youth Fellowship Convention.

3. Maximum time will be eight minutes, and the minimum time limit will be six minutes. Two points will be deducted for each declamation going over or under the allotted time.

4. Contestants must appear before an elimination committee in the local church, and the winner will be presented at the district convention. The winner from the district will be presented at the State Youth Fellowship Convention.

5. Name, age, and church of the contestant must be sent to the District Youth Chairman along with a copy of each essay at least two weeks prior to the convention. Those not in on time will be disqualified.

6. Suitable awards will be given the winner and the runner-up.

7. No "props" please.

Young people entering from the Western District should send the information to: Mrs. Roseline Bass, Route 1, Nashville, North Carolina, by March 13.

The Western District Youth Convention will be March 27, at 10 a.m., at the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina.

Pam Temple, the Outreach Chairman of the Western District, would like to encourage all of the young people to try their talents out for God by entering this contest, and receive a great blessing.

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Attention Eastern District Youth

Now is the time to begin work on the essays and declamations for our spring convention. The topic for the essays will be, "The Greatest Need of Our Church." The topic for the declamations will be, "Is Old Time Religion for Modern Youth?"

Rules for competition are found in the YFA Program Book, Pages 98, 99. Our spring convention will convene with the Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina. The date will be announced later via this paper.

All essays and declamations should be mailed to Eastern District Youth Chairman Mrs. Grace W. Sumner, P. O. Box 66, Beulaville, North Carolina, on or before March 1.

Thank you,
Grace Sumner
Eastern District Youth Chairman

Kannapolis Spiritual Life Retreat

(December 29, 30, 1970)

By Freddie Boykin

For most of us, our trip started on two Cragmont buses. Others went by cars. The trip was wonderful with light snow on the outside and hearty singing inside. We finally arrived and were shown to our motel rooms. After supper, all were ready to get the first Spiritual Life Retreat underway.

The buses and cars pulled up to Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina, and about one hundred fifty youngsters piled out. Our first service began with the singing of our favorite songs, which was presided over by Buddy Sasser, president of the State Youth Convention. After this came a testimony service. Many young people stood up to thank God for saving their souls. We were then dismissed and were served refreshments by the host church.

Our second service was presided over by Billy Taylor, the vice-president. All enjoyed the singing of a quartet of the home church. Then came the first message by the Rev. Tommy Tyson, and five people came to the altar for rededication.

Returning to our motel room, the girls and boys split up to have devotions. After an inspiring devotion by all groups we returned to our separate rooms and tried to get some sleep.

The next day, a prayer breakfast at Shoney's was held for the counselors and officers of the State Youth Convention. Mr. Tyson spoke again on "The Three Levels of Prayers." Later everyone had breakfast.

On arriving at the host church, we listened as the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson gave a program. There were singing by the Gospel Power and Light Company, a male quartet, a testimony by Pam Temple, and a beautiful reading by four young people. After the break, Mr. Tyson spoke on "Surrender." A confession service followed. On giving the invitation, scores of young people came to the altar for rededication. We then were dismissed for a hearty lunch served by the host church.

Thus ended the first Spiritual Life Retreat. We came back home with a greater dedication to God, and a more willing heart to do His will.

STEWARDS OF THE SHRUBS

by
JOYCE PROCTOR BEAMAN
Spring Branch Church
Walstonburg, North Carolina

THIS fall, a group of us younger people trimmed the hedges around our church. But before we did this, we went to talk to Mr. and Mrs. Gay about it. You see, they had always trimmed the hedges—as long as I can remember.

They were sitting on the front porch—a quiet, cool, clean place where one could usually find them in late afternoon. It was always a place of refuge to those of us who were younger when we had the privilege of stopping by, not only because of the peace and quiet of that porch, but also because of the purity and inspiration of the lives of people who lived there.

But on this day, we talked mostly about trimming the shrubs—that since they were getting older—older than we, at least—we insisted that we'd like to do it this time, if they would come to show us how. They laughed with us and agreed to help.



Spring Branch Church, 1948



Spring Branch Church, 1970

As we were leaving, Mr. Gay's eyes twinkled as he said, "Joyce, make Mama (as he always called Mrs. Gay) tell you about those shrubs when they were real young."

I insisted, and they both told me how they themselves had rooted and transplanted all the shrubs around the church and parsonage, with the exception of one or two shrubs, maybe. Over the years, they had watered them, fertilized them, and cared for them. Others helped, of course, but the shrubs were originally their "babies," and they felt responsible for them—and good "parents" they were!

Not only were they stewards of the shrubs, but stewards who gave flowers from their own yard and garden to beautify the church every Sunday for many years. I always looked forward to seeing Mr. and Mrs. Gay's bouquet each Sunday when I was a girl. Truly, they were stewards of the church, too; I suppose they've cleaned it more often than anyone else.



Spring Branch Parsonage, 1970

But most of all, they have been stewards of their own lives. They have kept them clean and pure and good—that they might become stewards unto others—and thus unto God. Mr. Gay, a deacon and former Sunday school superintendent, has missed but few services during the 63 years that he has been a member. Mrs. Gay, a member for over 65 years, has been equally as faithful in all things.

They have given us shrubs and flowers and many blossoms of joy. We can never repay them, but this day we wish to give them a rose of praise and tribute.

(Special note: This article, written a few days before Mrs. Gay's sudden death on November 15, 1970, and intended for publication earlier, is printed in its original form.)



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

COULDN'T PUT THE FIRE OUT!

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 11:16

A Denver magazine reports a disastrous fire in that city during which a large warehouse, containing thousands of tons of ice, was destroyed. The editor points out that the building actually contained thousands of gallons of a potent extinguisher—but it was frozen! What a picture of the apostate condition of the churches today, while sin rages throughout the country.—*Used by Permission, Ohio Independent Baptist, in W. B. Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A frozen church (one lacking the Spirit) can do little to combat the evils of sin.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

THE EX-CONVICT'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 5:14

Pity poor Benjamin Ullmo, who served a twenty-six year sentence on Devil's Island, far-famed French penal colony, and undoubtedly yearned in his prison for the opportunity to return to "civilization." One day he went back to France, and after a short stay, voluntarily went back to Devil's Island. He was disappointed with what he found, and it might interest you to know what this ex-convict thought about the modern world: He was struck most with "the extraordinary spiritual collapse of the world and the decline in conscience and intelligence." That's hard criticism coming from a convict. He was less impressed with material progress and the lowering of moral standards, but astounded at the "immeasurable stupidity of present-day humanity which regards itself as so superior." Is it possible that the man from Devil's Island is near the truth?—*Used by Permission, The General Baptist Messneger, in W. B. Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Today as each of us faces the world as it really is there are many disappointments. Looked at objectively, the world has little to offer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

ASSURANCE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23:4

Robert Bruce, of Kinnaird, after breakfast on the last day of his life, said suddenly to his daughter: "Hold; daughter; my Master calleth me." At these words his sight, unconsciously to himself, failed, and he called for a Bible; but finding that he was sightless, he said: "Turn up the eighth chapter of Romans, and put my finger on Verse 39." "Now," he said, "is my finger on it?" They told him it was. Then he said: "God be with you my children; I have breakfasted with you, and I shall sup with the Lord Jesus Christ tonight"; and immediately he died.—*Used by Permission, Dawn, in W. B. Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Everyday finds us nearer to or further from the Lord. Let us be careful lest we miss that "supper" with Him.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

FALSE SCIENCE AND MANNERS ARE MORALS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 10:4

I recently talked with a judge of the United States Circuit Court, who had just gone back to his alma mater for a visit, the first since his graduation. He was received as an honored guest, a famous "old grad," and was made to feel at home. He spoke a few words in the assembly, words of faith and trust. After the assembly he dropped into a science class, and was in time to hear the professor make some facetious remarks about "the old fossil who had talked in chapel." The professor's remarks were so well received by the class that he felt encouraged to go on, and he sneered at the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, called Him a martyr who died for a foolish ideal, scoffed at His resurrection, and rudely jested about His return. The old judge rose in indignation to defend the Lord Jesus, and the class jeered him to silence! He said that he was so amazed that he went on a tour of investigation, and found that the "faith, manners, and morals" of the student body were gone.—*Used by Permission, Dr. Henry Rimmer, in W. B. Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

In this day and age it appears that there is little left of the faith, manners, and morals that were yesterday's necessities.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

WHY PEOPLE DON'T READ THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 9:27

When Queen Elizabeth's wrinkles waxed deep and many, it is reported that an unfortunate master of the mint incurred disgrace by a too faithful likeness of her cast on the shilling; the die was broken and only one mutilated specimen is now in existence. Her maids of honor took the hint and were thenceforward careful that no fragment of looking-glass should remain in any room in the palace. In fact, *The Quarterly Review* (a magazine of the times) says the queen "had not the heart to look herself in the face for the last twenty years of her life!"

A mirror exposes wrinkles, dirt, etc., that may be on the face; so does the Word of God with the heart. Reading the Bible shows us our sins. If we refuse to repent and change we soon get tired of seeing our "dirty faces" in God's mirror—so we stop looking into the mirror! How foolish! Better see the dirt, confess it, and be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb!—*Used by Permission, Selected, in W. B. Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We must all realize that one day we will all have to face judgment; therefore, it behooves us to take a good look at ourselves so that we can know whether or not we need to clean up.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

WHOM DO WE TRUST MOST?

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 64:3

A mature Christian man who has served the Lord truly and effectively for many years writes to a friend about a new work and new experiences that he is having. He says: "What a change! I think, also, that I am going to enjoy resting wholly on the Lord for daily needs. I never did it before in my life. I do not know where the rent for next month is coming from, but I am not worried at all. I am wondering why I have always slept better when some big (financial) man underwrites me, and a bit nervous when only the Lord says that He will supply all my needs! Aren't Christians funny?"—*Used by Permission, Sunday School Times, in W. B. Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we really trusted the Lord as we should we would never worry about so-called big problems, let alone the little trivialities that so often make us sick.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

A CHILD'S MISUNDERSTANDING

Scripture Reading—Acts 3:3

The minister was being entertained at the home of one of the elders. While they were at dinner the little daughter of the house said to the minister, "I heard you preach today." "You did?" said he. "Can you tell me, then, what I preached about?" "Yes," answered the little girl. "You preached about a man who asked for arms and got legs."—*Used by Premission, Selected, in W. B. Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As the crippled man asked for money and received the blessing of healing, so often does our Lord provide better blessings than those for which we ask.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

HIGH SCHOOL DAY SUCCESSFUL

Over a hundred persons were in attendance on January 16 for the first of a series of High School Days to be held at Mount Olive College. High school students and their parents were given an opportunity to tour the facilities, to learn about the various programs, and to ask questions about the College. Rather than having one High School Day as was done previously, a series of programs are planned so that the smaller number at each program will permit more discussion and questions.



Any high school juniors and seniors who did not attend the special event on January 16 are invited to attend on February 13, February 27, or March 13. The admissions' personnel are also available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. For further information contact Mr. Thomas Smith, assistant director of admissions, or Miss Hilda F. Owens, director of counseling services.

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A religion that does nothing, that gives nothing, that costs nothing, that suffers nothing, is worth nothing.—Selected.

An Open Letter to Prospective Students Mount Olive College

by President W. Burkette Raper

Choosing a college is one of the most important decisions you will ever make and we are pleased that you are considering Mount Olive. Before you make your final decision either to apply or not to apply for admission, we encourage you to visit our campus in order to better understand the kind of college Mount Olive is.

When you go to college, you will be a person as well as a learner, and you want a college that can meet your personal needs as well as one that has a good academic program. You are seeking the college that is best suited to your total needs, and we are looking students who want the distinctive kind of learning and living experiences which Mount Olive seeks to provide.

If you want a college of high academic quality and one which places an emphasis upon the development of the individual and responsible self-government and has a sincere Christian commitment, Mount Olive may be just the college you are seeking.

If you regard "going to college" as an opportunity to be personally and academically irresponsible and disruptive of the rights of others, and if you use alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, you will not want to come to Mount Olive.

We encourage you to evaluate carefully our program and policies, and if you believe that Mount Olive is the kind of college you would like to attend, we will seriously consider your application regardless of your previous academic record or your financial circumstances.

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If a man's religion won't take him to church, it is doubtful that it will take him to heaven.—Selected.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPRING

NIGHT AND EXTENSION COURSES

The following educational opportunities are offered as a service to Free Will Baptists by Mount Olive College during the spring of 1971. Each of these courses may be taken by any interested person without college credit free of charge. Those who wish academic credit may enroll by paying the regular tuition. (There is no tuition charge to licensed or ordained ministers whether the courses are taken for credit or noncredit.)

EXTENSION COURSES

Introduction to the Old Testament, Saint Mary's church, New Bern, taught by the Rev. William E. Futch. The course will meet each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., beginning February 9. It may be taken for credit (3 semester hours) or noncredit.

Introduction to the New Testament, Little Rock church, Lucama, taught by the Rev. William E. Futch. The course will meet each Thursday at 7:30 p.m., beginning February 11. It may be taken for credit (3 semester hours) or noncredit.

The Parables of Jesus, Beulaville area. This course will be based on the current International Sunday School Lessons and will be taught by Dr. Michael Pelt. The time and place for this course will be announced later.

ON CAMPUS—(Henderson Building)

Christian Beliefs (Religion 201), Thursdays, 7—9:50 p.m. A study of basic Christian beliefs including those about God, man, sin, salvation, and the church. Taught by the Rev. Sheldon Howard, campus minister, Mount Olive College. The first meeting, February 11. May be taken for credit (3 semester hours) or noncredit.

Additional Courses of interest to ministers and church workers are available as a part of the regular college schedule, and include:

"Introduction to the Old Testament"—3 semester hours

"Introduction to the New Testament" 3 semester hours

"Life and Letters of Paul"—3 semester hours

"The Minister and His Work"—1 semester hour

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Stimulating The Midweek Prayer Meeting

by Faris D. Whitesell, Th.D., D.D.

THE attendance at and the spirit of the midweek prayer meeting is a good indicator of the spiritual vitality of the church.

An old saying is that the attendance at the Sunday morning worship service indicates the popularity of the church; the attendance at the Sunday evening service, the popularity of the pastor; and the attendance at the midweek prayer meeting, the popularity of the Lord.

Needless to say, the writer believes that all churches should have a midweek prayer meeting. We think it a sad commentary that so many churches have discontinued this service, and we rejoice that virtually all evangelical churches still have a midweek prayer service.

But if only a handful of people come, should we still have the midweek service? We answer emphatically, yes. This service provides a bridge between the Sunday services, making it easier for those who attend to maintain spiritual momentum.

This service is an oasis in the desert of the week between Sundays. It creates a place where the weary and worn Christian traveler can come for spiritual refreshment and renewal.

Numbers are not the first essential for a good prayer service, though large numbers would always be encouraging. Some of the greatest prayer promises are to two or three (cf. Matthew 18:19, 20). The fact that a midweek prayer meeting is part of the program testifies to the faith of the church in the God who answers prayer.

When critical needs arise in the lives of people in the congregation, they know that they can bring these needs to at least one meeting of the church where they will be lifted to God in prayer.

We freely confess that the midweek service is not easy to conduct. The people who attend are usually weary from the work of the week. Their spiritual temperature is low, and their mental machinery does not operate too well. They have to be stimulated and encouraged.

How should this meeting be conducted to make it most worthwhile? We doubt that the major part of the time can be given to actual prayer in the average church without an oppressive sense of drag and unresponsiveness becoming evident. But a healthy emphasis should be put upon praying. It might well occupy one fourth to one third of the hour.

We suggest that the one-hour period be somewhat equally divided between singing, sharing of experiences, Bible study, and prayer. When the spirit of prayer is markedly present, more time should be given to praying even though the meeting might have to run longer than usual.

If only a few people are present, the singing could be omitted. The people could be seated in a circle, and more time could be spent on Bible study and prayer.

All types of ideas have been offered for building up the prayer meeting, from making it a three-ring circus with the emphasis on entertainment to breaking it up into small cell group meetings in homes, with no prayer meeting in the church building at all. We don't agree. Let's keep it in the church building, and let's keep it essentially an old-fashioned prayer meeting. But let's welcome all the extra home prayer meetings that can be had.

We should not scold the people who do not come to prayer meeting, but we should advertise this meeting by telling some of the interesting events that occur there and the answers to prayer that result from it.

We should not embarrass people who come to this service by calling on them to pray or to testify, unless we have arranged it with them beforehand.

We should not hold this meeting in some remote, hard-to-find part of the church building. One popular writer advocates holding it in the main sanctuary and making it the main meeting of the week. Hallelujah! if this can be done, but we have not seen it work well in any church we have known. We believe it is best to have a small, cozy, well-lighted room, easily found, and readily accessible. A fine feeling of togetherness can be experienced in such a room, and if the crowd overflows the room now and then, the meeting can be moved to larger quarters.

This service should be well planned. It's a big mistake for a pastor to think that he needs to make no special preparation for this meeting. He should make his own spiritual preparations.

The more variety in programing this meeting, the better. People should never know in advance just how the meeting will be conducted. No two or three successive meetings should be conducted in quite the same way. Let the pastor give forethought to the order of items in the service, to the theme of the meeting, to the hymns and choruses, to the subject of the testimonies desired, to the ways of praying, and to solos and special musical features. But, no matter how well planned a particular meeting is, the pastor should always be ready to release its control to the Holy Spirit and let Him lead.

The prayer meeting should be a place where people learn to pray in public. The pastor can ask for sentence prayers now and then. If some claim that they cannot pray aloud in public, the pastor should encourage them to memorize a brief prayer and give it in the next prayer meeting.

Other ways of stimulating prayer are to: ask for Bible prayers; that is, prayers quoted from the Bible; ask for five people to raise their hands if they will lead in brief prayers; ask all the people on the second row (or any row) to pray unless they wish to be excused by raising their hands; ask for four young people to pray; ask for three mothers to pray; ask for five Sunday school teachers to pray; ask for three office girls to pray; ask for two salesmen to pray; ask for three senior citizens to pray, and so forth. There is virtually no end to the possibilities here. This procedure re-

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: How do you interpret the words of Jesus, ". . . Why callest thou me good? . . ." (Mark 10:18)?

Answer: Master or teacher is that which in Jewish practices of Jesus' day would have been the title the average man would have given to a rabbi. Such a title in formal address to a man was then indeed regarded as a means of honor. However, this young ruler addressed our Lord with a special appellation, "Good Master," which form of address was considered so honorable that it always stood alone without qualifications. This was without doubt a deliberate departure from the established usage, and was intended as an improvement on the common style, when this young ruler addressed our Lord as "Good Master." It indicated that he had discovered Him as being more than a teacher; therefore, when our Lord fastened upon the epithet, His purpose was to elicit what the real meaning of his position was. Jesus said in effect, "You are almost overdoing it when you call me good."

R. C. H. Lenski makes the following comment on Page 430 in his book, "Interpretation of St. Mark's Gospel": ". . . the address 'Good Teacher' bespeaks great reverence for Jesus and the assurance on his part that Jesus will be able to give him the vital information that he desires."

Lenski points out the fact that this young man who was then between 24 and 40 years of age, and a ruler in a synagogue, is not seeking salvation as were so many that were saved when they came seeking salvation from Him, but was only desirous of that something Jesus had gained that he nor any others he knew had. More or less he was seeking that know-how that he supposed Jesus attained unto in His effort and good works. Therefore, thus viewing the young man, he supposes Jesus has arrived at an achievement no other prophet or sage had come to and he wants that something.

Lenski thinks that this young man fits into the category of a modernist of today; that if he had been sincere in his endeavors to have his needs supplied and willing to humbly submit to the Lord, he could have immediately discovered the point and requirement for such contact with the divine will. But not only like the modernistic religionist of today that have a form of godliness, denying the power thereof, he fits in the same category as such insecure people mentioned in the Bible as: Cain, who was religious enough to offer an offering, but in his own way and according to his own choosing which was not accepted by God in this gest (see Genesis 4:3). So far as we know, he went where the rich man in the story of the rich man and Lazarus, is now suffering from the flames of Hades because he reached out for pleasant things in the natural realm in his efforts to attain happiness while here on earth, and apparently was little concerned for that which the true religion promises its subjects in the future. Esau, in Genesis 27:38, wept, but showed no true attitude of godly sorrow for sin which alone says the subject is willing to act in harmony with God's Word. He despised his birthright. Gehazi served Elisha and in that sense did what he considered service to God, but in the end was cursed with leprosy as a judgment from God (see 2 Kings 5:20). Lot's wife, in harmony with her husband, left Sodom to disobey, meeting with judgment from God (see Genesis 19:26). Felix trembled when he heard the gospel (see Acts 24:25), but never, so far as the record is concerned, repented.

Israel was zealous for God (see Romans 10:2), but is still suffering under the judgment of God's wrath. Judas was a disciple, but his insincerity kept him from eternal fellowship with the Lord (see Acts 1:25). Korah took part in worship, but was destroyed in judgment from God because of the rebellious attitude he maintained toward God (see Numbers 16:19). The Pharisees made long prayers (see Matthew 14:16), but were not in fellowship with God and sought to destroy His Son (see Matthew 23). Saul prophesied but missed heaven (see 1 Samuel 10:10). The foolish virgins (see Matthew 25:1-13), had lamps but missed the wedding feast.

The rich young ruler of Matthew 19: 16 was a seeking soul, only to depart with sorrow in his soul. Agrippa was almost persuaded to become a Christian, but yet lost (see Acts 26:28); and so will it be with all who commit themselves to any kind of religious belief without accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour. Just as it was when Nicodemus came to Christ, it has ever and always will be. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:3, 36). Where else one may find it in the Bible, though it may not be said in these exact words, the truth is ever and always the same. (Compare Romans 10:9-11; Isaiah 1:18; Proverbs 19:1; Isaiah 53:6-11; Galatians 6:7-9; Galatians 3:22-27! Galatians 4:4-9.)

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Religious Broadcast Via Satellite

The first in a series of direct network religious broadcasts via satellite was inaugurated by Trans World Radio January 23, at 4:30 p.m. EST, from the studios of its International Headquarters, 560 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey.

This special live broadcast featured Dr. Paul E. Freed, president of Trans World Radio, who brought a stirring Christian challenge. The program was relayed simultaneously by satellite to the transmitting facilities of Trans World Radio, Monte Carlo, Monaco and Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. The program was later rebroadcast in other languages to Trans World Radio non-English listeners. The satellite, Intelsat III, is orbiting 22,300 miles out in space over the Atlantic Ocean. Trans World Radio utilizes seven powerful transmitters (four in Monte Carlo and three in Bonaire) with a combined power of nearly three million watts. The program was beamed to listeners on every continent of the world.

STORIES for our youth



DOUBLE TROUBLE

KITTY MILLER

THE Washington School basketball team ran out onto the floor, formed two lines, and began to take turns throwing the ball toward the basket. Jerry Grant stood there thinking, If only Dad would come back—If only things at home would be the way they used to be—If only I could do something—

David Webster passed the ball to Jerry. He wasn't looking, and it hit him on the chest. "Wake up, Jerry," David called out with a grin.

Jerry went after the ball and tried a set shot. He didn't make that one, or any of the others he had tried during practice.

"What's the matter, Jerry?" David asked. "You're a million miles away."

"Nothing," Jerry mumbled. "I guess I've got the shakes—our first game and everything. I'll be all right."

In the first quarter, Jerry had three fouls called on him, he missed four shots, and he had two balls stolen away from him. David called time out. "Get with it, Jerry," he said. "Your mind's not on the game."

"O.K.," Jerry said. "Let's go."

At half time, the Turner School team led Washington 28-15. "Come on, Jerry," Eddie said, "you're our best shot. You've got to get hot and score, or we won't win the game. We're depending on you."

Jerry winced as he thought of the big zero beside his name on the score sheet. "And watch it, Jerry," Tony said. "One more foul and you're out of the game."

Jerry nodded. "O.K., I'll watch it." But he thought, I can't do anything right. Even at home, I—

In the first minute of the second half, Jerry weaved in and out under Turner's basket. A boy guarding him so closely that Jerry couldn't get rid of the ball. The guard taunted, "Grant, you play worse than your father referees."

When Jerry heard him, he let go of the ball, lunged at the guard, and grabbed him around the neck. Jerry's face turned catsup red as he demanded, "Take it back! Take it back!"

Jerry's teammates pulled them apart. "What's the matter with you, Jerry?" David asked. "He doesn't mean your father is a poor referee. He's just trying to get your timing off."

Jerry tore himself out of David's grasp and made a run for it. He spent the next hour walking the streets, thinking, If I don't talk to somebody, I'll explode. But who? Then he remembered his minister's words, "If you ever need help or someone to talk to, I want you to come to me."

Jerry stood outside the parish house, trying to get up enough courage to knock on the door. When he did, the young minister answered the door and didn't seem surprised to see him. As soon as they sat down in the study, Jerry came right out with it: "I'm in double trouble. I started a fight in a basketball game today. One of the players on the other team hollered out something about the way my father referees. Now our fellows think I'm a poor sport. I'm sorry I started it, but when he mentioned my father, I saw fire."

"Let's start from the beginning; O.K.?" the minister said.

Jerry tried to swallow the lump in his throat and began, "I don't know whether you know it or not, but two months ago my mother and father separated. Dad moved out of the house. I didn't tell anybody because I thought they'd get together again; but they didn't. I miss Dad a lot. I don't talk about him much at home because it hurts Mom. It's hard to live that way."

"When did you last see your father?" Reverend Fisher asked.

"Last month at the Father and Son Dinner at church. He travels a lot. I tried to tell him then that I missed him, but the words stuck in my throat."

Jerry went on: "I know they argued a lot, and some of the arguments were about me. I was always asking for more money. Mom gave in if I pestered her long enough, but Dad said I should work around the house to earn those extra things. I got out of it usually. That's what makes me feel guilty. I started a lot of the trouble."

Reverend Fisher listened as Jerry continued: "I can't concentrate on my schoolwork anymore. And my basketball game is off, too. I'd do anything if I could help, but there's nothing I can do."

The young minister spoke softly: "You can pray, Jerry. This is a hard problem to solve, but it can be done if we all ask for the Lord's help. Put Christ first in your home, and He will bring peace with Him."

"But what can I do?"

"Tell your mother and father how you feel and ask them to come to see me. With God's help, we can understand one another better."

"I'd give anything if he'd come back. I'd stop griping about money and I'd do the work he asked me to do. I'll get them here no matter what," Jerry said. "Maybe if we all started to go to church again the way we used to—maybe if we put Christ back into our family—maybe it would keep us together."

"Don't expect all your problems to be solved right away, Jerry," Reverend Fisher said. "Put Christ as the center of your home, and you'll be happy."

"I will," Jerry promised.

"And ask your father to help you with your basketball team. He's one of the best referees in the city, you know."

"Thanks, Reverend, for letting me sound off and for what you said. I'm going to try to tell them what I'm thinking about too from now on. And I'll be seeing you."

Reverend Fisher walked him to the door and put his arm on Jerry's shoulder. "Come again, and work on those marks and set shots, too."

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Attention Youth Leaders!

At the September 19 meeting of the Eastern District Youth Convention, held with Christian Chapel church, the youth were challenged to raise $1,000 for beds to be used at Camp Vandemere. It was suggested that the Fifth Union District raise $500, the Third Union District raise $300, and the Carteret Union District raise $200.

The purpose of the article is to report the progress made so far. Remember, this goal was to be reached by the March meeting of the Youth Convention. If you have not made your donation, please do so "immediately."

We all know that the most important thing now is funds to meet our obligation on our indebtedness and for the operation of the camp. So please make this a "special object of prayer."

Received to date for beds:

Third Union Youth Fellowship	$106.31
Sandy Plain Youth Fellowship	75.00
New Haven's Girls' Club	25.00
Total	$206.31

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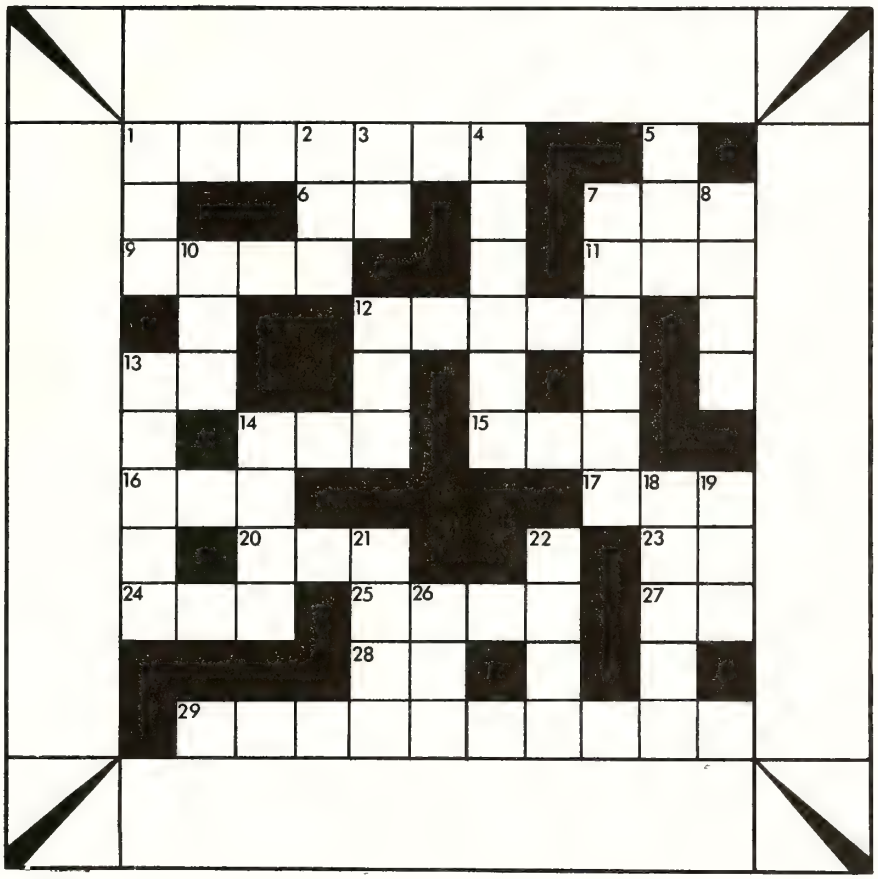
A Sermon in Poetry

Three thousand for my convertible,
  Five thousand for a piece of sod,
Ten thousand to begin a house;
  A dollar I gave to God.
A tidy sum to entertain
  My friends in pointless chatter;
And when the world goes crazy mad,
  I ask, "Lord, what's the matter?"
Yet there is one big question,
  For the answer I yet search;
With things so bad in this old world,
  "What's holding back my church?"

—Author Unknown.

TEST YOUR CROSSWORD SKILL

by KAREN REGISTER
Kinston, North Carolina
(Puzzle reprinted due to error in 23 Across.)



ACROSS

1. Five wise, five foolish
5. Fifteenth letter of alphabet
6. Joseph's father-in-law was a priest of _____. Genesis 41:45
7. Naaman's cure
9. Solomon's temple made of this
11. How many have sinned?
12. Moses' brother; first Levite priest
13. ". . . Follow _____, . . ." (Matthew 4: 19).
14. Decorated border of priests' garments
15. ". . . I _____ daily. . . ." (1 Corinthians 15:31).
16. The blind, when healed, could _____.
17. Falsehood; untruth
20. Great sorrow
23. Possessive personal pronoun
24. Transgression
25. First king of Israel
27. "_____ ye therefore ready also: . . ." (Luke 12:40).
28. ". . . though your sins be _____ scarlet, . . ." (Isaiah 1:18).
29. ". . . _____ with grief: . . ." (Isaiah 53:3).

DOWN

1. Sacred oath
2. Jehovah
3. Opposite of out
4. Holy, sanctified
5. Anointing substance, Psalm 92:10
7. Prophet who interpreted handwriting on wall
8. Wicked plan
10. Metal in its natural state
12. Upper limb
13. Writer of Pentateuch; led Israel from Egypt
14. Carved of stone, Luke 23:53
18. To absorb; to impress deeply
19. Organ of sight
21. Jacob's twin brother
22. Father-in-law of 21 down, Genesis 26:34
26. Son of Abijam, 1 Kings 15:8

(Answers appear elsewhere in this paper.)



HUMILITY BEFORE GOD

Lesson Text: Luke 14:7-11; 18:9-14

Memory Verse: Luke 14:11

I. INTRODUCTION

Our memory selection is one of those "two-way" verses which are always quite interesting, such as "The last shall be first, and the first shall be last." This one is, "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:11). We shall comment on this later in the lesson.

Humility is one of the most gracious virtues a Christian can cultivate. It has a winsomeness that nothing else can produce. It tends to bring even the most hostile to his knees in contrition. It is something which every Christian does not possess, but that which all may have if they want it.

Humility comes most easily at the feet of Jesus. The sincere child of God cannot spend much time in earnest devotions, as did Mary of old, at His feet without becoming more and more humble. Soon he will become more like the Master, which should be the goal of every born-again Christian.

We must not mistake humiliation for humility. A humble person is willing to get down in the dust if necessary, but to humiliate oneself for the sake of humiliation is mockery, and God does not approve of it any more than He approves of one who constantly tells others that he is "humble." If we have humility, the kind God wants us to have, everybody will soon learn about it. It shows up clearly. That's what this lesson is about.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Humility may be defined—"It is recognizing one's right relationship before God and his fellowman."
2. Humility may be demonstrated—negatively (Luke 14:7-11); positively (Luke 18:9-14).

B. Place-Conscious People (Luke 14:7-11)

1. It could take the form of pushing for position.
2. Pride's folly is costly.
3. The principle declared is that it is better to be blessed and exalted by God than by man.

C. The Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14)

1. What is the purpose of the parable?
2. What is the difference in the two prayers of the Pharisee and the publican?
3. Expound on the two prayers—one self-righteous; the other which begged for mercy.
4. Discuss the point of the parable.

——The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Many people today have "I" trouble. This was the problem of the Pharisee in Jesus' parable of the two men who went up to the temple to pray. He said, "I thank thee, that I am not. . . . I fast . . . I give . . . I possess."

This kind of "I" trouble cannot be corrected with glasses. It is not helped by contact lenses. How can we diagnose whether or not we suffer from this kind of "I" trouble?

Listen to determine if these statements describe your attitude:

I think I am pretty special.
I like things done my way.
I don't care what others think.

If everyone were as I, this world would be a better place in which to live.

There is only one cure for "I" trouble—the Cross.

Each one must face the Cross and admit the following:

I am a sinner.
I have fallen away from God.
I am lost.
I need a Saviour.
Christ died for me.

The Cross reveals our true selves to us and causes us to bow in humility before our Saviour and Redeemer who gave Himself for our sins. When we do this, our "I" trouble disappears.—Standard Commentary.

B. Two men went to the same temple, yet how different were their reactions! Their reactions differed because each man looked for something different. One looked for God; the other could not see God because of his pride.

Two men went to New York. One returned and told about the art galleries, the magnificent buildings, the museums, and the skyscrapers. The other told of the slums, the night clubs, and the dirt. One looked for the beauty; the other looked for the dirt. They had been in the same city but had seen different things.

Two people can attend the same church and yet receive different things from it. What one sees and feels depends largely on what he desires to see. The proud one sees only his blind self; the humble one sees God.

Many years ago Martin Luther was pondering over the Scriptures. Suddenly the truth of the Bible dawned in his heart and he knew for the first time that a man was justified by faith, not by works. "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17) became Martin Luther's famous theme. He became the leader of the Reformation. He, like the publican, came to realize that a man is justified by faith alone. Man can never be justified by his works, but only by faith in Jesus Christ, trusting Christ's grace and mercy. Justification is one of the great doctrines of the Bible.—Ray O. Jones.

C. A mother, waiting to hear her small child finish his prayers, said impatiently, "Can't you hurry and say amen, dear? The telephone's ringing." "I'm sorry, Mother," the boy replied, "but my Sunday school teacher said that I must say all my 'forgives' before I ask God to give."

Our "forgives" include not only our requests to be forgiven our sins, but also our forgiving of others. How much we may learn from a small child if only we take the time to listen. Isn't this true largely because a small child still possesses much of the quality of humility? How sad it is that when we reach the years of sophistication, perhaps in our teens, we lose so much humility.—Selected.

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You and I broadcast everyday, not knowing how many receivers we reach. —Selected.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Curtis Wayne Jones wishes to announce that he is available for half-time or full-time pastoral work. Also, he will be glad to supply for any pastor who might need his assistance. He may be contacted at the following address: 1403 Irving Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103; or by calling 724-9694.

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The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. wishes to announce that he is available for pastoral services second and fourth Sundays. Also beginning July 1, he will be available for full-time or part-time pastoral services. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the following address: Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by telephoning 524-5186 in Grifton after 5 p.m.

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WHO WILL GO?

by Marie Manire Chapman

Doris was only five years old, but she went to a strange new land with her mother and father. They traveled around from village to village, telling people about Jesus. Doris knew their message must be very important, for they left their home and friends in America to come to this new land.

One day they stopped in a village where nobody had ever heard of Jesus.

"Please send someone to tell us more about Jesus," begged the people.

Doris kept hearing the sad people say, "Please send somebody." Even when she was just five, she whispered a promise to God: "I will go."

Not long after that, Doris accepted Jesus as her Saviour. She was sure He wanted her to serve Him. As she grew older, she lived a good Christian life, and she read her Bible.

As Doris studied in high school and college, she lived for Jesus. Finally she knew where God wanted her to be a missionary. It was Hong Kong, near the land where she had lived as a child.—Gospel Herald.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Rev. Sheldon Howard, campus minister, Mount Olive College. Phones: office 658-2502; home 734-7305.

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SPRING SEMESTER FEBRUARY 3

Would you like to begin college? Do you know someone who might be interested in beginning college soon? Do you know someone who tried college, quit, and now wants another chance? If so, Mount Olive College will begin its spring semester on February 3. The college will be glad to consider applications from anyone interested in enrolling for courses for the spring semester, either as a full-time or part-time student.

Religion 201 (Christian Beliefs), taught by the Rev. Sheldon Howard; and Psychology 201 (Introduction to Psychology), taught by Dr. Charles Sapp, will be taught at night. Persons may audit either or both free of charge; persons taking the courses for credit will pay the standard fees.

For further information contact Thomas Smith, assistant director of admissions, or Miss Hilda Owens, director of counseling services, by either writing to the college or calling 658-2502.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"I will," Jerry said with a smile as he walked up the street toward home. He let out a deep sigh and thought, I believe things are going to get better around our house.—My Pleasure.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. virgins
5. o
6. On
7. dip
9. wood
11. all
12. Aaron
13. me
14. hem
15. die
16. see
17. lie
20. woe
23. my
24. sin
25. Saul
27. Be
28. as
29. acquainted

DOWN
1. vow
2. God
3. in
4. sacred
5. oil
7. Daniel
8. plot
10. ore
12. arm
13. Moses
14. hewn
18. imbue
19. eye
21. Esau
22. Elon
26. Asa

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"HAVE IT GOOD"

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never take anything for granted—friends, family, the wonders of nature, or the fruits of labor. Everyone and everything must be cared about and appreciated.—Gospel Herald.

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STIMULATING THE MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING

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lieves the people who usually pray from feeling that they have to pray at this meeting, and it also relieves the others who are not in the group asked to pray. But it does enlist new people in prayer, and they get the blessing without being singled out by name.

Let there be a brief time at each prayer meeting for prayer requests to be made. This centers the praying around specific objectives.

When attendance runs twenty-five or thirty or more, the people could be divided into smaller groups for praying—not for singing, sharing, or Bible study. The youth could go into one group, the men into another, and the women into a third, then come back together for the final hymn and announcements. But some people will resist dividing the group, so it cannot be done at every meeting.

The church organizations can take turns leading the prayer meetings at some season of the year. Then you can try team leaders—say a husband and wife team, a youth team, or a Sunday school teaching team. This makes for variety and it involves more people.

Use the prayer meeting to move the church Godward. When God's people pray, God works; when they do not pray, God will not work.—Gospel Herald.

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NEWS NOTES

Boylan Heights Church Youth Choir at Spring Branch

The youth choir of the Boylan Heights Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, under the direction of Mrs. Peggy Gay, will present a program of sacred music at the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, Sunday night, February 7, at seven o'clock. The pastor of Boylan Heights church, the Rev. Joe Gasperson, will bring the evening message.

At six o'clock, one hour prior to the service, a covered-dish supper will be served in the church educational building. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, what sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But, the world may be different because I was important in the life of a boy or girl who looked up to me for example. "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that . . . he were cast into the sea" (Mark 9:42). —Copied.

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THIS JESUS MOVEMENT IS SCARY

Editorial...

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THIS JESUS MOVEMENT IS SCARY

Long-haired boys and girls wearing botched-up T-shirts are clapping their hands, jumping to their feet, and shouting praises to Jesus. Then they swoon and sway to a new type of music called Christian rock and spurt off in unknown tongues for five minutes or more. Then there is silence. A bearded, long-haired youth, dressed in Levi's and a fatigue jacket, stands behind a speaker's stand and tells the hundreds of young people who are squatting or reclining on the floor, just how wonderful Jesus is to him. Again there are cheers and claps—and we are a bit frightened.

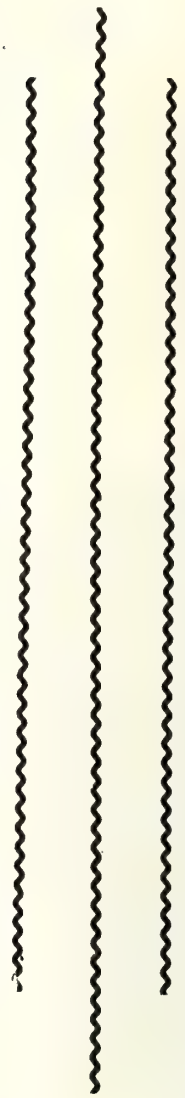
All this is part of some new action on the California coast called "The Jesus Movement." Young people are tuning in to God, they say —and this is wonderful, provided it is real! Certainly God is for the hippie just as much as He is for the best groomed girl in finishing school or the most proper boy in gentlemen's class; but, when a hippie tells this writer how sweet Jesus is while he's carrying a heavy odor of beer on his breath, it doesn't make much sense. No, this writer has not been to California, but he has encountered in this area a few of the hippie types who speak favorably about God; and he has not been too impressed with their kind of religiosity.

Christ is for the Now Generation, sure; this writer said so last year, and he'll say it again this year; but, the Now Generation must meet Jesus on His terms. If they make Jesus something less than the Lord He is, then He is not the same Jesus. It is difficult tc understand how one can claim Him as Saviour at a mass rally and go to their pad and refresh themselves with a can of beer or relax their tired bodies or soothe their nerves with a stick of marijuana. The Jesus they're talking about may put up with this, but the Jesus who was born in a manger and died on the Cross will not!

Certainly we don't suggest that there is not sincerity in "The Jesus Movement." It is said to be sweeping eastward at a rapid rate of speed; and while we are seeing small indications of it, we are told that a mass revival among the youth of America is coming and will be overwhelming. We hope so, surely; but we hope that it will be real and have lasting effects. We don't want Jesus to be fashionable for a season and then be discarded when something more interesting comes along.

"Hippie-ism" is searching for a freedom never before known, according to one of the long-hairs with whom this writer has conversed. His IQ seemed well above average; and we are told by those who teach many of these and have classroom contact with them that they are in most cases among the top of the class; yet, in speaking about the freedom they want, they talk like fools. We talk about being free in Christ, but that doesn't mean free in the same sense they speak of it. The freedom they want has no direction or limitation. Real freedom is not freedom without restrictions. This writer was told by one of that number that he (this writer) was being led around by his nose, that he was conforming to somebody else's idea of proper behavior by being so "conservative." Being led around by the nose, however, is better than being led around by the throat!

We like to hear about Jesus. We like to hear His praise expressed in word and song. We really do believe that He is for the Now Generation if they will reach out for Him; yet, He will not become something less than He is—for them, for us, or for anybody else. We don't frown upon anybody's doing his thing for Jesus—in fact, we advise it—but we want them to make certain that what they're doing is really for Jesus. Then, "The Jesus Movement" will have our applause. But, until we see ripe fruit produced by the budding trees, all this upstir will remain a little frightening!



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THE RIGHT DIRECTION

by L. J. HUBER

AS I stood on the corner of State and Main, I looked to the east, en to the west. This was the hour of cision, one that I had been deferring r a long time. Now I had to make my ove. I had pushed the need for action its ultimate point; there was no to-rrow.

Actually, it was very simple. If I turn- to the east, my steps would take me the bus station. All I needed to do en was to use the red ticket that I d in my pocket. Mother and Dad had nt it to me. I took a quick glance at e ticket, but I took a better look at e letter that had come with it.

In particular, I looked at the post-ipt. It was from Dad; he always add- something after Mother wrote the ter—like reminding me that her birth-y was due and that I would make her ppy if I sent a greeting. This time ere were two postscripts.

I read them and faced westward, but didn't take a step. This meant that I d not yet lost the battle that was tak- place. Walking in this direction uld mean rejoining the gang. They uld be starting now to gather at Ron's artment—his pad, as they all called it. It would mean another evening with e. She and I seemed to understand ch other much better than the others o came to Ron's place. Despite this, knew that she was not good for me; e was too deeply involved with the ng. It was through her that I had en invited to join them.

So far I had not been completely duped, but it had reached the stage where I couldn't resist much longer. Sue, at Ron's urging, was getting more insistent that I try the marijuana. They kept assuring me that the experience would do me good, that it would be wonderful, that it would do no harm.

Ron realized that I liked Sue, so he used her as a lever to pry me away from my reluctance. He also knew that Dad supplied me with all the money I needed, so I could afford to buy dope at the prices demanded by the pushers. Ron himself was a pusher; he was very clever up to a point but very stupid in another sense.

As I leaned against the light standard, a car came to a stop. One of Ron's crowd was offering me a lift—a boy named Jackson, whom I never had liked. He always complained that I had no beard. He considered me a member of the "Establishment" and kept reminding me of it.

I waved him on and reached for the letter and the bus ticket. Mother and Dad had been sending me more than usual over the past few months. They seemed to realize that all was not well—maybe because I was asking for more money without giving a good reason for it.

There was no good reason. My tuition at school had been paid and my weekly allowance was regular. My marks were being sent home, but my work in the classroom had not suffered too much by my weekends with Ron and Sue. Still, I felt that they knew something was wrong when they called me during the week.

"Are you all right, Jim?" Mother opened.

"We didn't get any mail from you this week, son," Dad cut in after I assured Mother that all was well. "We thought we'd call."

"I just didn't have time, Dad," I told him.

"We were just wondering," he returned.

I had told him the truth when I said that I was busy. Since I hadn't been asked for details, I didn't need to give an evasive answer. It hadn't been necessary to tell them of my friends.

Dad had always been more discerning than Mother. I always had been able to overcome any doubt in her mind with an apology and a kiss. But not so with Dad. I knew by his next words that he hadn't been completely fooled.

"Always remember, Jim," he said, "that we brought you up in a good Christian home. And if there is anything we can do, give us a ring."

There was a serious tone in his voice. But it wasn't so serious as to indicate that he would come to see me if I didn't ask for direct help. They still had confidence in me, for they had raised me to do the right thing.

After Jackson left, I took a long look at the letter and the postscript. Another car stopped, and Sue rolled down the window on the driver's side and called my name. She invited me to get in, but I put her off, saying that I wanted to walk and needed the exercise.

"You'll get a lot of muscles that you don't need," she told me.

"I'll need all I can get, Sue," I returned.

"You sure you want to walk?" she asked again.

"As sure as this is Monday," I called back.

She got a laugh out of that, for it happened to be Saturday. It was that light laugh of hers that always seemed to excite me when I was near her. I put the note and the bus ticket into my pocket. I could have changed my mind about not going with her. Yes, I might have gone, but she already had the car in motion, and I was back with my thoughts.

I turned them back for a few months. Dad's postscripts were beginning to make sense. I recalled when he had reminded me of Mother's birthday. I also remembered that, despite his nudge, I very carelessly had forgotten.

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OBITUARIES

ADRIAN CECIL OVERMAN

On Sunday morning around 6:30, December 20, 1970, the heavenly Father saw fit to take Brother Adrian Cecil Overman to his eternal home. Born in Wilson County, November 21, 1912, to the late R. A. and Hattie Overman, Brother Adrian had a stay on earth of 58 years and one month, minus one day. He accepted Christ as his Saviour at the age of 20. He married Louise Watson on his birthday, November 21, 1936. Two daughters were born to this union: Mrs. Emma Lou Burnett of Key West, Florida; and Mrs. Kathryn Childress of Wilson, North Carolina. His pastor, the Rev. J. C. Yates, conducted his funeral, with burial following in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Wilson, North Carolina. Surviving are his wife, Louise, his two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Brother Adrian was a member of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church for 38 years. During those years he had won great respect of the people in his community. His fellow church people had come to respect his convictions and judgments in church and religious affairs.

At his funeral the lovely flowers which filled the front of the sanctuary showed the esteem of the host of friends who attended. His pastor conducted the funeral with the same confidence that Brother Adrian lived and served. He lived with frim confidence in the Lord, and those who knew him best could love and appreciate him most. He was ordained a deacon in our church December, 1969, and he served continuously until his death. He served on various committees in the church when called upon to do so. He was chairman of the finance committee and had been treasurer of the church for 32 years at the time of his death.

Brother Adrian enjoyed things of beauty here in this life, having been in the nursery business for many years; and he knew and appreciated the handiwork of God. Yet, he departed this earth to enter a much better place, a place prepared by God whom he loved and trusted: a place more beautiful than anything this world can afford, a place where the flowers he loved so much will never fade.

In love, in admiration, and in respect, we pay this small tribute to a real friend whose life on earth has ended but whose worth will still be measured in years to come.

Written by a friend,
O. C. Williamson, Chairman
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IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

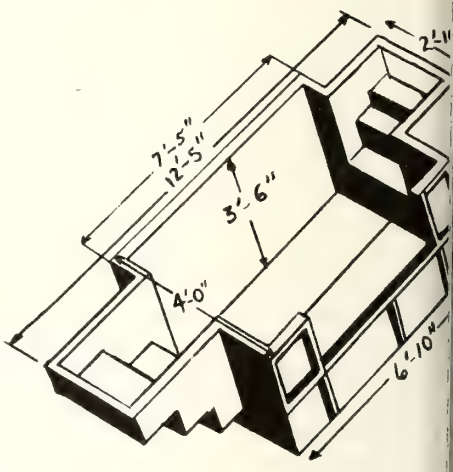
(Reader Concerned with TV Programs and Advertising)

"Dear Editor: I wish to add my praise for our new YFA Program Book to the praise I read in last week's 'Baptist.' I also want to say thank you to the writers of our 'Devotion.' We need materials that deal with our everyday problems, the ones that are close to each of us in this day and age in which we live.

"We as Christians should take a greater stand against the evils that surround us and threaten our youth especially. There may be others like me who would like to do something more but just don't know how to go about it. If you know whom we could write concerning the problem with TV, I wish you would make it known. (One way of making our disfavor known concerning TV programming would be to write the local TV stations. If this doesn't help, try the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C., which regulates radio and television operations within the United States as well as controls interstate and international telephone and telegraph services. This might not bring any quick results, but at least it would be a start.—Ed.) . . . if there are any ministers who would like to start a campaign for cleaner programs and advertising, maybe they would make it known; then, we could send our letters to them and they could get them to the proper place.

"At our last auxiliary meeting we decided to have a special time for prayer each day. We set nine o'clock each morning for our members to stop and offer a special prayer for our youth as well as for the parents and the nation in regards to all the evil temptations they are faced with each day. We would like to ask each Christian who believes in prayer, and especially all auxiliary members, to adopt this plan. Yours in Christ, Mrs. Marie O'Brian, Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex, North Carolina." (This was printed at Mrs. O'Brian's request.)

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THE REV. EDWARD W. MILES, Superintendent

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

For quite a long time I have been wanting to write on this subject, but I have been reluctant for fear of being misunderstood. Therefore, I ask you to read this article carefully and prayerfully and try to determine what is really the best for the children in our care. If you have any questions whatsoever, please give me or your new superintendent, Mr. Pierce, a chance to talk to you, your church, auxiliary, or Sunday school. I am sure you will disagree, at least in part, with this article, but this is not sufficient excuse for you to close your eyes and not look at the facts. Why listen to "grapevine" gossip when you can talk in person to those who operate your Home for you.

The superintendent has been charged with the full responsibility of meeting the **total** needs of the children in our care. This is an awesome responsibility to say the least. You cannot be too careful when you are dealing with a human life. The job is never done. There are no hours, days, or months you can call your own. The needs of the children must be met around the clock no matter how we feel or how tired we may be. No matter how hard we try there is always just a little more required to meet these needs.

Sometimes the decision of the Home runs contrary to the wishes of the child, his parents, or relatives. In fact, the staff does not always agree with the administration in all of its decisions. Furthermore, our church and the many interested individuals many times disagree with the policies of the Home, especially if they are different from those policies of the past. I hasten to say that the administration is not always right, but most of the time it is only a lack of understanding between all parties involved. If conflicting ideas about any subject serves any good purpose at all, in the end it will help to improve rather than destroy. A blending of minds in interest will always bring improvements. This will take patience and understanding on the part of all of us. This is where we show our real colors. Child-caring institutions have learned that the nearer we copy the original home the better adjusted our children will be. This is why the kitchen, washers, and dryers have been installed in each cottage. This gives the child a sense of belonging to a closely knit family group. In fact, we have learned that the entire family makes up a God-given unit and we cannot successfully treat one segment, the child, without treating the entire unit, the family. This has been overlooked far too long. As a result of this discovery, most children's homes are now offering services to the families of the children they serve. Our main goal is to rehabilitate the child back to his family where it is at all possible.

Then too, the institution must build loyalty to the institution on the part of the children and on the part of those who support the institution. Most of the time this is hard to do. The child has already felt rejection by his closest friends and many times he will see the Home as a part of his problem rather than a part of the answer. The child will feel that the Home is the one that has forced him to leave those he loves. Many times the child has lost confidence in everyone and has become very insecure. Here is where the conflict comes in our sponsorship program. Most of the time the child's sponsor will give him more attention, more money, time, and pleasure than the Home could give him. Of course, this is because the child is with his sponsor for a short time. Many times I have said to a child, "Pick up those shoes and carry them into the house before it rains"; or when I see one spending money wastefully I would say, "Don't you think you should save a part of your money?" The answer generally sounds like this: "Oh, don't worry, Mr. Miles. You didn't buy those shoes"; or "You didn't give me this money anyway, so why should you worry?"

Now the truth of the matter is when someone else buys the child's shoes and clothes, Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, and gives him his spending money and his vacation, he has very little loyalty to the Home. If someone other than Mom and Dad gave their children these things, where would their loyalty me? To say the least, their loyalty would be divided. In all probability the "substitute parent" would be the winner over the child's love. This is what is happening to our children here in Middlesex. Unconsciously, the sponsors are helping to build loyalty to themselves at the expense of the Home. I have had children that have been gone for awhile to tell me how little the Home did for them while they were here. In fact, they say, "I just don't know what I would have done had it not been for my sponsor." I am sure no sponsor or church had anything to do with the sponsorship plan. The Home has simply used this method for many years to raise money. Now that we know (other homes have learned this, too) that the individual sponsorship plan is not the best for the child, we must do something about it. We must be sure of what we are doing **to** the child as well as what we are doing **for** the child. For example, the Home makes an extra effort to get our children back into their own homes at Christmas. This could be only an aunt, uncle, or cousin if it is not possible for him to be with his parents if they are living. In many instances, the child will say that his sponsor has more money, a better home, or a better car than his family; therefore, he would rather go with his sponsor.

This not only brings about disloyalty on the part of the child toward the institution, but it widens the separation gap in the child's family a little more. Then too, you must realize some sponsors or auxiliaries waste a lot of money on some of our children while others get very little from their sponsors. I really think we will gain that star in our crown when we rehabilitate the child back to his family, where possible, and not continue to cut the child off from his family. To do this, we must recognize the family as a God-given unit where God intended that they live together. God help us to build back the family that sin has de-

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE AT CRAGMONT?

by the Rev. De Wayne Eakes

To begin answering this question I quote from the editorial page of a 1946 issue of "The Free Will Baptist": "The Cragmont Assembly Grounds will be used: (1) for the Sunday schools and the leagues to hold summer camps each year for recreation, Bible study, institute work, and revival services; (2) it will be used as a gathering place for woman's auxiliary camp and conventions meetings, Bible study, and recreation; (3) the ministers will use it for Bible conferences, Bible institutes, district assemblies, and conferences from time to time; (4) also it will be used for the entertainment of those who wish to spend a week or so, when it is not otherwise occupied, for a vacation in the mountains for rest and recreation."

This was the purpose stated in 1946 at the birth of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., or Cragmont Assembly Grounds as it was then called. The purpose as stated has not changed. It has been broadened as our youth programs have, and as the needs of our church has dictated change. Cragmont Assembly in 1971, as well as in the near and distant future, is dedicated to help meet the spiritual needs of the youth, ministers, and laity of our denomination.

Cragmont stresses the authority of the Bible as divine Scripture in guiding and shaping our lives and attitudes; it emphasizes the centrality of Christ in the experience of life; and it provides a Christian atmosphere of recreation and fellowship. Our assembly stresses that religion is more than an empty form or a mental exercise or a reminiscing of the history of God's people. We strive to show forth that "religion is the felt presence of God in human experience"; and that true religion is a faith that is lived and grows daily.

If I may paraphrase the above mentioned editorial again: The desire of the Board of Directors and Stockholders is that Cragmont Assembly will continue to be a perpetual and vital memorial in the name of Christ and righteousness, for God, His church, and its Christian, forward movement for the furtherance of the gospel.

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Calvary Mission Needs Hymnals

The recently organized Calvary Free Will Baptist Mission, 703 Atlantic Avenue, Kinston, North Carolina, is in need of hymnals for their worship services, and would appreciate receiving used hymnals from churches or groups that would donate these.

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Youths who leave home to set the world on fire often come back for more matches.—Selected.

WATCH FOR THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION COMING UP "VISIONS UNLIMITED!"

SILENT PRAYER

by Elsie Meads
St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Lord, I try so hard; and yet I fail
To measure up each day;
Have mercy and forgive me
If I blunder in the way.

Lord, open up for me new avenues
Of love and helpfulness;
And keep me ever seeking
Strength and humbleness.

Lord, please give me more of Cal'ry's love
As displayed upon that hill;
And help me walk more perfectly
In the center of thy will.

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If American democracy is to remain the greatest hope of humanity, it must continue abundantly in the faith of the Bible.—Calvin Coolidge.

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

WOODALL MINISTER OF THE YEAR



The Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr. (left) is congratulated by President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College for his selection by the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists as the "Minister of the Year." Mr. Woodall is an alumnus of Mount Olive College and is a member of the College Board of Trustees and also serves on the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association.

The Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., pastor of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, has been chosen as the "Minister of the Year" by the North Carolina Ministerial Association.

Woodall and his wife, the former Bessie Austin, are both natives of Johnston County. They have three children: Mrs. Jimmy Hinton and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, both of Princeton; and Hal B. Woodall, a clinical pharmacy instructor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg, chairman of the Minister of the Year Committee, announced that Woodall was chosen on the basis of his services as a local pastor, as well as community and denominational activities.

Woodall holds the A.A. degree from Mount Olive College and earned his A.B. degree at Atlantic Christian College. He is the first alumnus of Mount Olive College to serve on the College Board of Trustees.

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February: Christian Education Month

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College

It has been said that we Free Will Baptists are "poor people," and if this be true, it is all the more reason our children need an education. A young person from a poor home has nothing with which to begin but faith and his education.

Mount Olive College is the best friend Free Will Baptists have in our desire to provide Christian higher education for our children. The College will assure appropriate financial assistance for the 1971-72 academic year to any qualified Free Will Baptist student who applies by April 1. We know no other college that cares enough for Free Will Baptist young people to make this commitment.

In terms of academic standing, Mount Olive College is as fully accredited as any other college; in terms of Christian emphasis, every member of the administration and faculty believes in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

We believe that it is in the best interest of Free Will Baptists to keep Mount Olive College strong and growing. February is "Christian Education Month" and we hope Free Will Baptists everywhere will use this month to make contributions to Mount Olive College. This College is the best hope we have to educate our children.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT MOUNT OLIVE

It is the desire of Mount Olive College to provide for the Free Will Baptist denomination the best and most comprehensive educational services possible. The following services illustrate this desire.

Spring Semester. A new term began February 3 and new or transfer students had until February 10 to enroll.

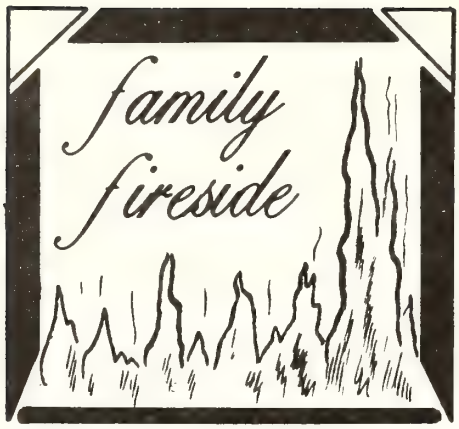
Summer School. June 13—July 23.

The 1971-72 Academic Year will begin August 22.

Admission and Financial Aid. Mount Olive College will consider an application from any high school graduate, or one who is otherwise qualified, if he has the desire and potential to benefit from a program of study offered by the College and agrees to honor its philosophy, purposes, and policies. The College will assure appropriate financial assistance to any qualified Free Will Baptist student applying by April 1.

Church-College Scholarship. If your church would like for its high school graduates to have the advantages of attending a college related to the Free Will Baptist denomination, you can en-

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

THE COST OF DODGING DUTY

Scripture Reading—2 Kings 9:25

I have read of a king who placed a heavy stone in the road and hid to see who would remove it. Men of various classes came and worked their way around it, some loudly blaming the king for not keeping the highways clear, but all dodging the duty of getting it out of the way. At last a poor peasant, on his way to town with his burden of vegetables for sale, came, and contemplating the stone, laid down his load, and rolled it unto the gutter. Then, turning around he spied a purse which had lain right under the stone. He opened it and found it full of gold pieces with a note from the king, saying that it was for the one who should remove the stone.

Under every cross our King has hidden a blessing. We can turn back from a cross, or go around it, but we are eternal losers if we do. We cannot dodge the cross without dodging God's blessing, and we cannot refuse it without endangering our crown—He is watching.—*Used by Permission, Selected in Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Services, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Taking the Cross upon ourselves is better than refusing it. If we refuse it we are not worthy of Him who provided it.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

THE QUIET TIME

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10:16

In order to grow in grace, we must be much alone. It is not in society that the soul grows most vigorously. In one single quiet hour of prayer it will often make more progress than in days of company with others. It is in the desert that the dew falls freshest and the air is purest.—*Used by Permission, Andew Bonar, in Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Alone with God, the soul grows closer to Him. Quiet times with Him enhance the peace and comfort of His abiding presence.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

ASHAMED OF THE TRUTH

Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:32

A girl in a fashionable home was brought to Christ, and for several years witnessed faithfully to Him. Then she was invited to stay with relatives whom she scarcely knew, and whom she had never seen; and she resolved she would not speak of her Lord, nor obtrude her religion. On the day she was to leave for home, an attractive and accomplished lady, a leader in society, while walking alone with her, suddenly said—"Where is your sister, and why didn't she come? I mean your *religious sister*: it was because I heard she was coming that I came; I am sick of my empty life, and longed to talk to a real Christian." With shame she had to confess that she had no sister.—*Used by Permission, King's Herald, in Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Ashamed of Jesus? Should one ever be—even before a king or his company? Have you ever been ashamed to own Him as your Saviour?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

HERE I STAND

Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:22

I suppose I am something like Mr. Cecil when he was a boy. His father once told him to wait in a gateway till he came back, and the father being very busy went about the city, and amid his numerous cases and engagements, forgot the boy. Night came on and at last, when the father reached home, there was a great inquiry as to where Richard was. The father said, "Dear me! I left him in the morning standing under such and such a gateway, and I told him to stay there till I came for him. I should not wonder but that he is there now." So they went, and there they found him. Such an example of simple childish faithfulness is no disgrace to emulate.—*Used by Permission, Gospel Herald, in Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we were as faithful to our Lord's command as was the boy in the above story to his father's, great Christians would we be.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

THE POLITEST MAN

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 19:11

The politest man has been discovered. He was hurrying along the street one night when another man, also in haste, rushed out of a doorway, and the two collided with great force. The second man was infuriated and spoke abusive language, while the polite man, taking off his hat, said very discreetly: "My dear sir, I don't know which of us is to blame for this encounter, but I am in too great a hurry to investigate. If I ran into you, I beg your pardon; if you ran into me, don't mention it." And he tore away with redoubled speed.—*Used by Permission, Forward, in Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Too many of us demand apologies of others but hesitate to make such to them. If ever the day comes when we can give them as freely as we receive them, we will have mastered part of ourselves.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

CAUGHT BY HIS "GENEROSITY"

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:31

It is said that a Covington grocer once met his match. He purchased a table castor for one dollar. Then he marked it with a tag inscribed "$14" and gave it to a Methodist minister whose church his family attended. The next day the minister brought the castor back to the grocer and said to him, "I am far too poor to display on my table so valuable a castor as this, and if you have no objection I should like to return it and take $14 worth of groceries for my family in its stead." The merchant could do nothing but comply.—*Used by Permission, Earnest Worker, in Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we ever pretend to be generous and are not, the day might come when we are forced to prove just how generous we really are—and that might hurt.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

"MR. GLORY FACE"

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:27

Adoniram Judson went as a missionary to Burma. He so burned with the desire to preach the gospel before he had learned the language that he walked up to a Burman and embraced him. The man went home and reported that he had seen an angel. The living Christ was so radiant in Mr. Judson's countenance that men called him "Mr. Glory Face." When Christian workers really come to know the love God has given unto them, the Christian gospel will become irresistible.—*Used by Permission, Westminister, in Knight's* 3000 *Illustrations for Christian Service, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Christ shows in the faces of those who love Him. Many have a false-faced religion, but sooner or later the mask is removed.

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LOVE LOOKS UP AND OUT

Up to God, the divine Creator and giver of all we possess.
Out to man in an attitude of service and with a heart of compassion.
—Copied.

NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Taken from a Letter to Johnny Harris of Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church)

We had a very nice Christmas. The children had a wonderful time opening their gifts and playing with them.

A few nights ago some of our neighbors invited us to their house for a birthday party. They really put on a feast at birthday parties. They had some raw fish, and they just would not be satisfied until I ate some. I mustered my courage and put it in my mouth. I was afraid before I did this that I could not swallow it, but much to my surprise it was rather good. I believe I could acquire a taste for it. This was all right, but I saw some men cleaning a dog one day which they were planning to cook. I don't believe I could eat that.

There are many areas of this island that have never been reached with the gospel. I have traveled in some of these areas, and it's like going to another world. It burdens one's heart to know that the harvest is so plentiful and the laborers are so few. Yet, we know that God is able if only we are willing to go. Please pray that God will give us His guidance in all that we attempt to do for Him. God bless you.

Harold Jones

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Armor-Plated Boys

It has been well said that in these days, especially, we should have armor-plated boys.

The Christian armor on its citizens gives more security to a nation than the armor plate on all its ships. As for the boys of the nation, each one needs to be iron-clad with regard to—

His lips, against the first taste of liquor and smoke.

His ears, against impure words.

His hands, so that they handle nothing wrong.

His heart, against irreverence and doubt.

His feet, against going with bad company.

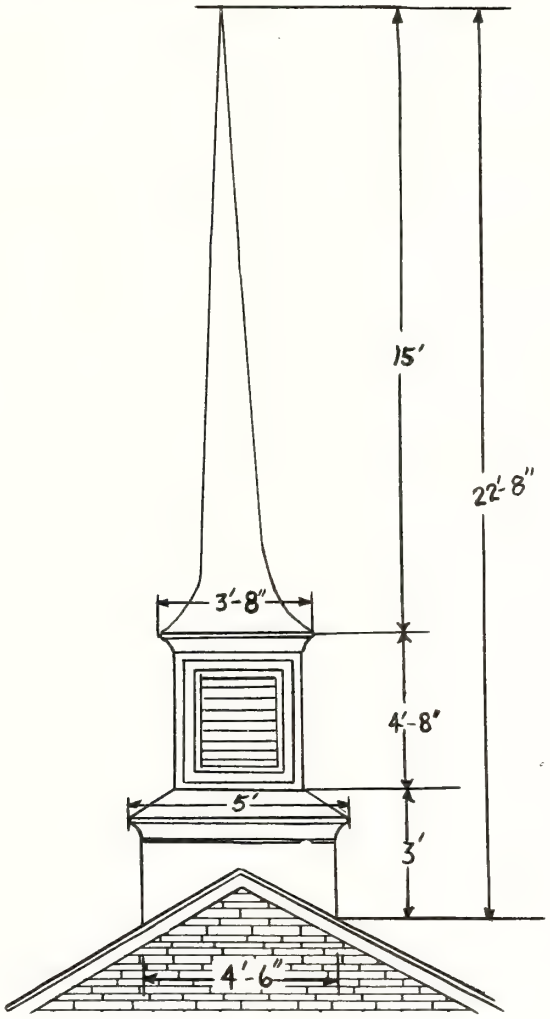
His eyes, against dangerous books and pictures.

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His tongue, against evil sentiments.

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courage them by participating in our Church-College Scholarship Program. Under this plan, the student can receive a $500 scholarship annually with one half paid by the church and the other half by the College. For more information contact Mr. Charles Harrell, College business manager.

Night and Extension Courses. An expanded program of courses for pastors and laymen is now available at night and through extension classes. Any interested person, regardless of educational background, may take these courses on a noncredit basis without charge. Those who wish college credit may apply for admission and pay the regular tuition.

If you would like a course taught in your area, the College will welcome an opportunity to assist in any way possible. For more information, contact the Rev. Sheldon Howard, campus minister (telephone 658-2502).

New Grading System. Beginning with the 1971-72 academic year, Mount Olive College will go on a new grading system which eliminates "F's." Students will receive grades (A, B, C, D) for those courses which they successfully complete. No grade will be given for a course in which a student has not made satisfactory achievement.

Financial Support. In order to provide these and other educational services, the College needs the support of every Free Will Baptist church. Let us keep the lamp of Christian learning strong and clear for ourselves and our children.

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Extension Course On "The Parables of Jesus"

An extension course on "The Parables of Jesus" will be offered during February and March by Mount Olive College for the benefit of Sunday school teachers and other interested persons. Classes will meet each Thursday night at 7:30, beginning February 11, at Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, located between Pink Hill and Beulaville, North Carolina. The course will be taught by Dr. Michael Pelt and will continue for six weeks.

"The Parables of Jesus" is designed as a course for those who seek more insight into the nature of Jesus' teaching and His use of parables in particular. It will be of help to many in the preparation of Sunday school lessons during the current quarter.

We ask that pastors and Sunday school superintendents call this to the attention of your Sunday school officers and teachers and encourage them to attend these classes. The benefits they derive from this experience will help to enrich the teaching program in your Sunday school.

Sunday schools participating in the course will be invited to make a contribution, but there will be no charge to individuals who attend.

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New Dean of Students Appointed at Mount Olive College

Dr. Robert W. Clark, a native of Thomasville, Georgia, has been appointed Dean of Students at Mount Olive College and will officially begin his duties February 8.



The selection of Dr. Clark came after a three-day visit to the College in January, during which time he met with the Student Affairs Committees of both the College and the Board of Trustees, representatives of the student body, and members of the student personnel staff.

Dr. Clark holds the A.B. degree from Stetson University, Deland, Florida; B.D. and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. His professional experience includes serving as Counselor and Acting Director of Student Activities at Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia; Dean and Instructor at the Stetson Extension Division at Jacksonville, Florida.

While enrolled at Stetson he was selected for **Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges,** and served as president of the SGA. He has also been president of the Stetson Alumni Association.

In welcoming Dr. Clark, President W. Burkette Raper, declared, "We believe that he is a capable administrator who understands the purpose of Mount Olive College and is committed to the kind of life we seek for our students."

The College operated without a Dean of Students during the fall with the duties of the office being administered by the Student Affairs Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lorelle Martin.

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Religion Courses by Mount Olive

A religion course in New Testament was taught at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, North Carolina, during the fall semester of 1970 by the Rev. William Futch. Persons completing the course at the end of January were James H. Gurganus, Dean Gurganus, and Gladys Weeks of Newport; David Powell, Marie DeBruhl, Dorothy Gaskins, Ralph A. Morris, Alvin L. Stilley, Mrs. Hazel Stilley, and Tommy Evans of New Bern. The course could be taken either for credit or noncredit.

Beginning the second week in February, if there is sufficient interest, Mount Olive College plans to offer a course in Old Testament at New Bern and a New Testament course in Kenly North Carolina. Mr. Futch will teach both of these courses. Please watch **The Free Will Baptist** for further announcements concerning these courses.

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NEWS NOTES

Third Eastern District Announces League Union

Miss Gail King, secretary of the Third District League Union of the Eastern Conference, announces that the League Union will meet on Saturday, February 20, at 10 a.m., at the conference assembly building near Beulaville, North Carolina. All churches of this district who have leagues are urged to be represented; also visitors are invited.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Corinthians 5:5). Why should anyone wish another delivered to Satan?

Answer: Paul says that it is for the purpose of getting such an offender saved. This man who was a member of the Corinthian church, indulged in a grievous sin—living a vicious life of moral degradation; so when Paul heard of it, he knew that such a one should be expelled immediately from the church's fellowship. It is too bad that we do not have more church officials like Paul in the modern church of this day. When attending the services in some of these churches and getting to know the leaders, I have been persuaded that before such churches may pattern their activities after the apostolic church of Paul's day, it would be necessary to make the front door of the church narrower and the exit or back door wider. No church may be one of the kind the Bible calls for when it retains immoral members just because they have wealth and social prestige.

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. . . . The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:3, 6, 8). The true church member is a born-again saint of God. All others are imposters and well fit Christ's description of them as seen in, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. . . . I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:1, 2, 9).

George Sandison, in **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered,** Page 521, says: "The man is put out of the church, the fold of God, temporarily, on account of his wrongdoing. It was probably so persistent and inexcusable that the apostle despaired of Christian influences effecting a change. He must be made to feel how wicked he was, and by the church expelling him they practically gave him up for the time. This was probably regarded as delivering him to Satan. They ceased to bring Christian love to bear upon him. In at least one case, it is thought, the discipline had a good effect, if, as is probable, the offender is the one referred to in 2 Corinthians 2:6-8."

One might read and compare 1 Corinthians 5:5 with 2 Corinthians 2:7, and also what is said in Halley's Hand Book, the first paragraph, Page 546, with the first section or division of Page 552; and then turn in R. C. H. Lenski's book, **Interpretation of 1 and 2 Corinthians,** Pages 212 to 218 and 882 to 886. In summation, may we say that the above mentioned scholars, together with some other writers on this subject, seem to teach that Paul at the writing of the verse in question, being in Ephesus, has heard of the sin of an unusual nature which includes incest and living in adultery by a male member of the Corinth church. Upon receiving word of this, Paul becomes enraged, and even though he himself cannot excommunicate such a member and that the members only may do this, he demands of them that such actions be taken immediately. This found in 2 Corinthians 2 indicates the church had been influenced by Paul to exclude such a sinner from their fellowship, that Satan might make his life miserable until he repented. He did repent, and under Paul's guidance, returned to the fellowship of the members of that church.

"It is actually reported that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even among the Gentiles, that one of you hath his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and did not rather mourn, that he that had done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already as though I were present judged him that hath so wrought this thing, in the name of our Lord Jesus, ye being gathered together, and my spirit, with power of our Lord Jesus, to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Corinthians 5:1-5 American Revised Version); "But if any hath caused sorrow, he hath caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all. Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the many; so that contrariwise ye should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you to confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you whether ye are obedient in all things" (2 Corinthians 2:5-11 American Revised Version).

This would seem to, in part at least, give us the correct biblical formulas of dealing with such sinners that become members of our local churches. When it is commonly known among the members that a fellow church member has left the straight and narrow way which the Bible places before us for a life of sin and refuses to repent, then the exclusion of such a person becomes the solemn duty of the church; but when he shows just cause to make us believe he has repented, we are under just as binding an obligation to receive him back into our fellowship and friendship.

Jesus said, "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him" (Luke 17:3, 4); "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" (Mark 11:26). When we do as the Bible teaches, comparing Scripture with Scripture, we can arrive at the correct interpretation. Otherwise, we fall short of our responsible duty as a Christian and of the full meaning or interpretation of a passage before us.

We find the following on Pages 112, 113 in Charles B. Williams' **Commentary on the Pauline Epistles:** " 'Deliver this man to Satan,' means let him follow the

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STORIES

for our youth



A REAL LIVE VALENTINE

JOYCE NELMS

THE deep February snow crunched beneath Carol Moore's new red boots as she walked to school with her neighbor, Linda White. They were chatting about the exciting afternoon the fifth-grade class was planning.

"I'm glad you're president of the class," said Linda. "This is the biggest valentine party we've ever had."

Carol blushed, feeling very proud of herself. She loved the fun of Valentine's Day, and she was eagerly looking forward to the party she had planned. There would be a big valentine box and lots of refreshments — strawberry punch and pink cookies, as well as favor cups filled with conversation hearts. Later they would play games, and there would be a prize for the boy or girl who did the best in "pinning a heart on the snowman."

When they reached the corner of Elm and Lincoln, a familiar figure waved to them from the upstairs window of the big white house. The girls smiled and waved back at Sandy Thomas—just as they had every morning for the past six months. Until then Sandy had joined them in the walk to school; but six months ago she had become seriously ill, and she would still have to spend several more months in bed before she was completely well. Sandy's thin face broke into a cheerful smile each morning when she spied her friends, Carol and Linda.

Carol pulled her collar up against the chilly wind. "Let's hurry," she said, breaking into a run. "I want to make sure Billy McGuire brought the valentine box."

Everywhere that Carol looked in the classroom there were red paper hearts, and it made her tingle with excitement. It was difficult to keep her mind on her schoolwork, and she heard restless fidgets from the other desks too.

Then, at last, afternoon came, and the party began. There was a buzz of laughter and "ooooh's" and "aaaah's as the valentines were passed and opened.

Everyone was gathered around the punch bowl and plates of cookies when Mrs. Parker said, "I hope you all remembered to send a valentine to Sandy Thomas. She will be shut in for several more months, and visits and mail from her friends will make the time seem to pass more quickly."

Carol felt as if a giant boulder had just fallen into her stomach. She had forgotten, and from the sudden silence and dismal expressions of her classmates, she knew that they had forgotten, too.

What could she do? She thought hard. It was too late, she decided. Although she was sorry for making such a mistake, there was no reason not to enjoy the party.

Carol turned back to the table. The room seemed strangely quiet—not at all like a party atmosphere—and suddenly she had no appetite for punch and pink cookies. No matter how hard she tried, she couldn't forget Sandy. She kept seeing the thin face smiling from the window.

But as Carol thought about it, an idea began to grow in her mind. Quickly she asked Miss Parker for permission to speak to the class.

"Since I am class president," Carol began, "I feel partly responsible for our forgetting Sandy. But maybe it isn't too late after all." As Carol explained her plan, she saw heads nodding in agreement. "Are you all in favor?" she asked.

"Yeah!" A cheer rose from the class.

"Can we do it right now?" asked Billy McGuire.

"Since this is a special occasion and such a worthy project, I'm sure the principal wouldn't object to the class's leaving early," Miss Parker agreed.

An excited group of fifth graders set right to work, and in a few minutes they had trudged through the snow and arrived at the Thomas' front yard.

When Sandy heard the mutter of voices and looked out her window, her face lighted up with a smile as bright as June sunshine. There on the front lawn was a real, live valentine.

The fifth graders were standing in a heart-shaped pattern, and each carried a sign which spelled out, "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, SANDY."

The air was quite cold, but Carol didn't notice, for she had made a happy discovery. Thinking of others on Valentine's Day made a warm glow inside which warmed her from the top of her red boots to the top of her blond head! —Guide for Juniors.

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About Abraham Lincoln

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was the sixteenth President of the United States. He was born in Kentucky, February 12, 1809. Most of his boyhood was spent in Spencer County, Indiana, where his mother died when he was only nine years old.

His meager education aroused his desire to learn more, and he traveled over the countryside borrowing books. The Bible was probably the only book the family owned, and he read and reread it. His speeches and writings contained a great deal of scriptural quotations.

At twenty-two he moved to New Salem, Illinois, where he did various jobs. He clerked in a store, managed a mill, split rails, served as village postmaster, and studied law.

While in the grocery business, he displayed great honesty. One night as he was closing the store, he found he had overcharged a customer six and one-quarter cents. He was weary after a long day's work, but as soon as the store was closed, he walked three miles to return the money.

Another time, while in the same store, Abe weighed out half a pound of tea for

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Camp Vandemere Treasurer's Report

(July 1, 1970 — January 1, 1971)

The following is the treasurer's report for Camp Vandemere, Inc., Vandemere, North Carolina, for the six-month period: July 1, 1970—January 1, 1971.

Received from Third Union District		
Cabin Church	$ 1.61	
Geiger Mission	20.00	
Grant's Chapel Church	10.00	
Indian Springs Church	5.00	
Jackson Heights Church	31.07	
First Church, Kinston	15.00	
Sandy Plain Church	170.00	
Warsaw Church	10.00	
Union, Sunday School Convention, Youth Fellowship	166.31	
Total		$ 428.99
Received from Fifth Union District		
Antioch Church	$112.32	
Arapahoe Church	655.00	
Bethel Church	100.00	
Core Creek	10.00	
Croatan Church	50.00	
Macedonia Church	13.00	
Mt. Zion Church	225.00	
New Haven Church	65.00	
Oak Grove Church	30.00	
Rock of Zion Church	5.00	
Spring Hope Church	25.00	
Vanceboro Church	25.00	
White Hill Church	25.00	
Union and Sunday School Convention Rally	374.25	
Total		1,720.55
Received from Carteret Union District		
Crab Point Church	$ 76.00	
Otway Church	5.00	
Wildwood Church	7.50	
Union	10.00	
Total		98.50
Miscellaneous Gifts	75.77	
Total Received This Six-Month Period	$2,323.81	

Respectfully submitted,

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Children's Home

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stroyed! Most homes now employ social workers to help do this very thing. They receive every child with the understanding that he really belongs with his family. Their job is to work and plan in such a way that the child can return to his own home where he rightfully belongs as soon as they believe the home is ready to receive the child once more. Where this can be done the child and his family are better off and the institution is free to help more children.

I hasten to point out that we need more sponsors right now without using the individual child's name. We need sponsors that will contribute to a special fund such as the Allowance Fund, without naming a particular child. As far as I know only one auxiliary is now mailing "their child" his allowance each month. The Home gives each child (except one) his allowance the fifteenth of each month out of an Allowance Fund that our sponsors provide. The time has come for all sponsors to think seriously about the welfare of the child and not their own personal feelings. In other words, I feel that you as parents can make the best decisions in the behalf of your own children because you are closer to the child in every respect. You know his psychological makeup as well as his physical characteristics. No matter how hard you may try to bring someone else up to date on the child's needs, you could never inform someone else as well as you are informed. Therefore, I feel by the same token that the sponsors and public in general must let the Home (trustees and staff) make the necessary decisions for the best interest of the children in our care.

Because of the conflict of loyalties of the child and, in some cases, pressure from the public, the trustees passed a motion on November 11, 1970, stating: "By motion, to phase out sponsorship program as new children are admitted." This will in no way change the present sponsorship program for those children now sponsored. However, it does mean that the new children admitted will not be given to a sponsor. The Home will continue to ask sponsors, both old and new, to sponsor a child without naming a particular child. The children that do not have families will visit in various homes over the state much the same way as in the past, but a conscious effort will be made on the part of the Home to build loyalty in the heart and mind of the child toward the institution. The real test will be up to the church and its auxiliaries to help us make this plan work. I think you will agree it is best for the child. The real Christian test will be up to you.

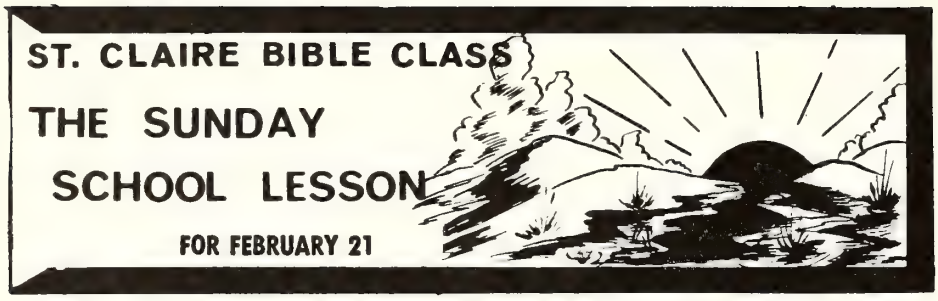
I conclude by saying that the Home needs all the support it can get to help children have a home away from home. All the above simply means that those of you who are now sponsoring a child will not be given another child when the child you now sponsor leaves the Home. You can feel free to help sponsor the Allowance Fund at $5 per month, Clothing Fund at $100—$150 per year, Camp Fund at $45 per year, Christmas Fund $35—$50 per year. We now have six children that do not have a sponsor. Will you help build these funds so they, too, can be more like your children?

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Saturating the Air Waves with the Gospel

It was almost time for the "Old-Fashioned Revival Hour" to go on the air. The broadcast was originating in a tin-roofed tabernacle in Waterloo, Iowa. As Dr. Charles Fuller, the dean of gospel broadcasters, stood on the platform before the microphone, a heavy rain began to fall and pound upon the tin roof, making it impossible for the broadcast to go forth with its Bible-saturated message. Dr. Fuller prayed, "Lord, if you don't stop the rain, the 'Old-Fashioned Revival Hour' will not be able to go out over the air. For Jesus' sake, please stop the rain!"

How illustrative of Dr. Fuller's simple faith in the power of God was that prayer! Within three minutes, the rain stopped suddenly, and the program went out without the slightest interference. But five minutes after the close of the service, a torrential downpour ocurred.—Gospel Herald.



Knowing and Doing God's Will

Lesson Text: Matthew 7:21-27; 21:28-32

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:21

I. INTRODUCTION

En route to a distant city, a great jet airliner was forced to land at the nearest airport capable of handling its size and speed. The passengers were told that they would have to remain there overnight while repairs were made. All were irritated and grumbled a great deal except one man who kept calm and smiling. It was learned that this man's business necessitated his being at the destination on time, but he still remained an example of patience to all. Upon being asked how he could do it, he replied, "Long ago I committed my life and my business to the Lord. He must have some reason for this delay, so I simply wait and am content. If He had intended for me to be there, I guess I would have."

A young man had great plans for an ambitious money-making life experience when God called him to the ministry. Accepting God's will, he was able to go on into a life of many personal sacrifices for the glory of God. Asked how he could do it, he said, "God's will is my will; I have learned that He has never made a mistake and I am willing to submit my entire life to Him."

These two illustrations are among millions that could be used to show there are many dedicated Christians who have learned to know God's will and to do it. Jesus asked His disciples, as He asks us, to trust His will, to learn it, and to abide by it. This lesson will help show us the significance of this.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Some things about the will of God are clear:
   a. God wants everyone to be saved.
   b. God wants everyone to serve Him.
   c. God wants everyone to sacrifice for Him.
2. There are some things about the will of God not so easily discerned —God's plan for you.

B. False Pretenses (Matthew 7:21-23)

1. It is not the words that we speak, but what is in our hearts that is important to God.
2. It is not the works that we do.
3. It is our obedience to Him that counts.

C. The Sure Foundation (Matthew 7:24-27)

1. Every life will have some storms.
2. The life that is built on the Rock, Christ Jesus, will stand.
3. The life that is built on sand will fall.

D. The Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21:28-32)

1. Discuss the son who said no, but repented and did the father's will.
2. Discuss the son who said yes, but neglected to do the father's will.
3. Expound on the interpretation of the parable.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Check in your medicine cabinet for materials to dramatize this lesson. A bottle of liquid medicine or some capsules or tablets will do.

In the event you do not have these items, you may draw them on the chalkboard. Or you can cut a picture out of a magazine and place it on the bulletin board.

Suppose you become ill. Your head aches and your stomach hurts. You go to the doctor, and he examines you and tells you he knows what your trouble is. He may even try to explain to you, in simple terms, what is wrong. He then writes out a prescription and tells you to have it filled at a drugstore. You fold the prescription neatly, put it in your pocket, and go home. You tell yourself, "Now I know what my trouble is and what I can do to get over it. Someday I'll get the medicine and take it."

We all know how foolish such behavior would be. Knowing what was physically wrong and how to correct it would not take away the headache or stomachache. You would not find relief until you actually got the medicine and took it.

There is just as much difference between knowing and doing God's will. Jesus, the Great Physician, has given us the prescription for spiritual life and health. But simply having the prescription will not bring these to us. We must follow the prescription. We must put into practice in our lives what we know God wants us to do. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).—Standard Commentary.

B. Unbelief will dawn a soul to hell forever. People are lost because they refuse to believe on Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. At the judgment many will say: "I attended church occasionally. I gave to all of the community projects. I lived a good moral life. I tried to be a good neighbor." However, Jesus will say, "But you did not believe on me, the Son of God. I died for your sins on the cross. But you would not commit your life to me.

"You did not believe. You are lost." It is sad to think how good some people can be and yet be just as lost as an evil person because they have not believed on Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.—Ray O. Jones.

C. On a popular television show, three candidates are introduced to a panel, each as an individual who has accomplished a certain feat. The panel asks questions of each candidate, but only the one who really accomplished the feat has to tell the truth. The panel then votes, trying to select the right person. God will have no trouble distinguishing between His heirs and others, even though men may be fooled. He knows who are obeying His will and are trying to do their best, trusting His mercy.—Adapted.

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Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love, but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms from those who work with joy.—Author Unknown.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. wishes to announce that he is available for pastoral services second and fourth Sundays. Also beginning July 1, he will be available for full-time or part-time pastoral services. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the following address: Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by telephoning 524-5186 in Grifton after 5 p.m.

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THE RIGHT DIRECTION

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Now that I was letting my mind wander back in time, I also recalled that I had not paid too much heed to a great many matters. I had just given Mother's letters a cursory glance and stuffed them into my pocket with the thought that there was never anything new in them.

Nor had I heeded the postscripts. Forgetting Mother's birthday was proof of it. I walked toward a brightly lit shop window where I could read the letter better. First I read silently, then I read out loud, like a man who wanted to hear the words.

"Jim," Dad had written, "this you will find in Proverbs 22:6: 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.' "

He was reminding me that he and Mother had not let me down when they trained me. A Christian homelife had always been mine, and a step in any other direction was wrong.

"From Proverbs 13:1," I read on, " 'A wise son heareth his father's instruction.' "

I leaned against the shop window and read again. I put the letter into my pocket and took the bus ticket from it. My steps turned eastward. This was the right direction.—Gospel Herald.

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About Our National Hymns

Francis Scott Key wrote our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," while he paced back and forth on the deck of a British-held prisoner-exchange boat during the nights of September 13, 14, 1814. He was there to free old Doctor William Beanes, who was being held a prisoner. As they watched the flag fly freely over Fort McHenry and as Doctor Beanes kept asking, "Is it still there?" Key scribbled his famous words on the back of an envelope. In the morning, the flag was still flying over Fort McHenry. The British freed Doctor Beanes, and he and Colonel Skinner and Key went ashore. During that day, Key finished his poem.

The next morning, Key took the poem to a friend, Judge Nicholson. They brought it to the **Baltimore American,** but the newspaper was not being printed at the time, because of the British attack. A fourteen-year-old boy, Samuel Sands, was the only one in the newspaper office. He set up the print and ran off the poem on handbills.

Sung to music by John Stafford Smith, the poem immediately became popular. Key, a deeply religious man, also wrote the hymn "Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee."

In 1832, Samuel Francis Smith, poet, teacher, and minister of the gospel, wrote the words to the patriotic hymn "America." A friend, Lowell Mason, found a tune in a collection of German melodies and told Smith that the melody would fit his words perfectly.

"America" was first sung publicly on July 4, 1832, by the Sunday school children of Park Street Church in Boston, Massachusetts.

Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," wanted to perform some patriotic deed during the Civil War. Her minister, Reverend William Channing, asked her to write the words to the tune of "John Brown's Body." She said she would try. All that day she thought about the tune. In the middle of that night, Julia awoke. As she lay there, the words filled her thoughts. When she could recite the poem word for word, she got up and wrote the words on paper. It was almost dawn when she crept back into bed.

The next day, Julia read the words that would someday be sung throughout the world: "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Many of our national hymns were written by Christians who loved God and country and who wanted to express that love in a special way. A century has passed since these hymns were written, and a new America is now the defender of freedom as "the land of the free and the home of the brave."—Kitty Miller.

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About Abe Lincoln

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a customer. It was closing time, so he went home. In the morning, when he entered the store, he found the four-ounce weight on the scales instead of the eight-ounce weight. He felt very bad about the mistake and closed the shop immediately. He hurried to deliver the customer the rest of her tea.

While in this store, he gained the title, "Honest Abe." He agreed with the writer of Proverbs who said, "A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight" (Proverbs 11:1).

Abraham Lincoln hated the slave market, and he staked everything to see that the traffic in human lives in the United States would be stopped. He felt that America believed that all men were created equal. The Revolutionary War had been fought so that men might be free to worship and to live as they wished. To Abraham Lincoln, America was not being honest in denying the slaves their freedom.

In 1865, the Washington **Daily Morning Chronicle** wrote, "The poor men and women will find that their greatest friend is the President, and that when their errand is justice, no one will be more patient and sincere and prompt than the laboring man of Illinois who sits in the executive chair at Washington."

Abraham Lincoln realized the importance of justice and honesty in his dealings with others. It is important to be honest at all times.—Doris S. Conley.

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Questions & Answers

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line of conduct Satan has led him to adopt, but out of the church. His expulsion from the church ought to bring about his penitence and so 'destroy his lower nature (flesh).' That is, it ought to cause him, if a regenerated man, to give up his sin and thus save his spirit on the day of the Lord Jesus. Paul believed that proper church discipline, administered in the right spirit, has a corrective influence on the subjects of such discipline."

God gives man in general the responsibility to govern his society. Genesis 9:6 makes him responsible to exercise His divinely imposed rule of punishing each person commensurate with the crime he commits, spelling out in detail the type of punishment in keeping with the kind of violation of His regulations. This is not as some would have us think, confined to the Old Testament and the Jewish nation, but applies to our society of which the church is a part. Under the Old Testament governed society those who committed adultery were executed by stoning just as those who were guilty of murder were. God required that special officers be held responsible for this judgment. Now that we Christians compose the church we are responsible to carry out all the precepts set forth in the New Testament, including those that the New Testament says fits us who are the church. Under certain conditions Jews were excluded from the temple worship; likewise, when certain misconduct makes a person unfit to appear as a member of a church; he is not allowed to participate until he has repented of that crime and confessed. Then he is to be restored to fellowship in that church.

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A week filled with selfishness and a Sunday full of religious exercises will make a good Pharisee but a poor Christian.—Clifton Christian.

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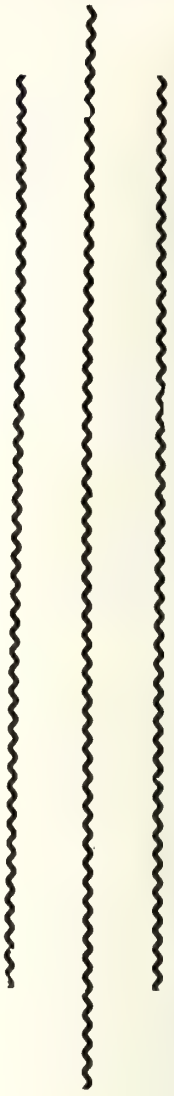
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GOOD THINGS THE PREACHER CAN LIVE WITHOUT

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GOOD THINGS THE PREACHER CAN LIVE WITHOUT

The preacher can live without:

. . . a good listener who can't wait until the end of the service to criticize the sermon.

. . . a good user of English who doesn't criticize the sermon but is forever advising how to improve grammar or pronunciation of words.

. . . a good Sunday school superintendent who superintends everything but the Sunday school or who while superintending the Sunday school tries to superintend everything else as well.

. . . a good tither who never gives less than his ten percent but who also never gives more.

. . . a good giver who is cheerful with his giving but who broadcasts the news of his own generosity.

. . . a good member who forever speaks about his next breath's being his last but lingers on for years complaining.

. . . a good organist who chooses to come to service five minutes late so that everybody has to wait for the call to worship or else sing it a cappella.

. . . a good choir director who leads the choir only in those songs of his particular selection and ignores the hymns of old.

. . . a good choir which sings loud but can never stay on tune and whose members remain in the congregation waiting for someone to beg them to sing.

. . . a good soloist who balks if she isn't used every special occasion and who never attends the Sunday night services unless she is to render special music.

. . . a good youth director who is so much a young person himself in action that the young people cannot really respect him or learn much from him.

. . . a good Samaritan who chooses to help somebody but only when it's convenient.

. . . a good woman's auxiliary that is so intent on stuffing its treasury that its benevolent duties have long since been forgotten and have given way to money-making project after money-making project.

. . . a good church that makes so much noise about loving the Lord that you can't hear it.

These good things will probably contribute little toward the building of God's kingdom on earth.

And these good things the preacher can live without!

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970 -- A Year of Outstanding Change, Innovation, and Progress at Mount Olive College

Y. BURKETTE RAPER,
resident

THE most significant educational developments in the history of Mount Olive College have taken place during the past year, but it may require several years before the full impact of these changes can be measured.

NEW PROGRAMS

dividualized Instruction

Heading the list of academic innovations were programs in individualized struction and cooperative education. nder a grant from the United States ffice of Education and in cooperation ith the Regional Education Laboratory r the Carolinas and Virginia, Mount live College inaugurated the "systems pproach" to instruction under which a udent is permitted to proceed in ourses of study at his own rate of arning.

Instead of the "lock-method" of instruction where every student hears the me lecture, covers the same reading ssignment, and takes his examinations the same time with all other students the class, the new system breaks units study into packages of instruction and rmits students to individually proceed om one unit to the next when they are ady. Under this method a student ay complete a course at midsemester take up to two full semesters. The mphasis is upon effective teaching and astery of learning rather than squeezg every study into the same time old.

Gene Mercer, educational development officer and professor of mathematics, is the coordinator of the program.

Cooperative Education

With the sending of three students to California to work as teacher aids in a state hospital for children, Mount Olive College became one of the select colleges of the nation to inaugurate a program of cooperative education. The main objectives of this program are to provide students with an educational off-campus work experience that is an integral part of their academic program and to provide a means for them to help finance their education.

Students are given supervised assignments in an area of their vocational interests and thereby are able to test their professional goals in real life situations. Not only do students receive academic credit for their work, they are able to earn up to $120 weekly and are afforded the opportunity to exercise major responsibility for personal decision making which contributes to their development as maturing adults.

Dr. Charles Sapp, coordinator of the program, has announced that another team of students will be sent to California during the spring semester and that up to twenty-five more may go on the program in September. The schedule calls for participating students to have two coop work experiences during their two years at Mount Olive College. Already several universities have sent representatives to Mount Olive to discuss their desire to recruit coop students for their junior and senior years.

Nursing Education

In September the College began a two-year program leading toward a B.S. degree in nursing. Under a cooperative arrangement with Atlantic Christian College, students may take two full years of study in nursing education at Mount Olive and then transfer with junior standing to ACC where they will receive their last two years of academic preparation along with their clinical experiences in area hospitals. Graduates may then take the State Board examination to be certified as registered nurses.

A similar transfer program is also available with the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Fine Arts

Under the leadership of Mrs. Viola Hilton, the curriculum in music has been expanded to provide for students to take two full years at Mount Olive toward a Baccalaureate degree in music. Scholarships for the Department of Music were increased 100 percent over the previous year.

The Art Department has also been strengthened, new courses added, and a special art committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett was commissioned to give further study to the contribution art can make to the total educational program of the College.

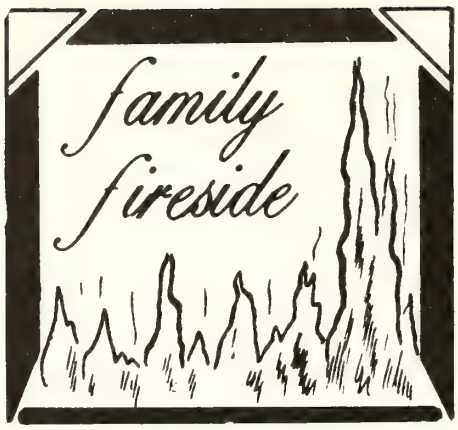
New Academic Policies

A new grading policy, which will go into effect during 1971, provides for the elimination of failing grades. Under this policy students will receive grades only for courses which they successfully complete. This program will eliminate the punitive aspect of grading which frequently prevents a student from continuing his education because of academic failures during earlier years of immaturity, or because he was enrolled in courses for which he was inadequately prepared.

In addition, a more liberal withdrawal policy will permit students to withdraw from courses or from the College under approved conditions without being academically penalized with failing marks and loss of quality points.

A new academic calendar goes into effect in 1971 whereby the fall semester will begin in late August and be completed before Christmas. In January students will have the option of a three-weeks miniterm in which they can make up a course missed during the fall, or simply accelerate their progress toward graduation. This term will also provide opportunities for creative and innovative study for students; and for faculty mem-

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

WHICH SORT OF CLOCK ARE YOU?

Scripture Reading—Joshua 1:9

There is a strange old tower which carries a large clock face without any hands to show the hour. The cleck is still good and sound. It is regularly wound up every week and has been going for many years; but either from an ancient superstition connected with it, or prophecy regarding it, the hands on the outside of the dial were long ago removed and have never been replaced. So there it stands—a clock with no outward sign whatever of its being so—a thing that might be a blessing to all the town, but an absolutely useless thing that does good to nobody!

Alas, how many Christian souls with the grace of God really within them show little or nothing of that grace to any outside eye. Let us seek grace that we may always reflect our Father's image and bring glory to Him.—*The Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A Christian's face with no smile is like a clock's face with no hands. With no smile—no visible joy. With no hands—no way to mark the hour.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

HOW TO FACE CHRIST

Scripture Reading—Romans 2:15

A man murdered another on the shores of Lake Michigan. He threw the body into the water and ran away. Three days later the body was washed up in front of the murderer's cabin. The guilty man, troubled by conscience, confessed his crime and surrendered himself to the authorities, exclaiming: "Ah, yes, I know the tides did it! The tides did it!" When the tides of memory, conscience, and reason begin to roll in on the judgment day every secret thing will be made manifest. The eyes of the Son of God will commend or condemn, according as you have acknowledged your personal Saviour, or refused to confess Him while you have clung to your sins. Surely reason urges you to trust Christ as your Redeemer and not to wait to face Him, as your Judge.—*Howard W. Ferrin in Unto All.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Seek the Lord while He may be found" is the best advice one may give to the unsaved. Chirst as Redeemer is more comforting than Christ as Judge.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

ADMIRATION

Scripture Reading—James 4:4

When Henry Ward Beecher expressed his admiration for a horse he was hiring, the liveryman responded enthusiastically, "He'll work any place you put him and will do all that any horse can do."

Beecher regarded the horse with greater appreciation than before and said wistfully, "I wish he were a member of my church!"

How we need workers like him!—*Leo Polman.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The best church members are those who will do any job for their Lord—great or small—and do it willingly and cheerfully.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

FAITH

Scripture Reading—Revelation 2:9

There was once a good woman who was well-known among her circle for her simple faith and her great calmness in the midst of many trials. Another woman, living at a distance, hearing of her, said, "I must go and see that woman, and learn the secret of her calm, happy life." She went, and, accosting the woman, said, "Are you the woman with the great faith?" "No," was the answer, "I am not the woman with the great faith, but I am the woman with the little faith in the great God."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Simple (little) faith in the almighty (great) God makes a giant out of a midget and a strong man out of a weakling. With God by our side no one is bigger or stronger.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

THE MEANING OF HOME

Scripture Reading—Genesis 39:16

Why is it that "there's no place like home"? A personal friend of the beloved Bible teacher Dr. C. I. Scofield invited him to spend a night in the former's home. In his letter of reply Dr. Scofield wrote: "I like to be able to think of people who deeply interest me in their homes. Downtown we are all pretty much alike, but at home we are just ourselves. That is the very sweetest thing said of those in Christ who have 'fallen on sleep'—'at home with the Lord.' For 'at home' we are at ease; we throw off care; we are understood and loved and welcome." There is the answer to our question. And if heaven is our home, how true it is that there's no place like home! Christ does not intend that we shall be satisfied with anything less than heaven as our dwelling place; for it is He in P personal presence there who will make both heaven and home.—*Sunday Scho Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No home on earth (regardless of ho sweet it is) will ever compare to the hom in heaven prepared by Christ for those wh love Him.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CAN'T STOP LOVE

Scripture Reading—John 17:23

In an overcrowded tenement in the c slums the cry, "fire, fire" is heard, and t fire engines come thundering down t street. From every doorway, from eve fire escape, from every window, eager, cited streams of humanity tumble out the pavement. The flames mount high The smoke belches from the broken w dows, and the open doors. "Stand bac demands the fire marshal, as a little wom with drawn features and tender eyes rush toward him to say that her child is on t third story of the burning building. "I it's impossible for anyone to venture th now. No fireman can attempt it." Th before the marshal can grasp her, she l shot by him. She rushed toward the bu ing building and disappears through t smoke filled door. They found her aft wards among the ashes, her charred ho resting on the face of the child she h died in a vain attempt to save.—*Flor Baptist Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A mother's love is next to God's. As mother in the above story gave her life an attempt to save that of her child, Christ gave His life in an attempt to s all mankind.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

WHY DID THEY GO TO CHURCH?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 29:2

Lyman Beecher Stowe, in "Saints, S ners, and Beechers," tells of one occas when Thomas K. Beecher substituted his famous brother, Henry Ward Beech at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. M curiosity seekers came to see and h Henry Ward Beecher. Upon Thomas Beecher's appearance in the pulpit sightseers started for the doors. Thom K. raised his hand for attention, and m this announcement: "All those who ca here this morning to worship Henry W Beecher may now withdraw from church; all who came to worship God m remain."—*Christian Beacon.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Hero" worship will never fill an em heart or direct an erring soul. Only "G worship can do this. Are you worshipp the Lord, or some preacher?

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Cooperative Education Mount Olive College

On February 11, 1971, the assembly program at Mount Olive College featured the returning Cooperative Education students who have been on Coop assignments in Camarillo, California. These students are David Hoke, Durham, North Carolina; Sandra Webster, Pinetown, North Carolina; and Eyssel Franklin, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Cooperative Education program provides students with off-campus educational work experience in business, government, technical, or professional settings.

For the most part Mount Olive College emphasizes the alternate semester cooperative education program in which a student studies four semesters and works two in order to fulfill graduation requirements.

The Cooperative Education program began in this country around the turn of the century and is now a part of the curriculum in over 400 institutions of higher education in America.

What are some of the benefits students receive from this program?

(1) The student gains a deeper understanding of the relationship between classroom theory and the practical application of knowledge.

(2) Through community involvement the student experiences a new dimension of the educational process.

(3) College becomes more attractive to many students through the combination of work and study.

(4) Productive employment under realistic competitive conditions in real life, adult-dominated environment provides students with insights that enrich their educational experience.

(5) Improved employment opportunities are available to graduates as a result of the cooperation of industrial internship experience combined with academic learning.

(6) Experience shows that 50-75% of Coop students remain with their employers after graduation.

Are all students eligible?

Cooperative Education is broad in scope, and the program is designed to serve all students who are interested and wish to participate. Liberal arts students gain valuable off-campus learning experiences in career-related income situations as teacher assistants, library assistants, social work assistants; jobs with city, county, state, and even the federal governments. Actual experience in public service agencies allow students to obtain vocational goals while they are completing their educational goals, thus academic life becomes a much more valued and creative experience for the students in the traditional liberal arts curriculum.

For more information concerning Cooperative Education at Mount Olive College write to:

Dr. Charles L. Sapp
Director of Cooperative Education
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365

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MUSIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mount Olive College Music Department has a limited number of Music Service Scholarships available for the 1971-72 school year. Auditions for these scholarships will be held on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 1:30 p. m., in the Music Department at the main building, downtown campus. The auditions will follow High School Day activities at the College.

Persons interested in auditioning or desiring more information should write to Mrs. Viola Hilton, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, or call Mrs. Hilton at 919-658-4933 or 919-736-0450.

Mount Olive College To Receive $1,005 From Burlington Industries

President W. Burkette Raper announced that Mount Olive College will receive $1,005 from the "Matched Employee Giving Program" of Burlington Industries. This gift represents a matching contribution for gifts during 1970 from the following donors:

Members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, Raymond Sasser, pastor: Bryant Scott, Sidney White, Osborne Morris, Bessie H. Joyner, and Irene K. Hill.

Members of East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Walter Carter, pastor: Lucille Melton, T. L. Melton Jr., T. L. Melton, Joyce N. Couick, Shirley E. Jarrell, Dean Pitchford, and Geraldine W. Brown.

Also included was a gift from Jerry Bankhead, manager of Burlington House in Mount Olive.

Friends of Mount Olive College who are employed by any division of Burlington Industries are encouraged to use its "Matched Employee Giving Program" in making gifts to the College.

"The Matched Giving Program is designed to encourage employees and directors of Burlington Industries, Inc., and its subsidiaries to give financial support to educational institutions. Matched contributions may be used by the recipients in their sole discretion for such purposes and needs as they consider most advisable for the improvement and promotion of their educational activities. Under this program the Burlington Industries Foundation will match gifts made by employees or directors to qualified educational institutions and organizations in amounts from $10 to $2,500 per donor per year."

Additional information may be obtained from the plant where one is employed or from Mount Olive College.

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GOD IS LOVE

Once while riding in the country, I noticed an unusual weather vane on a farmer's barn. Inscribed on the arrow were these words: "God is love." I turned in at the gate and asked the farmer, "What do you mean by that? Do you think God's love is changeable; that it veers about as that arrow in the winds?" "Oh, no," replied the farmer, "I mean that whichever way the wind blows, God is still love."—Copied.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Fayetteville Member Licensed to Preach



Charles N. Parrish, a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, has recently been licensed to preach. He is the grandson of a well-known Free Will Baptist minister, the Rev. Neal Parrish of Lownds County, Georgia.

Charles is the son of Carson Parrish and was born in Lownds County in 1932. He has recently retired from the U. S. Army after twenty years of service. He has given faithful service in every department of the Fayetteville church. With his wife Barbara and three children, he resides at 507 Longview Drive in Fayetteville. The Rev. Taylor Hill is his pastor.

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Layman's League Fellowship To Meet at Friendship

According to an announcement by Mr. Eugene Averett, the Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will meet at 7:30, Monday night, March 1, at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina. All participating laymen are urged to be present for this important meeting.

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Now I get me up to work;
I pray the Lord I will not shirk.
If I should die before the night,
I pray the Lord my work's all right.
—Selected.

Coming Events

March 13—North Carolina State League Convention, Piney Grove Church, Route 1, Greenville, North Carolina

March 25—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Christian Chapel Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina

NOTE OF THANKS

Please allow me to thank my many friends for the lovely cards and also for the money that I received Christmas. I also want to thank each church and auxiliary and Sunday school class for their remembrances. Some of those churches were pastored by Mr. Joyner, and I learned through his ministry to love the people very much. I shall hold each thoughtful expression of love dear, and I shall not forget to remember each one in prayer.

Your friend in Christ,
Mrs. G. C. Joyner
Route 3
Pittsboro, North Carolina

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Attention Western Youth!

Mrs. Earl (Roseline) Bass's address was sent to us incorrectly and was therefore printed incorrectly in the February 3 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Please note that her correct address is Route 2, Nashville, North Carolina 27856.

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It is not a sin for Christians to disagree. But disagreement becomes a sin when it is allowed to lead to a rupture of fellowship between Christians!—Henry E. Webb.

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Love is the divine secret of unity, the God-given lubricant guaranteed to overcome friction in human relations.—Burris Butler.

OBITUARIES

THE REV. GRAHAM BAKER

On November 20, 1970, God calle from our midst our beloved pastor, th Rev. Jessie Graham Baker. His absenc here leaves many vacancies in our church community, and denomination.

Brother Baker was truly an exampl of God's love manifested in man. Hi first thought was for the welfare o others. Even after he was confined t his bed, his first thoughts were not fo himself, but concern for his people, th affairs of his church, and the differen phases of the denomination. In all o his suffering, his faith never weakenec God's will came first in his life.

Although we miss him, we realize tha our loss is heaven's gain. God now ha another of His saints with Him in glory Our pain is lessened by the knowledg that we shall see him again someday.

Left to mourn their loss are his wife Agnes; his daughters, Sandra and Linda his mother, Mrs. Oma Faye Hines; a ha brother, Robert Baker; and innumerabl friends and relatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Members of Holly Spring
Free Will Baptist Church
Newport, North Carolina

WATCH FOR THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION COMING UP "VISIONS UNLIMITED!"

MISSIONS

REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS NEEDED

by the Rev. Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

During the spring of this year we need o turn some of our attention to the re-airing, painting, and renovation of the uildings that we have at the Bible Insti-ute in Quemado, Texas. These build-ngs are in great need of some minor epairs. It is a must that we paint them his year. These are good buildings, but hey do need a little work done on them.

We are planning some mission rallies o be held in different areas of the state uring the last of this month and the irst of March. During this time you ill be given the opportunity to make contribution to the State Mission oard. A part of this money will be sed for the purpose of the much need-d repairs to the Institute. I hope that ou will take this opportunity to work ith the people of your church and make his gift just as large as possible.



This is the chapel. It needs some re-lacement of a few boards and painting.

You can see by these pictures that a oat of paint would preserve the build-ngs and be a great savings in the future f our work. Will you and your church o something special concerning your ifts during these services? I hope that



This is the students' dormitory. This needs some partitions inside and painting on the outside.

you will make it a point to be present for the service that will be in your area.

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CAPE FEAR MISSION REPORT

(Progress at Christian Chapel Mission)

by Taylor Hill

On Saturday, January 30, I visited the Christian Chapel Mission near Lillington, North Carolina. I was accompanied by Brother Eddie Painter of Route 3, Dunn, North Carolina, who has served as director of the mission from its beginning, approximately one year ago. The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Erwin, North Carolina, is serving as mother church; however, outside prayers and financial assistance are solicited and appreciated.

This endeavor should receive our deepest love and appreciation, because here we can see a real desire and determination to carry out the Great Commission. You see here two pictures that will say more than a thousand words.

The old abandoned house you see is where the people met for approximately one year before the mission became organized. The small number attending was made up of mostly women and children. Brother Eddie recalls the cold winter days and nights that he had seriously considered cancelling certain prayer meetings and worship services when he noticed the women and children shivering from the cold; but, according to Mr. Painter, those attending were always willing and eager to continue on with the services despite the discomfort.





This picture shows Brother Eddie standing in the pulpit of the new sanctuary. The Cape Fear Mission Board has contributed $1,000 in funds, and a few area churches have made special love offerings. The mother church has made generous contributions and has endorsed a loan so that this new sanctuary could be completed. The members have furnished most of their own labor.

Brother Jerome Pope, who is a young licensed preacher, has been faithful in the work. Brother Eddie does not accept any money from the mission treasury. The small congregation has grown to about thirty members.

It has been a very inspiring and heart warming experience to work with these people. When I see them on their knees around the altar, praying in tears for

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A SONG FOR MARCHING

HAVE you ever noticed how much easier it is to march to music than to march without it? Music can make a long march seem shorter too.

Long ago in the village of Horbury, England, a kind minister had charge of a small church about a mile and a half from a larger church. Every year, at a certain time in the spring, all the children marched in a long procession from the little church to the big one. Most of the distance was up a very steep hill. Some of the smaller children would get very tired, but they liked to march, so they stayed in the procession.

One day the minister of the little church said, "I think the children would enjoy marching more if they had some good music and a song they could sing as they go along."

He looked over a lot of songs, but none of them seemed just right. There was only one thing to do, and he did it. He wrote a song especially for the marching children.

The song that he wrote became a great favorite. I'm sure you know it—"Onward, Christian Soldiers." Sure enough, the children loved it, and as they marched along, they sang it joyfully. It was easy to march to the music. Even the little children could march now without becoming so tired.

As the children marched and sang, even the grown-ups along the way joined in the chorus:

> Onward, Christian soldiers!
> Marching as to war,
> With the cross of Jesus
> Going on before.

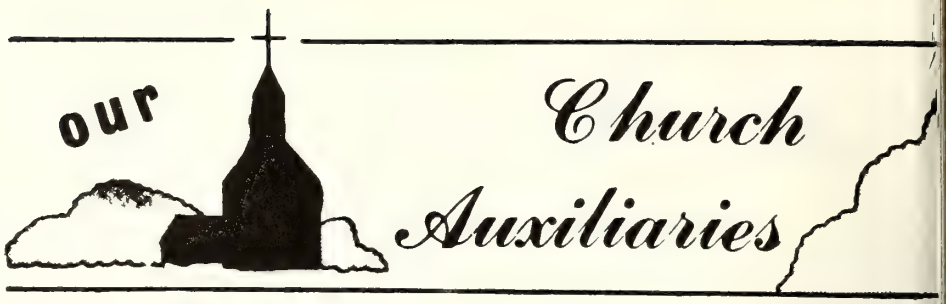
Today, a hundred years later, this song which was written for children is still loved and sung around the world. It has been translated into many languages.

Why don't you try singing while you do a task you don't especially like to do? It will make the work seem easier, and your heart will be happier, too.—The Pentecostal Evangel.

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The new preacher looked at Deacon Canfield coldly and said, "I'm told that you went to the ball game instead of church on Sunday."

"That's not so," cried the Deacon, "and I've got the fish to prove it."—Selected.



NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a report from Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, treasurer of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention, for the third quarter of the fiscal year November 1, 1970—January 31, 1971. Please note the total receipts of this report include the convention offerings, registration fees, and per capita dues. The total disbursements include the offerings and allocations made by the convention. For an itemized list see the finance committee's report in the convention minutes.

Balance in Bank October 31, 1970		$2,392.1
Receipts		
Convention General Fund	$ 30.00	
Interest	35.84	
Promotional (CSF)	171.96	
Denominational Enterprises	4,530.83	
Total Receipts		4,768.6
Total to Account For		$7,160.7
Disbursements		
Convention Expenses and Allocations	$ 500.56	
Denominational Enterprises	4,530.83	
Total Disbursements		5,031.3
Balance in Bank January 31, 1971		$2,129.3
Summary of Bank Account Balances		
General Fund		$1,862.3
Interest		267.0
Total		$2,129.3
Banks		
Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company		$1,362.3
Tarboro Savings and Loan		767.0
Total		$2,129.3

	Itemized	Received	Disburse
Home Missions	$	$ 292.34	$ 292.3
Foreign Missions		265.43	265.4
Missions (Designated)			
Central Conference	58.46		
Mexico	17.00		
Mexican Missionary Salary	135.00		
Timmons	7.35		
Air-Conditioner for the Barrows	5.00	222.81	222.8
Harold Jones Fund		74.90	74.9
Faye Barrow Fund		828.45	828.4
Mount Olive College			
General Fund	275.98		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship	158.00		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	56.00		
Organ Fund	20.00		
Chapel Fund	5.00	514.98	514.9

Children's Home			
General Fund	658.00		
Clothing	50.00		
Dishwasher	110.95		
Allowance	44.00		
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	212.27		
Bud Hill's Christmas	25.00	1,100.22	1,100.22
Superannuation			
General Fund	187.85		
Adopted Widows and Ministers	13.00	200.85	200.85
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.			
General Fund	107.00		
Frontier Cottage Fund	70.00	177.00	177.00
Life Membership Fees (Mount Olive)		40.00	40.00
ECU Fellowship Center		85.00	85.00
Camp Vandemere		35.00	35.00
Evelyn Herring		6.00	6.00
Christian Service Fund			
Missions	171.96		
Mount Olive College	171.96		
Children's Home	128.97		
Cragmont	128.97		
Superannuation	85.99	687.85	687.85
Totals		$4,530.83	$4,530.83

(**Note:** Promotional, 20 percent of Christian Service fund, $171.96, retained. See receipts above.)

Attention Auxiliaries!

You will recall that it was voted at our last convention to increase the per capita dues to 40 cents per member. Twenty cents of this was to be used by the district convention and twenty cents by the state convention. Please get your dues collected and send them to your **district treasurer** before your spring meeting. The time for the spring meetings is fast approaching, so let's get busy and get this item of business attended to.

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MISSIONS

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the watch care of the Lord, it brings to my mind the faith, toil, tears, and perseverance that were so much a part in the founding of our old established churches that we now enjoy.

If you wish to make a contribution to this worthwhile work, you may earmark it for the Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Mission through the Cape Fear Missions treasurer, H. T. Hinson, Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

By all means remember these dedicated members and their leaders to the Lord. Prayer is always important.

Attention All Free Will Baptist Leaguers

The only source of funds available to the North Carolina State League Convention for general promotion and expenses is individual and group contributions. Our State League Convention depends on the contribution of ten percent of your quarterly offerings. These contributions are to be sent from the local league to the state convention. Has your league sent its contribution for the last quarter? If not, will you do so now? We need your support particularly as we make plans for the state convention which will be held on March 13, at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville.

(Miss) Hilda F. Owens, Treasurer
North Carolina State Convention
of Free Will Baptist Leagues
Mount Olive College
Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365

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A little boy, caught in mischief, was asked by his mother, "How do you expect to get to heaven?" He thought a minute and then said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door till they say, 'For heaven's sake, come in or stay out.' Then I'll go in."—Selected.

Attention, Free Will Baptists of the N. C. State Convention!

Dear Ministers and Laymen:

This letter and subsequent actions are designed to awaken our people to the impending crisis in our State Legislature over the liquor-by-the-drink issue. It is the sincere desire of the president of the State Convention and the members of the executive committee that each Free Will Baptist express his opposition to the passage of the liquor-by-the-drink legislation in any form. Your Church Covenant states that you will ". . . abstain from all . . . sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, . . ."

This issue if **urgent!** It is is imperative that every Free Will Baptist speak out on this issue! The outcome of this legislation will influence each of our lives! Think of the increased numbers of alcoholics due to the increased accessibility of alcohol, and added temptations to youth and the general degrading consequences the passage of such a bill would bring upon our state!

Letters are being sent to each pastor and clerk as a guide that you may reproduce your own to be sent to your legislators. Secure a letter from your pastor, get the names of all your legislators in Raleigh, and send one letter to each of them. If every member of each church will do this, our voice as Christians, will be heard and make a real impression on our legislators. They will listen! Address then as follows:

The Honorable .....
State Legislature Building
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Don't neglect to do your part! Thank you.

Sincerely,
The Rev. C. F. Bowen, President
North Carolina State Convention

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A missionary, traveling through the jungle, met a lion. Flight was hopeless; he fell to his knees in anxious prayer. A few moments later he was greatly comforted to see the lion on its knees beside him. "Dear brother," said the relieved missionary, "how delightful it is to join you in prayer when a moment ago I feared for my life." "Don't interrupt," said the lion, "I'm giving thanks." —Selected.

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bers, it will make possible an extra period of employment. For those who desire it, there will be the choice of a long winter vacation. The spring semester will begin in February and end in May.

NEW FACILITIES

The year of 1970 also witnessed the completion of more than one-half million dollars in new construction. A modern dormitory for 126 men was occupied in September and gave the College its first on-campus housing designed for male students.

Also, the first tennis courts were completed and work was begun on the paving of parking lots in the dormitory area and the surfacing of campus drive between the dormitories and the academic buildings.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. P. Kemp Sr. of Goldsboro, North Carolina, the landscape program on the new campus moved forward toward making Mount Olive one of the most beautiful junior colleges in North Carolina.

Sixteen additional acres of land was acquired to bring to 106 acres the site of the new campus on U. S. 117 Bypass.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

More significant than new facilities was the progress made in the continuous development of the general academic program.

After an intensive two-year self-study by the faculty, administration, trustees, students, and an evaluation by a visiting team of educators from throughout the Southeast, Mount Olive College had its accreditation reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The self-study was directed by Miss Hilda Owens, director of counseling services.

Under the leadership of Gary Barefoot, librarian, two major milestones were reached in the library. The book collection passed the 20,000 volume mark and the reclassification of library holding according to the Library of Congress system was completed.

Dean Thomas Vernon provided leadership for important revisions in the organization and administration of academic affairs. The curriculum and faculty were organized into five divisions of study in place of twelve departments, policies were approved to permit students to receive credit on certain courses by examination, a more liberal class attendance policy was inaugurated for students doing acceptable work, more flexible graduation requirements were authorized, and new degree programs were approved in general education, liberal arts, engineering, music, teacher education, and religion.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Under the motto, "The College That Cares," Mount Olive took additional steps to enrich its student life program and to broaden the participation of students in college decision making and governance.

Students were given voting representation on all major college committees and heavier responsibility for self-government, including the judicial system. The Student Affairs Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Lorelle Martin, a senior faculty member, dedicated many extra hours to making student self-government more effective and the entire student life program more viable.

Athletics

In athletics, Coach Tom Edwards' basketball team was making a strong showing, standing second place at midyear in the Cavilier-Tarheel Conference, and Athletic Director Robert Sutton was successful in bringing the conference tournament to Mount Olive for the championship games to be played February 25-27.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ray Moore, Mount Olive dentist, the Trojan Club pledged with the College to support an increase of fifty percent in athletic grants-in-aid.

Religious Life

In religious life, Sheldon Howard, campus minister, provided leadership for placing greater emphasis on the spiritual development of the individual student through counseling and worship rather than required programs. Religious organizations became more active and engaged in a wide variety of service projects.

Student-Aid Program

The student-aid program under the administration of Charles Harrell, business manager, was increased forty percent over last year to approximately $150,000 in scholarships, loans, grants, and various types of student employment. A cooperative scholarship program was entered into on a voluntary basis with churches whereby students may receive grants up to $500 during the academic year with $250 being paid by the home church of the student with a matching grant from the College.

Enrollment

During 1970 Mount Olive became the first private college in North Carolina to use television commercials in its recruitment program. In addition, students were given employment in the admissions office during the summer and made field visits to prospective students. While many private colleges were experiencing a decrease in enrollment, Mount Olive registered a ten percent increase over last year. On-campus enrollment for the fall semester reached 343 with 75 additional students being served in extension and night classes for a total enrollment of 418 for the fall semester.

EDUCATIONAL, CHURCH, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The outreach of Mount Olive College was extended to new horizons during 1970. Mount Olive continued as the coordinating institution for a grant in the amount of $93,032 from the United States Office of Education for the professional development of administrators and faculty members in ten junior colleges in North and South Carolina.

A year-long community leadership program is being carried out under the direction of Dr. Charles Sapp of the College faculty for the purpose of training local citizens to accept leadership roles for community improvement. In cooperation with local schools a teacher-aid program was also begun.

Mount Olive College has made its facilities available to Wayne Community College for a variety of courses of value to local citizens.

In the Free Will Baptist Church, which sponsors Mount Olive College, the College has increased its extension courses to provide free instruction for those who wish to enroll in off-campus courses in religion. The Rev. William Futch of Princeton, North Carolina, an alumnus of Mount Olive College and a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, has been added to the faculty to assist in this program.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What is the second blessing?

Answer: There is quite a number identified with the church in our day that feel the definite need of an experience to make them conscious of loving God and definitely desirous of pleasing Him. They have heard of and believe that one, after he has been saved, may come into an experience that changes his behavior pattern the same as the new birth or regeneration changed one's nature, or was the means by which he had given unto him a new nature. They say that when one has been converted feelings of dissatisfaction are almost sure to follow the first weeks, months, or whatever the period of time the new convert feels that he has lived in a peaceful triumph in God over sin.

They point to a still better and higher experience to which the Holy Spirit leads those who seek and find this second experience at which time these that come into such a second experience may, the rest of their days here on earth, live an overcoming life. Some think themselves to have been the kind of overcomers that have been kept free from sin ever after this second experience. There are even some among the extremists holding this view that say they have not even been tempted to sin since this second religious experience, as they call it.

Some of those who used to call themselves Free Will Baptist, but that we generally refer to as Free Will Holiness, held that view when I first became a ministerial student. In those days the second blessing was frowned upon by us "Original" Free Will Baptists; for as those who were among us joined those of this particular doctrinal persuasion connected it with the speaking in tongues, we also thought of the two beliefs either going together or as being one doctrine. However, I have come to realize that there are many now who believe in "a second, definite work of grace," but do not believe differently from Original Free Will Baptists on the question of tongues.

Dr. James M. Gray, late president of the Moody Bible Institute; Dr. P. B. Fitzwater that served with Dr. Gray as dean; and Dr. John G. Page, professor of Bible Dictrine; with others there of less rank, believed in one baptism of the Holy Spirit, but that many infillings were possible in the experience of all Christians. That was what I had been taught in my classes at the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina. The Revs. R. F. Pittman and J. E. Sawyer and also Professor Spencer shared this belief which was at that time accepted by all the ministers and ministerial students I knew intimately. So the orthodox Free Will Baptists then and also now thus believe as to this doctrine.

The Bible definitely teaches that all Christians need to continue to grow in grace and knowledge, and that this may be attained only by a continued devotional obedience to God as one obediently follows the instruction God gives in His Word; also, that this cannot be done except by a continuous communion with God and in fully giving over of oneself to the reading and meditation on God's precepts as found in the holy Scriptures.

This idea some seem to have that a Christian may have a once-for-all experience that renders him in all future experiences as sinless is neither scriptural, consistent to the testimonies of the best-known saints of history, nor is consistent with the testimony of the most useful Christian scholars of the present. Dr. James M. Gray told his class in Bible that he heard D. L. Moody say that when anyone's testimony portrayed him as having lived a sinless life over a given period of time, when he (Mr. Moody) had his umbrella along, he always made sure it was concealed from the one who thus testified. In other words, it was Mr. Moody's opinion that a testimony of that kind portrayed dishonesty on the part of the one giving it, which in itself indicated, fell short fo that required of a saint in God's Word.

Dr. R. A. Torrey was a well-educated man, a university professor, and regarded as a good church member by some when he was converted. He soon became associated with D. L. Moody and taught at the Moody Bible Institute before having an unusual experience. Things had gone well for him with the Christian progress he had achieved until a sudden illness seized upon his young daughter. He came home and prayed and summoned a doctor, but that very evening his beloved daughter succumbed to diphtheria. This brought almost immediate despair upon him, flooding his whole being with sorrow and darkness, causing him to doubt his salvation and even the existence of God. While in this state of shock and shrouded in spiritual darkness, he walked the streets of northeast Chicago crying out in agony, repeating his daughter's name over and over, until he was nearly exhausted. Then just before daybreak he quietly returned to his home, consulted the Word of God, and there and then made a new commitment to God which made him aware of a flood tide of God's redeeming mercy; and the last thing I heard him say on the subject, only a year or so before he died, was that he had never lived a moment without the full awareness of the infilling power of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. William Evans in **The Great Doctrines of the Bible,** Pages 116, 117, says: "There is a difference between possessing the Spirit, and being filled with the Spirit. All Christians have the first; not all have the second, although all may have. Ephesians 4:30 speaks of believers as being 'sealed,' whereas 5:18 commands those same believers to 'be filled (to be being filled again and again) with the Spirit.'

"Both the baptism and the infilling may take place at once. There need be no long wilderness experience in the life of the believer. It is the will of God that we should be filled (or, if you prefer the expression, 'be baptized') with the Spirit at the moment of conversion, and remain filled all the time. Whenever we are called upon for any special service, or for any new emergency, we should seek a fresh infilling of the Spirit, either for life or service, as the case may be.

"The Holy Spirit seeks—so we learn from the story of the Acts—for men who are not merely possessed by but also

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STORIES for our youth



JERRY'S LESSON

JUNE R. CHAPMAN

JERRY was having a hard time being patient while he waited for his parents to finish dressing. He wanted to be sure to be at Sunday school early this one time.

"I'm really going to have fun!" he had told his pal, Carl, the day before. "My parents wouldn't like it, but so far they haven't told me not to take it, so I'm not really disobeying."

He told Carl about the gag lapel flower Uncle Clay had given him. It had a long tube with a bulb on the end. When anyone squeezed the bulb, the middle of the flower opened and showed an eye which winked. The tube was long enough to reach from the inside of his lapel to his pants pocket.

"You certainly were ready early," his mother said as she got into the car. "You must be looking forward to an interesting time."

"Yes, I am," Jerry told her, feeling glad about not actually lying.

He had learned in the past few Sundays that he could be a very popular boy, and he had taken advantage of it. He could get a laugh from the class anytime he wanted it. One of his favorite tricks was to take a girl's quarterly when she wasn't looking. Then she'd have to ask everyone where it was. This usually ended with his getting beaten over the head with the quarterly, but girls couldn't hit hard anyway.

Carl was waiting for him at the door to his department.

"Here's the little gadget I was telling you about," he said, showing Carl the flower.

"Say, that's great," Carl remarked as he watched Jerry put it in his lapel.

Mrs. Neal had just begun to explain about the material they would use for the lesson when Jerry noticed that Pam was looking at the flower. He squeezed the bulb, and Pam began to giggle.

"What's so funny?" Sheila asked.

Pam leaned over and whispered, "Look at Jerry's flower."

Again he squeezed the bulb and made the flower wink.

By this time all the class was giggling and asking him to make it wink again.

"Jerry," Mrs. Neal said above the noise, "how about listening to me and letting the others hear?"

"Oh, I'm sorry," Jerry said. "I just forgot."

He had realized lately that if he said he was sorry, he could get by with almost anything.

"Our lesson today is aobut Lazarus."

Mrs. Neal got no further. The whole class had burst out with laughter when Jerry grabbed one of the girls' hats and put it on his head.

"Jerry, it's awfully hard for me to teach when you do those things. I'm afraid I'll have to talk with your parents if you don't quiet down."

He knew that Mrs. Neal meant what she said. If she told his dad, there would be no allowance for at least two weeks.

"I really am sorry," he said. "I'll behave from now on."

He behaved for the remainder of the class period, but it was hard for him not to give in to temptation to do something to attract attention. He was convinced that was the only way he could keep the others thinking he was O.K.

When he got home, he immediately went to his room and put the flower into a drawer. He was a little worried that Mrs. Neal might have said something to his father, but by the time dinner was over and Father hadn't said anything, he was sure he was out of danger of punishment.

The next day Jerry hurried home from school. Mr. Barker, the Sunday school superintendent, had asked him to show a group of the younger boys how to build a fire. Mr. Barker planned to take them on an overnight camping trip, and thought if the boys knew a little something about fire-making ahead of time, it would be helpful.

The fellows were waiting for Jerry. As soon as he changed his clothes, he took them to the fireplace in his back yard.

"Now watch, fellows, the first step is . . ."

That was all he was able to say, because Jack yelled, "Here's the first step, and there's the second one," as he took long strides across the yard.

"All right, everyone," Jerry almost shouted. "Don't pay any attention to the little show-off. Watch me. Now you take these smaller sticks . . ."

"And beat each other over the head," Jack said as he grabbed a stick from Jerry.

Jerry's patience was about gone. "O.K., Jack. Keep that up, and I'm going to tell your mother."

All at once Jerry became thoughtful. That was almost the same thing Mrs. Neal had said to him. Was that what it was like to try to teach something and then have a clown get all the attention? Teaching boys and girls God's Word was much more important than what he was doing; yet he had been guilty of disturbing the class so much that they couldn't hear the teacher.

After the threat of telling his mother, Jack settled down. Jerry taught his lesson well, but when he was finished, he knew that he had learned much more than the fellows who had gathered around the fireplace. He was going to tell Mrs. Neal he was sorry, and this time he would mean it.—My Pleasure.

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THE THREE R'S

Says Dr. Whitt N. Schultz, "The three R's used to be readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic. Today they are rioting, rebellion, and restlessness. If this condition continues we'll have regret, rot, and ruin. What we need is respect, religion and responsibility."—Christian Victory.

Behind the Forbidden Door

by
MATILDA NORDTVEDT

JOYCE listened carefully to Aunt Sue's last-minute instructions. "You may help yourself to pop and ice cream if you get hungry after awhile," she said. "And remember, if Great-Grandma gets ill or something, call the number by the phone."

She kissed Joyce lightly on the cheek and walked quickly across the kitchen to join Uncle Ned in the car. At the door, she turned to Joyce. "Just one more thing, Joyce. Don't go into the den tonight." And then she was gone.

Joyce stood by the window and watched the car drive away. Don't go into the den? Why not? Aunt Sue had never given her an order like that before. Often she spent the whole evening there when she took care of Great-Grandma.

Mystified, Joyce sank into a chair and thought hard. Why didn't Aunt Sue want her to go into the den? Was there some kind of secret in there? Something Joyce shouldn't see?

Restlessly, she walked around the house, glancing questioningly at the door of the den. Strange how irresistible something forbidden becomes!

She peeked in at Great-Grandma, who was already asleep. Joyce's face softened as she looked at the dear old deaf lady, her new great-grandmother. Joyce who had never had a family before, suddenly had a father, a mother, an Uncle Ned, an Aunt Sue, and even a sweet little great-grandmother.

Joyce's mind wandered back to her past life. Being passed from one foster home to another hadn't been easy. She had never stayed long enough in one place to feel as if she belonged. When she had come to the Mulherns, she was shy and withdrawn, thinking that they, too, would probably keep her for only a few months.

But the Mulherns were different. They were Christians. They had introduced Joyce to Jesus Christ, and she had received Him as her personal Saviour.

Besides all that, the Mulherns had told her that they would like to adopt her as their own daughter. It wasn't often that people wanted to adopt a teen-ager. Joyce knew that from experience.

Joyce wandered back into the living room. It hadn't been hard to call the Mulherns "Dad" and "Mom." "Call me Aunt Sue," Mrs. Mulhern's sister had said. "I think we'll need you once in a while to take care of Great-Grandma. We like to have one of the family with her all the time." She had squeezed Joyce's hand, and Joyce had almost burst with happiness.

Thinking about Aunt Sue reminded Joyce again of the forbidden door. What could be behind it? Aunt Sue had told her not to go in, but maybe, if she just opened it and peeked in, it wouldn't matter. She glanced at the clock on the mantel. It was seven forty-five. Aunt Sue had been gone only fifteen minutes, and she usually stayed away a couple of hours. Joyce moved toward the door. If she could just satisfy her curiosity, then she could relax. She put her hand on the knob.

Suddenly, the words of a song she had learned shortly after becoming a Christian flashed into her mind. "I would be true, for there are those who trust me."

Joyce liked that song. She had always been such a sneak before becoming a Christian. But she didn't want to be that way any more. She wanted to be true, and now she had the Lord Jesus to help her. Just knowing that her new dad and mother trusted her made her want to be honest about everything. And Aunt Sue trusted her, too, or she wouldn't have asked her to take care of Great-Grandma.

But it wouldn't hurt just to look, would it? Joyce's hand gripped the knob, but she didn't turn it. "I would be true" kept coming to her mind. Yes, I will be, she decided, letting her hand drop to her side.

Ashamed of herself for even considering a deceitful act, she hurried back into the living room and sat down in an easy chair with her book. Maybe if she became engrossed in the story, she would stop wondering what was behind the forbidden door.

Joyce had read only a few pages when she heard a shout.

"Surprise!" shouted about a dozen people, as they came crowding into the room. Joyce recognized a few as Mulhern relatives. The back door slammed, and there stood Uncle Ned, Aunt Sue, Dad, and Mom. "Happy birthday to you," they all sang.

"But it's not my birthday," said Joyce in bewilderment when they had finished singing. "I don't understand. I—"

"That's what the surprise is," said Mom, putting her arm around the trembling girl. "We received the adoption papers today and thought we should celebrate now that you are officially a Mulhern."

"We invited the relatives from out of town," Aunt Sue continued, waving her hand at the people, "so you could see what kind of family you've become a part of."

Everybody laughed, including Joyce. She turned away quickly to hide the happy tears in her eyes.

After the delicious refreshments that Aunt Sue had prepared—tiny sandwiches, ice cream, and birthday cake—it was time for the presents. Joyce could hardly believe her eyes when she unwrapped the lovely gifts—even a hand-knit sweater from Great-Grandma!

When it was time for everyone to leave, they all made their way to the den to get their coats. Joyce gasped. So that's what was behind the forbidden door—relatives who had come to her party, sandwiches, and birthday cake! What if—? But she couldn't bear to think of it. Maybe Aunt Sue would never have trusted her again. It would have spoiled everything.

Thank you, Lord, for helping me not to be sneaky, she breathed. Help me always to be true and dependable.

Joyce heard Great-Grandma's bell above the voices of the departing guests. "I'll go and see what she wants," she said to Aunt Sue. As she ran to Great-Grandma's room, she found herself humming her favorite song, "I would be true, for there are those who trust me." Joyce would never forget that.—Gospel Herald.



RICH TOWARD GOD

Lesson Text: Luke 12:13-21

Memory Verse: Matthew 6:33

I. INTRODUCTION

One thing seems to be self-evident to any observer of world philosophy as it is manifested in the activities of its inhabitants: regardless of the importance attached to the spiritual and the aesthetic, it is materialism that motivates most of the actions of men. Most men have lost sight of the fact that they are stewards of God and that God has endowed us with the possibilities of finding a much better and more useful life than that which can be offered by mere materialism. No fact has been more fully demonstrated; and yet, in spite of this, most men strive after these things as if they were capable of bringing both security and happiness.

Men are motivated by a materialistic philosophy, because they have failed to realize that they are more than physical beings, and thus have failed to develop and give heed to their spiritual needs. Men whose lives are indwelt by the Spirit of God recognize the importance of this spiritual nature and know full well that there are values that cannot be measured in dollars and cents; they know that the spiritual birthright which God has given them is of greater value than all of the pottage which the world has to offer.

Our lesson text for today is composed of two New Testament selections: the first, Luke 12:13-21, consists of the parable of the rich man whose ground brought a rich harvest and his determination of the use he would make of this good fortune; the second, Matthew 6:19-21, constitutes an admonition for the followers of Christ to seek the treasure of heaven more than this world's possessions. Both selections are designed to discourage covetousness and to recognize the value of spiritual possessions.

The purpose of today's study is to help young people recognize that there are values that are much more precious than material possessions.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. In petitioning the Lord, we should ask that His will be done in our lives, not that personal desires be granted (Luke 12:13, 14).

B. Covetousness is a serious sin because it does not take God's will into account (v. 15).

C. When God provides material blessing, He expects us to share what we have with others (Luke 12:16-18; James 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17, 18).

D. The things of the world can never permanently satisfy the deep longings of the soul (Luke 12:19; cf. Ecclesiastes 5:10).

E. The possessions we gain here will be of no avail in eternity (Luke 12:20, 21; cf. 1 Timothy 6:7).

F. According to God's plan, everything on the earth is undergoing a gradual process of decomposition (Matthew 6:19; cf. 2 Peter 3:12).

G. The things of Christ are more valuable than earthly gain (Matthew 6:20).

H. No man can successfully walk with one foot in the world and the other in heaven (vv. 20, 24).—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We remember reading an interesting story somewhere many years ago. It is the story of a Christian who dreamed. In this dream, the wealthy Christian thought that she had died and gone to heaven. She was being shown all over the place when they came upon a beautiful mansion. When she asked who owned this mansion, she was told that it belonged to her gardener. She could not understand it and said so. Soon she asked her guide to show her the place prepared for her. Naturally, she expected a great place, because she had been very wealthy. But to her surprise she was shown a small cottage. She simply could not understand why she had been given such a small place and her gardener had been given such a mansion. Finally, she was told that they used the materials that were sent up, and the materials that she had sent up would build only a cottage.

When the wealthy lady awoke from her dream she was determined to do more for others and for the cause of Christ. She realized that riches were a trust to be used, not just a luxury to be enjoyed. Do we realize that today? We are rich toward God only when we do something for other people.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

B. Three kinds of brooms will help you to make this lesson memorable.

The first broom is a new one. A new broom sweeps clean, they say. And it does, if it is used.

This broom has great possibilities. It can be used to sweep a clear path for an aged person to walk upon. This broom can clean a floor for a child to romp upon.

A new Christian is like a new broom—with a great many possibilities for service.

The second broom is a used one that is worn evenly. This one has been used many times.

Perhaps this broom was used to sweep leaves last fall, or to clean an attic last summer.

This broom is fulfilling its purpose. We can see that it has done a lot of work already, and it seems capable of still more service.

The last broom is one that is worn, but is also crooked from standing in the corner for a long period of time.

This broom is different from the others. It has been used, but it is useless now. And why? Because for a long time it did nothing.

This broom is like this, not because it has been used so much, but because it stood idle for too long a time. This broom got this way by standing in a corner doing nothing. It takes a whole lifetime to wear out a Christian in service; but if one simply stands around and does nothing, he becomes useless quickly.—Adapted from Standard Commentary.

C. Two friends were in a conversation. One told the other of a "good man who had died and left $30,000." "What a pity," said the other, "that he left it behind when he might have sent it ahead. He is not likely now to ever hear of it again."

Stop for a moment and imagine what your church could do with the income

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St. Claire Bible Class

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lerived from every member who decided ıe would tithe at least one year. Of the nany things that would happen, let us ıut down at least two. (1) The church ould do more things for the glory of God than it ever dreamed of. (2) If each nember tithed for the glory of God, and ıot to "see what will happen," everyone f them would become rich toward God or one year at least!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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Questions & Answers

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illed with the Spirit, for service (6:3, 5; ?:17; 11:24). Possession touches assurınce; infilling, service."

To be filled with the Spirit means hat a Christian has forsaken and denied he world, the flesh, and the things perıaining to these; and has willfully and consistently become crucified with Christ ınd thereafter made alive in Him in newıess of life. The things the subject once ıated are now the prime object of his ove. He seeks and receives repeated inillings of the Spirit as his continued growing knowledge of God's Word teaches him.

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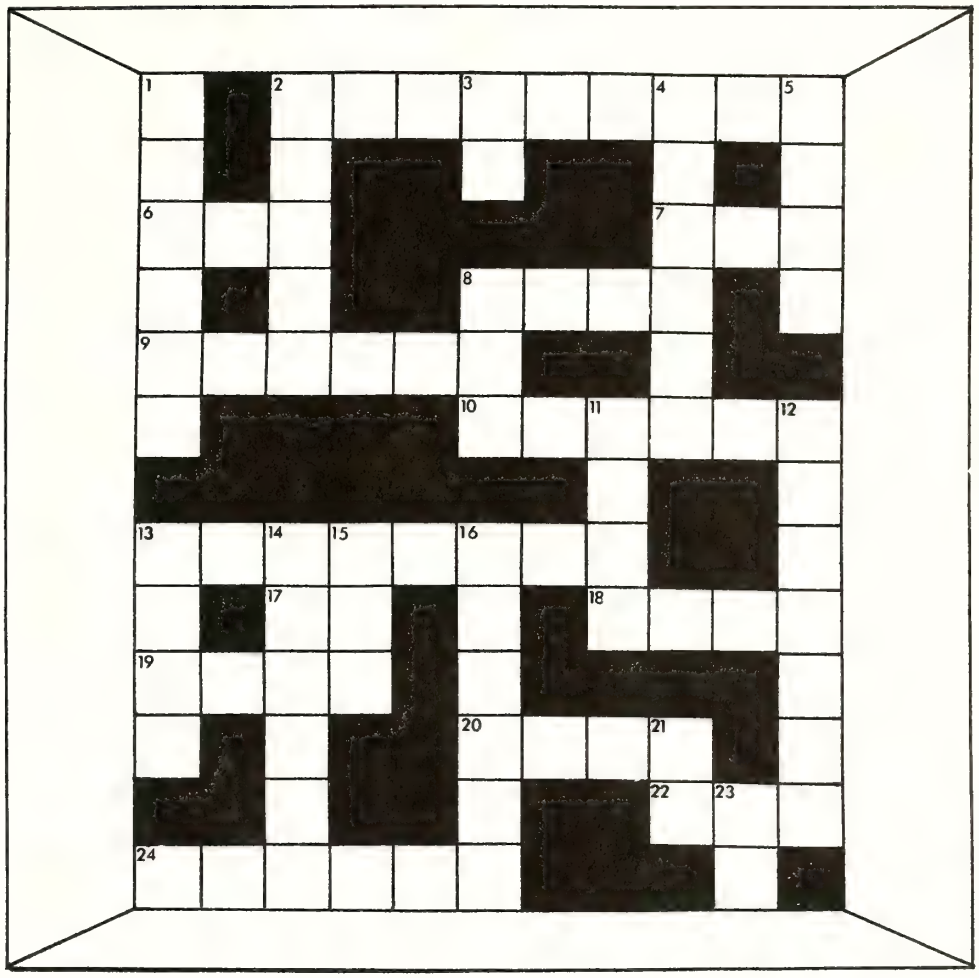
Through its Department of Music, the College has offered its services to conduct free workshops for church choirs; and through the office of the campus minister, ministerial students and faculty members are secured to provide pulpit and short-term pastoral services.

Indeed, 1970 was a year of outstanding change, innovation, and progress at Mount Olive College—but 1971 may be an even greater year! And, oh yes, the name of the College has been officially changed from Mount Olive Junior College to **Mount Olive College**, and the charter was amended to increase the size of the board of trustees from eighteen to thirty members.

TEST YOUR CROSSWORD SKILL

by KAREN REGISTER

Kinston, North Carolina



ACROSS

2. foes of Israel—2 Chronicles, Chapter 32
6. rowing tool
7. Noah's son
8. son of Zeruiah—2 Samuel 2:13
9. "high place" (two words) — Deuteronomy 32:49
10. owned a talking mule—Numbers 22: 29
13. Old Testament prophet
17. article
18. prophet of post-captivity
19. unsaved condition
20. great-grandmother of King David
22. reared the Prophet Samuel
24. the promised land

DOWN

1. "_____wind"—Psalm 107:25
2. first high priest
3. pronoun
4. "house of_____"—1 Chronicles 4:21
5. "this_____Jesus shall come"—Acts 1:11
8. patient man
11. Gospel writer who was a physician
12. last Old Testament prophet
13. "the _____of his countenance" —Psalm 42:5
14. land ruled by Og—Numbers 21:33
15. insect—Proverbs 30:25
16. brook near Garden of Gethsemane—John 18:1
21. masculine pronoun
23. exclamation

(Answers will appear next week.)

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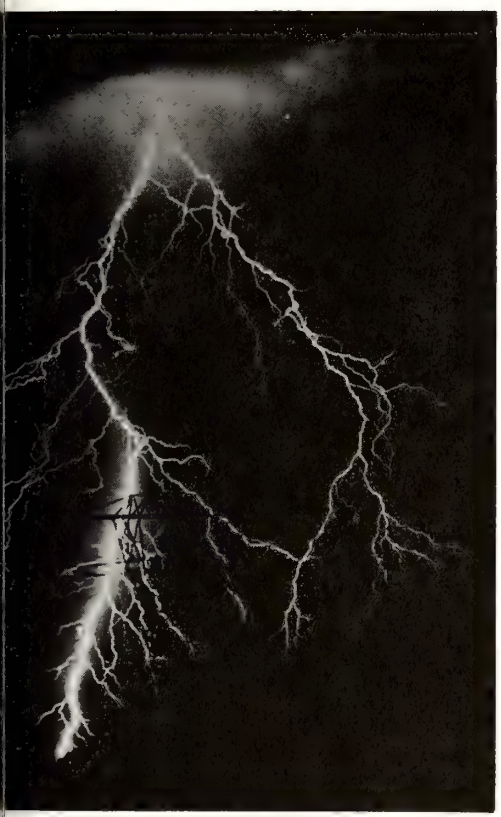
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ALWAYS ON SUNDAY



Editorial...

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ALWAYS ON SUNDAY

It's Sunday. It's raining outside, and you don't want to go to church. The rain will mess up your hair or ruin your best suit; and besides, no one expects a person to go to church in that downpour! Suppose it rains tomorrow? You won't go to work either, will you?

Oh yes you will; that is, if you want to keep your job!

It's Sunday. The sun is shining so bright today, and you'll never have a prettier day to play golf. No one would expect you to go to church in this fine weather. But, suppose the sun shines tomorrow? You'll take off from the office and play a few rounds then, huh?

Oh no you won't; that is, if you want to continue in the good graces of the company.

It's Sunday. Time passes so quickly, and there are so many things to claim your attention. You really mean to give a little time to the Lord, but somehow you never get around to it. Well, what about tomorrow? You'll have so much to do then that you probably won't be able to keep that important committee appointment, will you?

Oh yes you will—or you'll know the reason why!

It's Sunday. Church people are so uncaring that they have never gotten around to inviting you to the services. The people at the theater are so uncaring that they haven't gotten around to sending you a personal invitation either; so, you won't attend that Saturday night movie they've been raving about, will you?

Oh yes you will! They'd have to lock the doors to keep you out!

It's Sunday. Clothes are so important, and yours are just not up to par. You won't feel comfortable among the well-dressed. Well, tomorrow night when you want to go to that party so badly, you'll have to stay home, won't you? After all, you have nothing suitable to wear!

Oh no you won't! You'd wear a sack rather than stay away from a swinging good time!

It's Sunday. Hypocrites sit on every pew in the church, and you can't picture yourself sitting beside a single one of them. Well, they sit on the benches at the sports arena too; so you'll probably not go to the next sports event, will you?

Oh yes you will! Somehow it's much easier to overlook imperfection at a ball game than it is at a church service—but should it be?

It seems always to rain the hardest when it's Sunday and time to go to church.

It seems that golfing fever is always the hottest when it's Sunday and time to go to church.

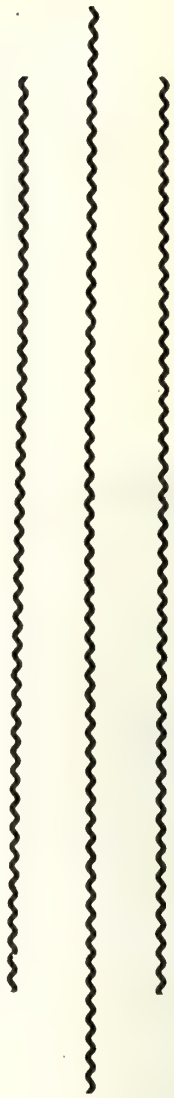
It seems that there is always too much to do when it's Sunday and time to go to church.

It seems that people's little unintended slights are always more noticeable when it's Sunday and time to go to church.

It seems that clothes are just never good enough to wear when it's Sunday and time to go to church.

It seems that sinners are always too unfavorable to associate with when it's Sunday and time to go to church.

Always on Sunday and always unexcusable!



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Why I Like The Ministry

by AN ANONYMOUS PASTOR

N a questionnaire, a number of ministers were asked to state why they ke the ministry. As I reflected upon his question, I thought first of those ho apparently do not like the ministry. All across our land ministers are leavg their pulpits to seek secular employent. Why? The reasons they offer are any, but among the most common are at the ministry is too demanding, often putting the pastor under tremendous ressures, and that ministers lack adeuate financial support.

There are also men who are still acve in pastorates but who find themelves dissatisfied and discouraged. ome of them are even on the brink of ental breakdown. The pressures of he ministry are increasing, and the roblems of the twentieth-century reacher should not be minimized. However, these men somehow fail to see the absurdity," as another minister put , "of a mere man's trying to serve as tlas, with the burden of the world restng on his shoulders."

What of these servants of God who re forsaking His great work? In view f the acute shortage of preachers today, we must have an explanation.

There are psychological tensions that ace a pastor. Discouragement, anxiety, nd fatigue all leave their marks upon he man of God. Concerning these nerous tensions, Andrew Blackwood says, Whenever a pastor feels so tense that e cannot work at even 50 percent of his potential, he ought to blame himself, not his parents, his parishioners, his place in the world, or anything else that 'gets on his nerves.' After all, they are his own nerves, to control and to use as gifts of God."

Distraught ministers need to find release and relief from the stress and strain of overloaded and overworked schedules. How may this be accomplished? The Word of God states that the secret of contentment, peace, and joy comes to the Christian through Christ. This is the message of the Philippian epistle. When you realize that you have the peace of God and the God of peace within, you can work joyously, free from worry, hurry, or fear. A doctor once told his patient, a pastor, that he himself should take some of the advice that he gave to others from the pulpit. Some of us find difficulty in practicing what we preach.

In the matter of finances, many pastors find that their families are forced to struggle along on a tight budget, resulting in difficulty in meeting financial obligations. Surely, many churches and congregations can be more cognizant of the needs of their parsonage families. A pastor who is adequately cared for by his church will be able to perform his duties more efficiently. Some practical advice and scriptural teaching regarding the responsibility in these matters would be of help.

Can a man of God be justified in leaving the ministry? Let's look at the other side of the question. Consider the advantages of the pastorate. Having been through many of these deep waters myself, I must insist that regardless of the disadvantages, there are untold benefits in being a minister. I am compelled to say, "I like the ministry!"

In spite of the dissatisfaction and disappointment voiced by some, I would like to propose six reasons for my love of the ministry.

1. The ministry is the greatest work that a man can be called to do. There is no greater work than God's work. It involves a special call from the Lord. With that call comes divine enablement to do the work. If we remember this when the going gets rough, we will see the difficulty through. It is His power that sustains us in crises.

Much of the grumbling among ministers today may be due to the absence of a divine call. No doubt some of them ought to be in other vocations. Every servant of God must feel as did the Apostle Paul: ". . . woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16).

2. The ministry affords one of the greatest opportunities to witness for the Lord. Most other jobs in life are such that only a part of the time may be spent in witnessing. Being a preacher gives me multiple occasions to tell people about Christ. It is my right as a minister.

3. The ministry offers the privilege to proclaim the gospel. I like to preach. Does this sound conceited? No man ought to occupy the pulpit who does not have a compelling urge to give forth the good news of salvation.

Spurgeon, that prince of preachers, said that every pastor ought to possess an "irresistible, overwhelming craving" for telling others what God has done. Perhaps this is what Paul meant when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:14, ". . . the love of Christ constraineth us; . . ."

I may not be the world's best preacher, but I love to proclaim the wonders of the Word as God enables me. It is by ". . . the foolishness of preaching . . ." that God has ordained some "to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21). In these days men have resorted to various other methods and means to attempt to bring people to Christ. But God has committed Himself to honor the Word as it is preached.

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). This is the instruction that Paul gave to the youthful preacher Timothy. We cannot improve God's

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SYMPATHY

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:8

D. L. Moody gives the following experience, which is a good illustration of sympathy.

I want to tell you how I got up a sympathy with a family in Chicago, while I was living there. I attended the funerals of a good many children. I got hardened to it like a doctor, and could go to them without sympathy. One of my little Sunday school scholars was drowned, and word was sent by the mother that she wanted to see me. I went. The husband was a drunkard, and was then in the corner drunk. I had my little girl with me then. She was about four years old. When we got outside she asked:

"Suppose we were poor, Pa, and I had to go down to the river after sticks, and should fall in and get drowned, and you had no money to bury me, would you be sorry, Papa?" And then she looked up into my eyes with an expression I had never before seen, and asked, "Did you feel bad for that mother?" I clasped her to my heart and kissed her, and my sympathy was aroused.

My friends, if you want to get in sympathy with people, in order to help them and do them good, you must consider how you would feel in their place. Let us work for the Master along the lines of sincere compassion for the unfortunate and depraved.—*Biblical Illustrator.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we never harden our hearts to the place that we do not have sympathy for those less fortunate than we.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

A SMILE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 126:5

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it, sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Smile and the world smiles with you; cry and you cry alone," is an old proverb we should always keep in mind.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

NOT A STRONG PREACHER

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:11

A young preacher had just settled in his first pastorate in Philadelphia, when he was visited one evening by one of the laymen of his church. The man said bluntly to him, "You are not a strong preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here, but a little group of us have agreed to gather every Sunday morning to pray for you!" The young man saw that group of people grow to more than one thousand praying weekly for their pastor. The minister was J. Wilbur Chapman, who grew to be one of the greatest preachers America has ever known.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We never become so strong and powerful that we do not need to pray and to have others pray for us.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

THE BOY WHO DROPPED OUT

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 24:11

The boys of a junior high school were going to organize their basketball team. All wanted to be the captain. The argument became heated, only one boy, Robert, was willing to give up to someone else. He took the ball and entered the gym, and practiced throwing for the goal, while the other boys argued in the hall. After a half hour their coach appeared upon the scene and saw the situation. He said, "Well, we will settle it this way, each boy take ten throws for the basket, and the one who makes it the greater number of times is captain." "O. K.," they all had to agree. Robert came out on top and was appointed captain.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Practice makes perfect" proved itself in this incident. We never win by arguing, but being willing to work together.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

WHILE THE PREACHERS TALKED

Scripture Reading—Luke 5:32

Not long ago three preachers and a Christian layman were riding together on a train. They chatted about the things of the Lord, and were enjoying real fellowship. When the matter of personal work came up, the clergymen frankly admitt to each other that it was never easy them to approach another individual abo Jesus Christ. While they were discussi the probable reason for this difficulty, t layman left them and sat down beside soldier farther down the aisle, engagi him immediately in conversation that l toward the presentation of the gospel. it any wonder that there were three ve red faces, and that one of the three s with evident feeling: "May the Lord forgi us. We three preachers sit here talki about soul winning, and he goes and d it."—*Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Remember the old adage, "Actions spe louder than words." May our perso work for the Lord be great.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

EXPENSIVE CHANDELIERS NOT THE SECR

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 4:13

I recollect a little town where there w a chapel, the people connected with, whi thought that if they could only buy chandelier that was on sale, they would out all the other chapels entirely, a everybody would feel that they were ma weighty and respectable people, and th the place would be filled with people see the chandelier. I believe for a ti it was, but its light grew dim, and th found that was not the way in which t light of the kingdom of God was to spread.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our life is the medium through whi the gospel of Christ will be spread. chapel or light can convey the message salvation.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

THE FLY AND THE ELEPHANT

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 9:22

Moody says: "Someone has said that little fly in Noah's ark was just as safe an elephant. It was not the elephant's s and strength that made him safe. It w the ark that saved both the elephant a fly. It is not your righteousness, your go works, that will save you. Rich or poo learned or unlearned, you can be sav only by the blood of Christ.—*Sund School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Works without faith accomplish nothin No one alone can save himself.

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If the forces of Christianity were o instead of so many denominations figh ing each other, think what a great pow the church would be for God.—Selecte

The Starlings Came

The Late Normand J. Thompson

HANK ROBINSON was busy disking his orchard, uprooting the thick weeds, when he saw the yellow jeep pulling in to his driveway. He scowled fiercely as his neighbor, old Joe Santry, swung from the jeep and strode shakily between the golden-ripe peach trees.

"Hi, Hank!" Old Joe swept off his wide-brimmed straw hat to mop his leathery, sun-browned face. "Hot, isn't it? Say, your peaches are ready to pick!"

"Yes," Hank grunted. Couldn't Joe see he was busy? "I aim to pick 'em tomorrow. What's on your mind? You look worried."

"You'd be worried, too, if the starlings were eating your fruit. I need your help, Hank, to get rid of those pests. There're several thousand of them. They've ruined my five acres of tomatoes and Beth Ann's strawberries."

"That's too bad." Anxiously, Hank recalled Maggie reading, just the other night, that two million hungry starlings were devouring the county's fruit and grain. He squirmed impatiently on the tractor seat. "Well, there's nothing I can do."

"But there is," Joe insisted. "Clovis West, from the County Agricultural Commissioner's office, is bringing out a crew of men to rig a trap. I was hoping you'd come over and help."

He went on to describe the trap, a wire screen box big enough to capture thousands of starlings, with the small end of a black plastic tunnel opening into it, and its wide end facing the bird's roosts. After the birds went to roost tonight, a bright floodlight would be turned on. Disturbed by the light, the starlings would fly into the tunnel and be trapped in the cage.

Hank scarcely heard. He was gazing across the symmetrical rows of peach trees bent with the most prime crop he'd ever raised. Then he saw old Joe bite into a big peach he'd picked and heard him say, "Wouldn't those starling rascals have a banquet if they found these peaches of yours, Hank?"

Hank shuddered. "I must finish disking, so my pickers can start work tomorrow morning. I can't help you, Joe."

Old Joe wiped his mouth with his shirt sleeve and stared incredulously. "You—you can't mean that! Why, we've been neighbors for ten years!"

Hank raced the accelerator noisily. "Nothing personal, you understand. It's just that I'm very busy."

"Busy? Too busy to help a neighbor?" Joe shook his head sadly, then turned and strode back to his jeep.

Hank glared after him, then glanced at his watch. Almost noon already! Joe had wasted a lot of his time. He swung the tractor impatiently between the heavy-laden trees and parked it at the side of the house. As he opened the screen door, the telephone rang.

Maggie, wiping her hands on her brightly flowered apron, came hurrying to the phone. "Hello . . . yes, he's here, he just came indoors." She handed Hank the phone.

"Hank Robinson speaking. Who? Oh, yes. Well, I'm sorry, but I can't help you. My peach crop comes first." He banged down the phone.

"Who was that?" Maggie asked curiously, "I liked his voice. He sounded very kind and polite."

Hank glared. "West's his name. He's a County Agriculture man. Asked me to help man the starling trap at Santry's ranch tonight."

"Of course, that's why Joe came to talk to you. Poor Joe! The starlings have ruined him. Beth Ann phoned me about it awhile ago. The poor woman cried and told me that they don't have a single tomato or strawberry. I do hope you—"

"No!" Hank barked. "I haven't time! I explained to Joe. Now, how about some lunch?" He looked at Maggie. She was staring at him as if she didn't know whether to cry or explode with anger.

"I wish you weren't so selfish." Tears shone in her brown eyes. "I wish you'd come to church with me, and get to know the Lord. Then you'd want to help people. You know, Hank, someday you'll need a friend to help you."

Hank laughed. "Nonsense! I've always stood on my own two feet. That's more than you can say for our neighbors."

But he wasn't laughing the next morning. As soon as he stepped out of the house, he reeled back in alarm. Starlings—ferocious black clouds of them—were here, there, everywhere. They darkened the sky. They clustered like strands of black beads on the telephone wires. When Hank raced into the orchard, bellowing and waving his arms like a madman, they attacked him in vicious thousands. "Git! Git! Git!" Hank shouted.

Hank dashed back indoors, grabbed his shotgun and crammed his overall pockets with shells.

Maggie came scurrying in alarm from the kitchen, drying her hands on her apron. "Hank, what's wrong?"

"Plenty!" He motioned to the windows. "Look out there!"

"Oh, my! Starlings! What are we going to do?"

"I'm going to kill them!" Hank said savagely, kicking the screen door open as he dashed outside.

He was banging away at the invaders when his harvesting crew drove up, a dozen fellows in blue jeans. "Glad to see you fellows." He thrust his shotgun at one of them. "Here! Keep firing! I'm going to find some dynamite."

The charges of dynamite and banging on old tin cans scared off the starlings. But soon they returned, swarming down to scold and attack their tormentors. The harvesting crew, beating them off with sticks, retreated to their cars and drove away. Hank fled to the house.

He slumped wearily into a chair, breathless and perspiring. Maggie appeared from the kitchen, and he cried fiercely, "Those cowardly men! They ran off and left me to fight the starlings alone! Imagine!"

Maggie looked at him sharply. "You said yesterday you didn't need anybody's help—remember? You said you—"

"Never mind what I said! I can't fight those birds alone. Why, there're thousands of 'em! We're ruined! Wiped out!"

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away," Maggie said quietly. She returned to the kitchen and brought him a cup of coffee. "Hank, no man is an island unto himself. We need each other's help. The Lord wants us to be neigh-

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for January, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of January, 1971:

Balance December 31, 1970		$10,774.51
Receipts		
Churches	$320.68	
Sunday Schools	30.42	
Unions	25.00	
Total Receipts		376.10
Total to Account For		$11,150.61
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$324.09	
PCA	215.00	
Publicity Director	145.25	
Total Disbursements		684.34
Balance January 31, 1971 (Checking Account)		$10,466.27

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Eastern District Youth Convention

The Youth Convention of the Eastern Conference will meet on Saturday, March 21, at the Beulaville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, beginning at 10 a.m. All youth of the district, along with visitors, are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Grace Sumner, youth chairman of the Eastern District, wishes to remind all youth organizations of the deadline for your essays and declamations, March 7, 1971. Send these to Mrs. Sumner, Box 66, Beulaville, North Carolina 28518, as soon as possible.

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State League Convention Piney Grove, Pitt County

The State League Convention will be held Saturday, March 13, at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Greenville, North Carolina. Registration begins at 9:30 a. m., and the meeting convenes at ten. All state leaguers are urged to be present for what promises to be a memorable convention.

Kinston Church Has Associate Minister

The Rev. James A. Evans is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Frank Crary as associate minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. Mr. Crary will be assisting the minister in various pastoral duties and shall prove to be an added asset to the church program.

Mr. Crary has been actively engaged in church work for sometime, and the Kinston church feels fortunate to have secured his services in a ministerial capacity.

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Layman's League Fellowship To Meet at Friendship

According to an announcement by Mr. Eugene Averett, the Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference, will meet at 7:30, Monday night, March 1, at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina. All participating laymen are urged to be present for this important meeting.

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Stony Hill Church Announces Revival

The Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Middlesex, North Carolina, announces its spring revival for the week of March 8-13. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Swade Benson. Services will begin each evening at 7:45.

The pastor of the Stony Hill church, the Rev. Bobby Jones, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services which will feature special singing by local and visiting groups.

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Ballard, Acting Pastor Roanoke Rapids Church

At a special called conference of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, on February 14, 1971, the congregation voted unanimously to ask the Rev. L. E. Ballard to take charge of the church temporarily as acting pastor. Mr. Ballard will be responsible for the Sunday services until April 1 and will work with the church in efforts to secure a full-time, resident pastor.

The church is seeking a minister with a reasonable amount of experience in city pastoral work and with the ability to lead successfully the congregation in visitation evangelism and expansion endeavor and in the building of their sanctuary.

Ministers who desire to be considered for the position of pastor or persons having information regarding possible available qualified ministers may contact Mr Ballard at 1225 South Washington Street Greenville, North Carolina, telephone 752-2950; or write the church in care of P. O. Box 846, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Invitations to visit the church for trial sermons or consultations will be issued only by the pulpit committee which includes a representation of the Central Conference Mission Board acting as a unit.

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Family Night Services Planned at Shady Grove

The Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina has planned a series of services centered around the pressing needs of the family life. The services will begin on February 28, at 7 p. m., and will continue for five consecutive Sunday evenings. Everyone in the area of the church community is invited to participate in the following services:

February 28—"The Problems of Farming As They Relate to the Rural Family," Congressman David N. Henderson.

March 7—"Marital Problems As They

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Coming Events

March 1—Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference, Friendship Church, Farmville, North Carolina

March 13—North Carolina State League Convention, Piney Grove Church, Route 1, Greenville, North Carolina

March 20—Eastern District Youth Convention, Beulaville Church, Beulaville, North Carolina

March 25—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Christian Chapel Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina

April 3—Cape Fear District Youth Rally, Tee's Chapel Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, 7 p.m.

April 17—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

MISSIONS

MISSION NEWS FROM MEXICO

by Rev. J. E. Timmons, Director

The Free Will Baptist Convention of he state of Coahuila, Republic of Mexico, net in the village of Jimenez, in the new uilding of the Free Will Baptist church. he weather was warm and the pastor nd members of the local church ex- ressed a warm welcome to all of the rriving delegates and pastors to the onvention. All those present express- d their feeling that this was one of the est conventions ever held in the history f our Free Will Baptist work in Mexico. he theme was ". . . O LORD, revive thy vork in the midst of the years, . . ." Habakkuk 3:2).



Interior view of Jimenez church.



Outside view of church in Jimenez.

We rejoice in that another young minister has been approved by our presbytery board and recommended for service in one of our mission stations. We ask that you remember Brotner Manuel Diez in prayer as he becomes our newest pastor on the mission field.



Camerino Ortego and family.

We rejoice that Pastor Camerino Ortega led a new person to Christ recently in the mission in Nueva Resita. He is enlisting new people in their Sunday school and faithfully giving out a true testimony in Nueva Resita.



Antonio Lopez delivers convention message.

Pastor and Mrs. Antonio Lopez of the mission in Ciudad, Acuna, announce the birth of a baby boy, born January 10. Brother Lopez is faithfully working in Acuna, and is planning on starting the construction of a new chapel very soon.

Pastor Domitilo Mendez is carrying on in a great way in Saltillo in his mission, reaching the lost and unenlisted. He is also ministering to a ranch community of some ten homes in the mountains, and other places of service.

Our two pastors in the city of Piedras Negras—Antonio Castillo and Antonio Escobar—are carrying on a progressive program in the two mission churches. Brother Castillo is in a building program.

We invite all of our churches to pray for Mexico missions in our entire convention. Pray that this new year may be our greatest year for the salvation of the lost. Place missions on your prayer list and your personal plans for 1971.

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Attention, Cape Fear District Youth!

Now is the time to begin work on the essays and declamations for our spring youth rally. The topic for the essay will be "The Great Need of Our Church." The topic for the declamation will be "Is Old Time Religion for Modern Youth?"

Rules for the competition are found in the YFA program book, Pages 98, 99; or in the AFC program book, Pages 57, 58. The contests will be held at our next district youth rally which will convene with the Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, on April 3, 1971, at 7 p.m.

All essays and declamations should be mailed to: Cape Fear District Youth Chairman, Mrs. Lorraine Garner, Route 1, Box 186-D, Dunn, North Carolina 28334, on or before March 15.

I encourage you to try out your talents for God by entering this competition, receive a great blessing by doing so, and also be eligible to win a trip to Cragmont or $30 in cash.

Mrs. Lorraine Garner
Cape Fear District Youth Chairman

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We thank Him for sun, do we thank Him for rain?
We thank Him for joy, do we thank Him for pain?
We thank Him for gains, do we thank Him for losses?
We thank Him for blessings, do we thank Him for crosses?

—Author Unknown.

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"Are you the man that your mother thought you would be?"—Selected.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

NOTICE

ALL PAST DIRECTORS OF ENCAMPMENTS AT CRAGMONT

Please send the number in attendance, the year, and the names of your encampments (this includes youth groups, ministers, women's groups, and church groups) to: The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

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Attention, Cragmont Campers, 1971!

We have some important news for all Cragmont Campers for 1971! Due to the increases in the cost of living and the cost of operations of Cragmont Assembly, the total cost for the week this year will be $37. The additional $2 over last year's cost is to be paid as part of the registration fee. When you send in your resignation fee this year, just remember that it will be $7 instead of the usual $5. The remaining $30 will be due as usual when you board the Cragmont bus.

Don't forget—registration fee this year will be $7!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
Publicity Director

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FOR A RICH SUMMER EXPERIENCE

(Spend Some Time at Cragmont Assembly, Inc.)

Cragmont Assembly, Inc. was established in 1946 by the united efforts of the statewide bodies of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina: the Convention of Churches, the Sunday School Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the Free Will Baptist League Convention. The property consists of 115 acres on the slopes of Mount Allen, just north of the town of Black Mountain. The main building was formerly known as the Cragmont Sanitorium prior to its purchase by Free Will Baptists.

At the time of purchase, there was only one building, the hotel or main building. Since then a 10-unit modern motel, a tabernacle-gym, and two cottages have been added, affording a housing capacity of about 150 people. Today all of the buildings except the main building are in fair condition and fairly well furnished for the comfort of those who attend the assembly. The two cottages going up at present are designed to remove all campers from the second and third levels of the main building. These two new units will be ready for occupancy by the 1971 campers. The total cost to Free Will Baptists will be $40,000, and the units will house 84 to 88 campers.

What does Cragmont offer to people of the Free Will Baptist Church? At the time the institution was established, one of the most ardent supporters of the movement summed the mission of Cragmont in three words, "Instruction, Inspiration, and Recreation.

Conferences and camps are planned for all ages during the summer; and in all these conferences plans are made for helpful instruction, spiritual inspiration, and wholesome recreation. During the morning, prepared and dedicated teachers give courses on subjects to challenge the particular group being served. Throughout the day and the evening, counseling periods and religious worship services give inspiration to true Christian living. The afternoons are given over to supervised recreation, hikes, and sight-seeing trips enjoyed by all.

Cragmont is often described as our Summer Youth Camp. Certainly it is this; but today and since its origin, it has been designed to accommodate all of our people. There is a ministers' week, woman's auxiliary week, and several weeks and weekends left open for family or church groups. The motel rooms are usually available at a minimal cost for anyone desiring them during the camping season: May 15—Octob 15.

Cragmont Assembly is a Free W Baptist campground for the use of t people of the Free Will Baptist Churc Let us make it a place we can be pro of!

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Time to Register For General Youth Conference

The General Youth Conference, spc sored by the State Sunday School Cc vention, will be held at Cragmont A sembly, June 14-19. This conference for young people of ali ages and frc all parts of North Carolina. The confe ence is being planned again this year Tommy and Joyce Manning and will directed by Tommy witn a carefu selected staff to assist him and Joyc As usual, a program of helpful wor shops and inspirational group meetin will be featured during the morni hours. There will be planned recreatic hikes, and sight-seeing trips that w make the stay at Cragmont a real vac tion experience. There will be religio services in the evening geared to the terest of the youth, Christian films, a fellowship. This aspect of the camp ways gives the conference a rich spiritu value.

Do you want to attend this conf ence? Do you remember the thrilli reports of last year's conference dire ed by Tommy and Joyce? If so, you w not want to miss out on the opportuni of attending this year. You can expe drama, excitement, good clean fun, a a decided emphasis placed upon ea individual's personal relationship wi Christ. Register now if you wish to among those who are allowed to g Nearly every year the quota for this cc ference is filled up by May 15 at t latest. Therefore, we urge that applic tions be sent in as early as possible. V do not like to write letters that sa "Sorry! We can't take you—you a too late!" Now, if somebody has to turned away, don't let it by you!

Registration is very simple. No re istration forms are needed, but will furnished if requested. To registe simply list name (or names, if registe ing as a group) on a sheet of paper, nc ing age of person (or each person in t group), mailing address of person (name and address of person who w

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About Representation In 1971 State Sunday School Convention

by L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary

Due to the fact that a motion was passed at the 1970 North Carolina State Sunday School Convention that the 1971 convention be an "open convention," and in answer to questions that have been asked us, we are explaining here the proper procedure for a Sunday school to represent in the convention at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, on April 17.

All persons attending the convention who are members of a Sunday school in an original Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina will have a vote in the convention, regardless of the number from any particular school. No delegates will be appointed as heretofore; however, there will be nothing wrong with a school designating one person among those attending to be a sort of chairman of the group and be responsible for taking the report and donation of the school and make any verbal reports about the school that may be asked for.

We are urging that special efforts be made to get as many as possible of the officers and teachers of the schools to attend, for the benefits to them will be great in their local school positions. Registrations at the convention will be in six categories for statistical purposes. They will be: (1) pastors, (2) superintendents (including associate and department superintendents), (3) general officers (secretaries, treasurers, etc.), (4) teachers and associate teachers, (5) convention officers (state and district), and (6) visitors (only persons from other denominations, other states, or who do not belong to a Sunday school will be considered visitors. These will be the only ones without voting privileges).

Conditions for a school getting on the "Convention Honor Roll" will be the same as last year, except that instead of a "delegate," there must be one or more pupils who are not teachers present. Here are the conditions:

1. Either the pastor or superintendent, or both, must attend;

2. There must be two or more teachers attending;

3. There must be one other pupil of the school present;

4. The school must send a donation of $10 or more to the convention.

NEW VOICE SPEAKS AT RADIO STATION

(A Prayer for Revival)

by Evangelist Arnold Woodlief
Marianna, Florida

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted (or they shall rejoice)" (Matthew 5:4).

This is what is greatly needed at this time. Oh, for a genuine revival of the religion of Jesus Christ! No one can send it but our God. Let us wait on Him day and night till He sends the early and latter rain. Revivals are from God, and they cannot be gotten up by man.

David said in Psalm 85:6, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Revivals are occasions of great joy to God and to His saints. That we may rejoice in God is the object of a revival. Yes, we need it—a genuine, old-fashioned work of God's grace. This we have not seen for many days. Is it coming? Yes, and our great need is the best sign of it. Our tears and prayers are the harbingers to it.

Hold on to God. Say, ". . . I will not let thee go, except thou bless me" (Genesis 32:26).

Rain, rain, Lord. "O, for the showers we have prayed, and we do continue to pray."

(The above message was delivered by me on radio station WTOT, Marianna, Florida, on Sunday morning, February 7, 1971.)

I pray that this article will be a blessing to the subscribers of "The Free Will Baptist" as they read it. May God bless and grant more of His grace to you as you serve Him!

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ATTENTION

All local mission chairmen of the Eastern District should send me your names and addresses immediately. I need these for my records. Thank you.

Mrs. G. E. (Adaline) Gray
Eastern District
WA Mission Chairman
Route 2, Box 390
Kinston, North Carolina 28501

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Please, Lord, I need thy help, and for it
now I pray;
Prepare a place in heaven for me, but
not with Mrs. Gray.

—Selected.

THE STARLINGS CAME

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borly. It's not too late to start, dear," Maggie smiled.

"I guess it isn't." He rose and seized the telephone and dialed a number, turning his back on the window so he couldn't see the starlings. "Hello, Joe! I—I'm sorry about yesterday, about not helping you. Yes, the starlings have come. How did you know?"

"The trap failed last night," came Joe's reply.

"Failed?" Hank managed weakly.

"Yes. When we floodlighted their roosts, the starlings ignored the trap and took flight, thousands of 'em. Hello! Are you listening, Hank?"

Yes, Hank was listening. He was thinking, too. If he'd helped old Joe, maybe the trap would have worked. Maybe he'd have saved his peach crop. After all, Joe and Beth Ann had been his neighbors for ten years, good neighbors, too. For ten years, they'd taken Maggie to church every Sunday morning.

"I'm listening Joe," he said hoarsely.

"Good," came Joe's cheery voice. "I'm coming over. Clovis West is here, and he's coming, too, to set up a trap for you. This time he'll make the trap work, he says."

"It's pickers I need," Hank groaned. "My crew ran out on me. I'm ruined unless—"

"Don't worry, Hank. I'll phone some neighbors. I'll get you pickers, plenty of 'em. It'd be a shame to let the starlings eat those sweet, juicy peaches of yours."

Hank's heart leaped for joy. He was fortunate to have a fine Christian like Joe for a neighbor. "Thank you, Joe! Thanks a lot!"

"You're welcome. That's what neighbors are for, to help each other."

Hank turned from the phone a moment to smile at Maggie. Earnestly, he said, "From now on, I'm going to be a good neighbor. Joe, how about you and Beth Ann going to church next Sunday with Maggie and me?"—Gospel Herald.

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"George, did you notice the handsome fur coat worn by the young lady in front of us in church today?"

"No, my dear, I'm afraid I didn't. In fact I think I was dozing most of the time!"

"Indeed! A lot of good it does you to go to church."—Selected.

WHY I LIKE THE MINISTRY

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method. His word will not return to him void (see Isaiah 55:11).

4. The ministry enables the servant of God to meet the needs of people. It is a service to all types and ages of individuals, including the sick, the bereaved, and the shut-ins.

Once I read a letter written by a pastor's wife who complained that during their many years of being in the pastorate she did not know of one life changed because of their efforts. This is indeed tragic. On the other hand, to the faithful and true shepherd there will be abundant ways to be of help to others. People have problems. Their answers are found in Christ. We are His chosen vessels to bear His name. Spiritual counseling in all kinds of problems affords unlimited opportunities to present Christ.

5. The ministry compensates the faithful servant. Being a pastor is a rewarding experience. Please do not misunderstand. One should never seek to be a minister of the gospel solely for the joy of one day receiving the crown of glory (see 1 Peter 5:2-4) or for hearing the Master's words, ". . . Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . ." (Matthew 25:21). The knowledge that you have helped someone to find Christ or to become a more devoted follower of Him is reward enough. Not everyone will appreciate what you do for him. Neither did people always appreciate what Jesus did for them. Nevertheless, it is wonderful to realize that those brought to Jesus by us will be our "crown of rejoicing" at His coming (1 Thessalonians 2:19, 20; cf. Philippians 4:1).

6. Finally, I like the ministry for a reason typical of many engaged in this great work. Let me express it in the way a pastor from Pennsylvania did when he was asked about his long stay in one pastorate. He commented, "There is no secret about it. I just love the people of my church, and they know that I love them."

Yes, this is the truly great motive for Christian service—love. A man who does not love people will not be content in the ministry, for it is a business of loving people. The best way a pastor can show his love for the people he serves is to open the Scriptures to them. He will seek to lead them onward to higher ground in Christian experience. Remember the words of Christ in John 21:17. When Peter assured Him that he loved Him, Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." The pastor demonstrates his love for the Lord Jesus when he faithfully feeds the flock which God has entrusted to him (cf. Acts 20:28).

If one is going to win souls for Christ, he must love those whom he seeks. It is a high and holy calling to be counted as one of His servants. Others may forsake the Lord and His work, but as for me, it is a joy to be able to say, "I like the ministry!"

There is joy in serving Jesus,
As I journey on my way;
Joy that fills my heart with praises,
Every hour and everyday.
There is joy, joy, joy in serving Jesus,
Joy that throbs within my heart,
Every moment, every hour,
As I draw upon His power,
There is joy, joy, joy that never shall depart.
—Oswald J. Smith in Gospel Herald.

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A Monkey Can't, But We Can

When she was a little girl, Evangeline Booth had a pet monkey. One day she dressed the monkey in a specially made uniform of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Booth was horrified, and she hastily undressed the monkey. Little Evangeline couldn't understand. She sadly asked, "Why did you undress the monkey?" Mrs. Booth replied, "Because the monkey can't live the life."

God's children can live the Christian life, but some of them don't. God has commanded, ". . . let your conversation (manner of life) be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: . . ." (Philippians 1:27).

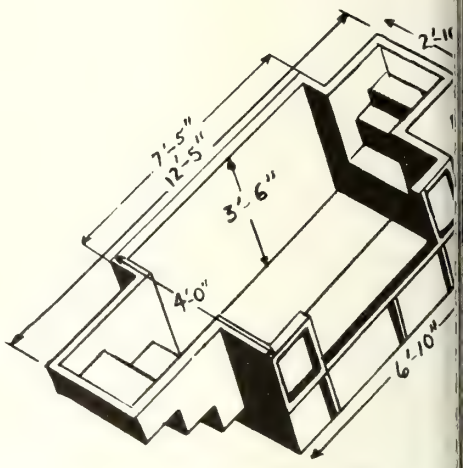
Said Dr. Robert E. Speer, "After thirty years of leadership in Christian work, it is my conclusion and conviction that the greatest missionary problem is simply the failure of Christian people to live up to their profession."

Paul admonished God's children to ". . . adorn (decorate) the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things" (Titus 2:10). When we do this in our daily lives, we show the beauty of the glorious gospel of Christ.—The Rev. Walter B. Knight.

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"Thousands of church mothers need to be told in plain terms that no Sunday dinner is as important as their presence in church school, with their children."—Harbinger.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Why is Jesus called the Son f God sometimes and at others the Son f man?

Answer: Even though Jesus referred o Himself at times as the Son of man, vhen the occasion offered the oppor- unity He declared Himself to be the Son f God, and at other times proved it by vhat He said and did. We find proof f this when the high priest puts Jesus n oath, demanding a no or yes answer, ollowing a period of complete silence as o whether or not He claimed to be the on of God. When Jesus answered in he affirmative, the high priest rent his lothes because to all Jews such a claim vould be blasphemy and required a death enalty. "And the high priest arose, and aid unto him, Answerest thou nothing? vhat is it which these witness against hee? But Jesus held his peace. And he high priest answered and said unto im, I adjure thee by the living God, that hou tell us whether thou be the Christ, he Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, hou hast said: nevertheless I say unto ou, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of nan sitting on the right hand of power, nd coming in the clouds of heaven. hen the high priest rent his clothes, aying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what urther need have we of witnesses? be- old, now ye have heard his blasphemy. Vhat think ye? They answered and said, le is guilty of death" (Matthew 26:62-6).

When we read the verses that follow he above quoted Scripture we behold esus being spit upon, falsely accused, nd mistreated under false claims. This hould remind us as Christians that Jesus aught His followers that under false eligious claims they should undergo the xact kind of persecution as that im- osed upon Him; so let us prepare our- elves for this kind of persecution if we now for sure that we are Christians, nd if not, may we without fail settle his question here and now—tomorrow ay be everlastingly too late. "He, that eing often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1); "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); ". . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, . . ." (Acts 16:31). (See also Romans 10:9-11.)

The nominal Christian, like the rich man in the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), will be made conscious of his incompatability with the environment of heaven and of the lack of readiness to enjoy such as heaven affords when it is too late.

Now getting back to a more direct answer we would assert, without equivocation, that contrary to the modernistic bias that Jesus is in some way less than God, it is contrary to the whole of the Bible's teaching on the subject; and to regard Him as being any less than perfectly human would be in keeping with early false philosophers that taught His was a body of fantasy and not a real human body, or might be regarded as being in line with a false religious teaching of our day that denies the existence of material substance of any kind apart from mortal, erroneous mind which they say is "a figment of the erroneous mind" while it is tainted by mortality.

John describes Jesus Christ by saying, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). The angel Gabriel fittingly gave the following preview of Him whom Mary, Jesus' virgin mother, should be the instrument in God's hands to bring into the world: "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:31-35).

Let us first look at Scriptures that point to Jesus as being divine and then to setting Him forth as man.

I. Divine Characteristics

John 1:1—"The Word was God."

Hebrews 1:8—"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever."

Titus 2:13—"The great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

1 John 5:20—"His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God."

John 8:58—"Before Abraham was, I am."

Hebrews 13:8—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day and for ever."

John 1:3—"All things were made by him."

Colossians 2:9—"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

II. Human Characteristics

Isaiah 7:14—"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Luke 1:26-28, 30-35—"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. . . . And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Luke 2:7, 21—"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. . . . And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

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STORIES

for our youth



A LIGHT FROM ABOVE

DAN HARMAN

GOOD old Miss Tester, Herb said to himself. She's a fine lady, but she doesn't check roll after lunch. He knew, for he'd been checking on her.

So after lunch, Herb put his plan into action. It has to work, he told himself. It was his first time to skip out of school.

Herb was a fine boy—usually. He obeyed his teacher, parents, and church leaders. But he felt he had to cut loose this one day.

He gulped down his lunch, slipped through the crowded cafeteria, and headed out a side door. In ten minutes he seemed to be worlds apart from school. He gazed at pizza-makers tossing the dough, policemen waving and blowing their whistles, and tall buildings which seemed to touch the sky. Herb was downtown by himself for the first time.

Then an air hammer caught his ear. He dashed to a building site and watched. His wide eyes followed the steel beams being hoisted; the air hammers riveting; and the men, stripped to their waists, hurrying about their tasks. From this would rise a skyscraper.

The minutes dragged into hours as Herb watched. Then a bright idea hit him: I'll wait till they all leave, and then I'll slip down there. I'll sit on the seat inside that huge derrick and get the real feeling of building a skyscraper.

He waited. Then he got another idea. I'll use my quarter to get a bite to eat. Then I'll come back after the workers have all gone home. He did it. He ate, and, as he was slowly walking back to the building site, he heard several shrill whistles. Then the men started leaving the site to go home.

In another fifteen minutes, Herb was slipping toward the building site. He walked all around the huge machinery and pretended he was a foreman barking orders. "You, there," he'd yell. "Let's get that concrete moving!" It was great fun.

Somewhere downtown a clock struck seven. The sun was almost down. Herb broke out in a cold sweat. Oh, no, is it seven already? I had better get home, or Dad will whip me for sure, he thought grimly.

He hopped down from a derrick and started across the broken ground. The darkness was settling fast. As he rounded a huge rock, his foot slipped. Suddenly a black hole loomed up alongside him. Before he could think how to avoid it, his foot went limp under him, and he slipped into the hole. Oh, if there's water in it, I'll drown, his mind flashed. There was about a foot of water at the bottom. Herb got soaked after plunging about twelve feet downward.

He started climbing out, but the rocky sides of the hole and the slick, muddy footing kept him falling backward into the hole.

Herb started yelling. He hadn't seen anyone for an hour while he was climbing on the machinery. But maybe someone would come now.

"Help! Help! I'm over here. Help!" He yelled and yelled till he was hoarse. Was that noise a car? "Help! Help! I'm down here!" But it was no use.

An hour slipped by. Herb was getting cold. Then he remembered God. But He wouldn't help Herb, would He? Herb had skipped school to be there. Herb had been planning a lot more afternoons off like this. No, prayer won't help, the unhappy boy decided.

Still, it might not hurt. Herb finally bowed his head. His voice was shak from the cold. But he prayed, "Dea God, please help me. Please get me ou of here. I'll freeze by morning if yo don't. And please help my folks no to worry."

Back at the Thompson home, thing were in sad shape. The police had bee notified. Mr. Thompson had traced th steps that Herb always took home. Mrs Thompson had even driven to the school teacher's home. "Miss Tester, can't yo tell us anything? We're sick with fear." But it was no use; Herb couldn't b found.

Herb started cheering up. He san all the verses of all the hymns he knew He promised God never to skip schoo again. He even promised to go to bot church and Sunday school without com plaining if only he could get out.

"God, please speak to me. Please le me know you care." His eyes looke heavenward. But not even a star bright ened his view.

"Please, God, help me."

A beam of light hit Herb's face. Wa it an angel or a vision from heaven? "I that you, God?" Herb asked.

"No, sonny, it's just Patrolman Guinn If you're Herb Thompson, you've go some pretty worried parents at hom looking for you."

A rope and a steady hand had Herb out and home in ten minutes. "An sonny, you keep away from that con struction work from now on," Office Guinn said as he left the Thompso home.

An hour later, Herb and his dog wer in his room. A full stomach, a bath, an some warm covers made a lot of differ ence.

"You know, Toby," Herb said to hi dog, "that patrolman said that he wasn' God, but I still believe God sent him." Toby licked his face, and they both wen to sleep.—My Pleasure.

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A Sunday school teacher had been giv ing her class a talk on behavior and wha had to be done in order to go to heaven When she finished she asked one of th boys, "Horace, what must we do befor we can expect forgiveness of sin?" Horace squirmed, scratched his head, an finally replied, "We gotta sin."—Selected

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Through faith I turn all my impulse toward that which is divine, and cente my love in that which is perfect.—Se lected.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Stanback Student Loan Fund at Mount Olive College

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stanback of Salisbury, North Carolina, have contributed $2,000 to Mount Olive College for the purpose of establishing a student loan fund to assist worthy and needy students in financing their education. In transmitting their gift to the College, Mr. and Mrs. Stanback declared, "Realizing that you have young persons come to you with a genuine desire to get a college education, and who are willing to work and sacrifice to get it, we wish to help make it possible for those students to get help."

President W. Burkette Raper announced that this loan fund is a valuable contribution to the College's commitment to assure that no qualified student will be denied the opportunity of attending Mount Olive College for financial reasons.

Mr. Stanback is affiliated with Stanback Company, LTD., which produces the well-known headache remedy by that name.

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Mount Olive College Discontinues Failing Grades

The faculty and Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College have approved a modified grading system under which the grade of "F" will no longer be given. The new system will evaluate the performance of students as follows:

"A" indicates conspicuous excellence.

"B" indicates work significantly superior.

"C" indicates work of satisfactory quality and quantity.

"D" indicates work of passing quality and quantity.

"INC" indicates incomplete which must be removed by the end of the following semester. Incomplete courses which are carried into the following semester will count as a part of the student's academic load.

"AUD" indicates audit.

From the College's point of view a student has not completed a course until he has satisfactorily mastered the required subject matter. A student who does not make a passing grade will not receive credit or quality points for that course but, likewise, there will be no additional penalty of recording a failure on his permanent transcript. If the student does not make a passing grade it will be as though he never enrolled in the course.

One of the primary advantages of this system is that it does not permanently penalize students for failure at an earlier period of their college experience and thereby make graduation unduly difficult or impossible. At any given point a student will be able to establish a new academic beginning and work from there toward graduation. Under the old grading system students who experienced academic failure at any point in their college career were permanently handicapped in continuing their education or in completing the requirements for graduation.

Passing grades will remain what they have always been—a measure of the quality of work performed by a student in a given course. The primary difference under the new grading system will be removal of the permanent stigma and handicap of academic failure which frequently becomes a barrier to a student's continuing his education.

President Raper pointed out, however, that Mount Olive College reserves the right to deny readmission to a student who does not use his time wisely. "Our goal," he said, "is to facilitate not to inhibit a student's educational progress; and as long as a student is making reasonable progress and is putting forth a conscientious effort, the College will do all within its power to assist him."

Answers to Last Week's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
2. Assyrians	1. stormy
6. oar	2. Aaron
7. Ham	3. ye
8. Joab	4. Ashbea
9. Mt. Nebo	5. same
10. Balaam	8. Job
13. Habakkuk	11. Luke
17. an	12. Malachi
18. Ezra	13. help
19. lost	14. Bashan
20. Ruth	15. ant
22. Eli	16. Kidron (modern spelling)
24. Canaan	21. he
	23. lo

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Martha Bunn

(In Loving Memory)

She was a faithful servant,
So full of faith and love;
But God came and took her
To be with Him above.

Her sweet smile and lovely face
We do not hear anymore;
But we look to see her once again
On heaven's golden shore.

She always lived a Christian life
Here at the Children's Home.
A lovely smile she always wore
For her life was for those all alone.

The children, oh, how they loved her!
And all the staff did too;
They could always depend on her
To help them when they were blue.

She has taken her flight to heaven
To wait for you and for me;
So let us all try to meet her there
Beside that beautiful sea.

We know our loss is heaven's gain,
Although we miss her so;
But we have a chance to meet her
When God calls us to go.

(The above poem was written by Mrs. Ora Barnhill in loving memory of Mrs. Martha Bunn who worked for many years as a housemother at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina.)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 7



LIVING BY THE LAW OF LOVE

Lesson Text: Luke 10:25-37

Memory Verse: Romans 13:8

I. INTORDUCTION

Perhaps a better word would be "principle," but love does have a law. Our lesson today will interpret the meaning of that law and define the good neighbor who lives by it.

If we live by the law of love we will do at least two important things.

First, we will see humanity as our neighbors. Though Jesus was a Jew, He was not nationalistic in His outlook on life and in His concern for men in general. He lived, loved, taught, and died on the Cross, for all men everywhere. He has set the example, and if we are to "love one another" we must have a vision of a lost world and how men are perishing in it. In seeing them, moreover, we must think of them as our neighbors.

Second, we must show mercy, love, and kindness toward all men. We must discipline our hearts, train our minds, guard our eyes, and watch our affections that we might treat every man as our neighbor. The hippie generation has a slogan, perhaps a bit suggestive if read in the wrong way: "Make love, not war." In a sense, this is a good slogan if by it we can learn to live by the law (or the principle) of love, and cease to war against other people.

It was after Jesus' Perean preaching tours, perhaps as He and His disciples were traveling toward Jerusalem, that the Jewish lawver asked Jesus a great question which brought from Jesus' lios one of His most familiar parables. "The Parable of the Good Samaritan is recorded only by Luke. Being a physician he was singularly fitted to relate this particular parable, involving a ministry of mercy to physical need."—John Paul in The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The standard of practical Christianity is the Word of God.
2. The source of practical Christianity is the love of God.
3. The stream of practical Christianity is the love of man.

B. The Great Commandment (Luke 10: 25-29)

1. What was the lawyer's question?
2. What was the question of Jesus to the lawyer?
3. What was the lawyer's answer?
4. What was the answer of Jesus?

C. The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

1. The relationship of the parable of the prodigal son and the good Samaritan is obvious.
2. The wounded man and his need were great.
3. The priest passed by but did not stop to help the man.
4. The Levite passed by but went on by without stopping.
5. The Samaritan stopped and helped because there was a great concern in his heart for the wounded man.
6. What was Jesus' answer to the lawyer's question about, "Who is my neighbor?"

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Everyone knows what the letters I O U mean: they mean I owe you. We write IOU's to our wives when we borrow from the little sugar bowl on the top shelf in the kitchen. We write IOU's to our children when we have been in their piggy banks.

In each case, our debt arises because we have already received something of value from some other person.

What had the good Samaritan received from the man who had been beaten and robbed? The answer is—nothing. Yet he stopped and gave the man aid.

Just as the good Samaritan came to the assistance of one in need, we ough to offer these letters, IOU, to others We should do this, not because we have already received something from them but because we have received blessing from God, and He wants us in turn to b a blessing to others. Everything that i ours comes from our heavenly Father We make small payments on our deb to Him through acts of goodwill to oth ers. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).—Standard Commentary

B. The following story is told of Henry Grady, the famous southern editor As he was leaving his boarding house in New York one morning, he saw a hearse standing in front of the next house "Who is dead?" Grady asked his landlady. "Sure, I don't know," was her reply in such a tone of indifference that it fell like a clod on the heart of the sympathetic young southerner, who had sorrowed from his youth up in every grief coming into the family of a neighbor. As he started off, a little coffin was borne down the steps, followed by a mother who was crying as if her heart would break. He turned and asked his landlady if she were going to the funeral. "It's none of my affair," was the lady's reply. This seeming heartlessness made such an impression on Grady that he said to his wife, "Pack your trunks I'm going back to Georgia, where people have time to shed a tear with their neighbor when death removes their child."

One of the most prized points in a southerner's reputation is that of friendliness. Even the more so should a Christian know and show friendliness and neighborliness for others whom God also created in His image. Jesus said that we should "Love thy neighbour as thyself." James wrote that we should "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, . . ." (James 5:16)

One of the Christian's major social obligations is to love his neighbor second only to his God. Perhaps, as Christians, we, like the northerners, have lost the art of neighborliness. Since our natural nature is that of selfishness one cannot love his neighbor as himself unless Christ is at the center of his thoughts and emotions. If we obey James and confess our sins to each other and pray for each other, a great revival of old-time love and neighborliness would occur.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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St. Claire Bible Class

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C. Someone has suggested a practical utline for the parable of the good amaritan, expressing the philosophy of hose involved:

The robbers' view: "What is yours is ine, and I'm going to take it." There re many people today with this philoso- hy—unwilling to work but desiring to ke the possessions of others.

The priest's and the Levite's view: What is mine is mine, and I plan to eep it." They were unwilling to help— eing greedy and selfish. (Uninvolve- ent is a sad condition for anyone, es- ecially for a Christian.)

The Samaritan's view: "What is mine yours; I'll share it because you need ." What a beautiful spirit! Wouldn't be wonderful if more people in the orld had the unselfish love of Christ in eir hearts?—Ray O. Jones.

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Questions & Answers

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John 1:14—"The Word was made flesh nd dwelt among us."

Matthew 13:55, 56—"Is not this the arpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and oses, and Simon, and Judas? And his isters, are they not all with us? Whence hen hath this man all these things?"

G. Campbell Morgan makes the follow- ng comments on Matthew 26:62-66: "It s necessary to emphasize this because hat emphasis lends tremendous force to hrist's answer. If we once clearly see hat the high priest was definitely lead- ng Him to open confession, then imme- iately we see the meaning of His an- wer. It was a double answer. He irst immediately answered the high riest's question, and then added to it omething other, more startling than the uggestion the high priest had made. With regard to the question, Jesus said, Thou hast said.' This was an affirma- ion as direct, simple, and profound as he question of the high priest.

"Thus we see the King, hemmed in by his foes, standing at the illegal tribunal, ilent while witnesses lie, silent while he priest asked Him why He did not nswer: but when challenged on oath nswering immediately, affirming that le was exactly what the high priest sug- ested, the Christ, the Son of God.

"So that here Christ, in answer to the high priest's charge, declared on oath that He was the Christ, the Son of God; and secondly in answer to his scorn and incredulity He laid claim to triumph even in the hour of defeat."

With the confusion Christians confront today each one who reads and gives strict attention to what the Bible warns us against as we approach the end of this age, when we are told that men shall be departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; and that when it is possible for those in the realm of darkness to do so, they will even deceive the very elect. Then let us remember that as the days of this age progressively bring us to its evil end, that the stage is being set for the antichrist and that moral condition that ended in judgment and doom for the antediluvians and for the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah, so will they characterize the end of this age. (Read and compare Luke 17:22-30; Jude 6-8, 14, 15; Matthew 24:33-39; 2 Peter 2:1-14; Matthew 24:15-31; Revelation 12; 13; 17; Daniel 7:7, 8, 17-28; and Genesis 3:15.)

God created man, male and female, placed them in a perfect environment, giving them dominion and authority over all, making one prohibition. Man sinned and departed from God by eating of the tree He forbade him to eat, separating mankind from God and unto Satan. He gave Jesus as the seed of the woman by which man could be restored to sonship in Him and therefore to a right relation to God. He, who was the Son of God, became also the Son of man in the virgin birth. Being the Son of God He could, by becoming the Son of man, take man's place; so now and forever hereafter He is both the Son of God and the Son of man. He will be in heaven and at the right hand of God through all the varying changes of this age, will complete His church, and will take it up to be with Himself before the Great Tribulation. Then He will allow the antichrist great power and authority. However, He will bring this to an end as He brings judgment on the antichrist and all his followers.

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CRAGMONT

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correspond for the group in case of group registration), and enclose $7 for each person registering. Mail to: The Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Please make all checks payable to L. E. Ballard or to the General Youth Conference. Do not make them payable to Cragmont Assembly, as this will delay processing. All money you send will be receipted.

Please observe that the Cragmont board has found it necessary to raise the overall fees for those who attend conferences this year from $35 to $37. The deposit at time of registration will be $7, with the balance of $30 to be paid when boarding the bus or as may be arranged with registrars.

Letters of instruction regarding what to take to the conference, where and when to meet the bus, etc., will be sent out at least two weeks before time to leave for the conference. Register now! Much is awaiting you at the General Youth Conference, June 14-19!

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NEWS NOTES

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Relate to the Family," Chaplain Tom Wolf, Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

March 14—"Social Problems and Their Relationship to the Church and Family," Dr. Caroline H. Callison, Sampson County, North Carolina, Health Department.

March 21—"The Opportunities of Lay Evangelism," Mr. Robert Hill, First Baptist Church of Clinton, North Carolina.

March 28—"The Problems of Alcohol and Drugs As They Relate to the Family," Mr. Charles Dunn, Director of North Carolina S. B. I.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. wishes to announce his change of address effective March 1. Mr. Pierce is the newly elected superintendent of the Children's Home, and as such his address will be: The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557. His former address was Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, North Carolina 27834. He advises all of his correspondents to note this change, please.

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Worship is to Christian living what the mainspring is to the watch.—L. R. Axelson.

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Cigarettes are a "no-no." We learned this sometime ago when they were proven to be "hazardous to your health." So now all advertising of cigarettes on TV has been banned by an arm of the federal government. This became effective after January 1 of this year.

Because of this action, there might be fewer smokers than ever before; for it is a known fact that one of the best ways to sell a product is to flash it on a TV screen amid music and laughter and scenic beauty. One of the best ways to kill a product, then, is to take it from public view; and so far as TV is concerned, favorable advertising of cigarettes has been canceled.

The tobacco industry may be losing a lot of money as result of the ban (we have no reliable figures to prove or disprove this fact), but there's one thing for sure: The **liquor** industry isn't hurting from lack of advertising. No matter how evil and injurious to health tobacco is, in this writer's opinion it can never so much as touch the damage—healthwise and morally—that alcohol can cause. Certainly cigarette smoking never improved anyone's health or morality, but by the same token it's going to take a lot of proof to convince this writer that drinking ever did either. There is more to the tragedy of alcohol than death on the nation's highways; there are broken families, starving children, sick bodies, and pickled brains!

It is most peculiar indeed that since the cigarette ban that liquor advertising has skyrocketed. (We use the term "liquor" generally, to include beer, wine, and distilled beverages as well.) In one night's viewing we counted six liquor commercials; whereas, less than a year ago there would have been only one commercial for a well-known malt liquor or a popular beer during the course of an evening's viewing. On one occasion we saw a commercial which featured a young singing group of the young American style, and we thought that we were in for some patriotic commercial or other. But what was it? You guessed it.

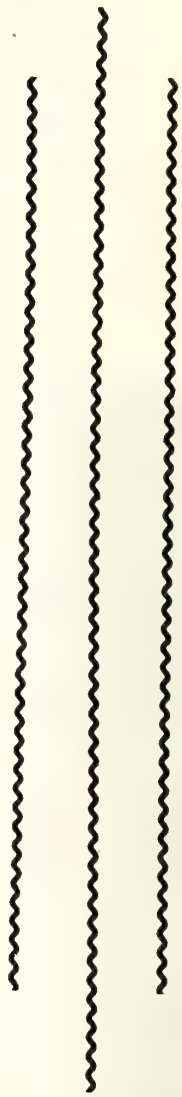
Isn't it ironic that we take the smoke out of our young people's lungs and clear up their hacking coughs and clean their stained teeth only to fill their bloodstreams with alcohol and dull their senses and make them oblivious to care or responsibility? When this writer's child grows up, his father would rather that he neither smoked nor drank; but, if he has to do one or the other, his father would rest a little easier knowing that he was "under the influence" of tobacco instead of alcohol. Lest our readers misunderstand, we are not championing the cause of the tobacco industry. This writer neither smokes nor drinks.

Personalities taking part in liquor commercials get younger every year. Those who are depicted as enjoying the alcoholic beverages are always youthful, wholesome-looking, healthy, and fun-loving. Is it possible that the liquor industry is appealing to the young segment of society? Where are the men with graying temples and big stomachs who use to praise the merits of a bottle of beer or a jigger of wine? Ah ha! Advertisers are shrewd. They know where the action is, and they want to be where "it's at!"

It's nothing short of tragic, really, when you consider where all this can lead to. Needless to emphasize, a person would be better off if he never smoked nor drank; but if a comparison is wanting, it is our opinion that alcohol is worse. Inasmuch as morals are concerned, the Scriptures teach in 1 Corinthians 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Granted, smoking probably never uplifted a person spiritually. Similarly, how a person can drink alcoholic beverages to the development of good morals or physical and mental health is beyond our ability to comprehend.

Be that as it may, one thing is for certain: Since they have cleared all the smoke away from the TV screen we can see the alcohol better. In our opinion they are playing the devil—and we shall be playing the devil, too, if we allow ourselves to be sucked in!

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The Great "I Am's" Of Christian Responsibility

by REV. WESLEY HUNT

THERE are a number of great "I am" declarations in the Bible. Most of them relate to God and His work. "I am the LORD, and there is none else, . . ." (Isaiah 45:5). ". . . I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1). ". . . ye shall be holy; for I am holy: . . ." (Leviticus 11:44). In the gospel of John there are a number of great "I am's" of Christ (cf. John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7, 11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1). All such assertions denote the Person and work of God—His response or self-imposed responsibilities toward men.

All too often this is the only emphasis such statements that is seriously considered or analyzed. But in Romans 1:14-17 the Apostle Paul affirms the great "I am's" of Christian responsibility.

From this and other passages can be gleaned the fact that God has made every aspect of man's relation to Him a strictly personal matter. Individuals must personally and of their own free will receive Christ. Consecration and obedience to God's will are matters of individual choice. The way in which he responds to God's will for one's life is a personal matter for which all must individually answer.

Too often Christians are concerned about the responsibilities of other persons. But in the passage under consideration the individuality of the believer's obligations to the Lord is spotlighted. The "I am's" of this part of the Word of God underline the fundamental individual responsibility of every Christian. Each believer must consider his relationship to God in this light.

"I AM DEBTOR"

It might be assumed that Paul had been confronted with a series of questions to which he is responding in this passage. "Who is responsible to take the gospel to the lost?" I am! "Who is to go to the civilized?" I am! "To the uncivilized?" I am! "To the educated?" I am! "To the uneducated?" I am!

Many Christians look to everyone else but themselves to fulfill the great commission of Christ. For too long the attitude of Mr. Average Christian has been, "Let George do it." When this viewpoint is more closely examined, "George" turns out to be the pastor, the missionary, the evangelist, or the "full-time Christian worker."

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by REV. WESLEY HUNT

How easy it is for Christians to point out the failures, weaknesses, and negligences of others! Too often we say, "He is not doing much for Christ and the church." Better would it be if the believer asked, "What am I doing?" and then honestly answer, "I am not doing much."

Paul is not speaking here as an apostle or as a special emissary from God but as a member of the body of Christ, as just another believer. "I am a debtor." Paul's debt to the world—and to Christ—certainly was no greater than anyone else's. Every Christian ought to say with regularity, to himself at least, "I am a debtor," for every Christian is a debtor! And if there is any group of people on earth who ought to be known for paying its debts, it should be the followers of Christ.

Most Christians are diligent in paying their financial debts. This is only right. But it is not enough. The debt spoken of here is the gospel debt, the obligation to take to every creature the message of salvation. This is an obligation laid upon us by God himself. Can it then be said of a large number of Christians that they are diligent in paying their debts to other men, but not to God? It would seem so.

God says that we owe the world the gospel. Pardon me! I owe the world the gospel. I am a debtor. I am obligated by God Almighty to take His good news to a lost and dying world. I am a debtor—and if you have been saved, so are you!

"I AM READY"

Is your response relative to the gospel debt "I am ready"? Or is it "I am not sure what God wants me to do" or "I am too scared" or "I am too weak"? Or —if the truth were to be told—"I am too lazy" or "I am spiritually dead"?

The word "responsibility" simply denotes an ability and an obligation to respond to a challenge. What a challenge the believer has! What an awesome obligation is his—to witness to a world of lost men whom Christ alone can deliver from the dreadful torments of eternal hell!

No wonder Paul was ready! The gospel is glad tidings. Surely, if a loved one were dying of cancer or of some other fatal disease and a certain cure were discovered, no one would be reluctant to announce the good news to the ailing victim. If a pardon were announced for a friend sentenced to die, no one would be hesitant in declaring the glad news to him. God's news is far better. He has provided a certain escape from death and hell. Every man in the world is afflicted with the deadly disease of sin and is in need of the only remedy —the blood of Christ. No wonder Paul was ready!

There is a difference, however, between being willing and being ready. Being ready involves preparation, discipline, and dedication. There are too many who are willing but not ready. They are not studied up, prayed up, and stirred up sufficiently to do anyone any good. There are also many who are "ready" but not willing—that is, they know the Word of God; they are conscious of the great needs of the world; they are surrounded by opportunity. Yet they lack the vital necessity of a willing heart. How tragic!

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7

THE REAL QUESTION

Scripture Reading—James 4:7

A little boy came to his father looking much in earnest, and asked, "Father, is Satan bigger than I am?" "Yes, my boy," said the father. "Is he bigger than you are, Father?" "Yes, my boy, he is bigger than your father." The boy looked surprised but thought again, and asked, "Is he bigger than Jesus?" "No, my boy," answered the father. "Jesus is bigger than he is." The little fellow, as he turned away, said with a smile, "Then I'm not afraid of him."—*Sunday School Banner.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

With complete trust in the Lord, there is no real need to fear anything or anyone—not even Satan.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

THE DEVIL'S BEANS

Scripture Reading—Luke 8:36

Rowland Hill, a prominent preacher of former years, related this incident in one of his sermons: "The other day I was going down the street, and I saw a drove of pigs following a man. This excited my curiosity so much that I determined to follow. I did so; and to my great surprise, I saw them follow him to the slaughterhouse. I was anxious to know how this was brought about; and I said to the man, 'My friend, how did you manage to induce these pigs to follow you here?' 'Oh, did you not see?' said the man. 'I had a basket of beans under my arm; and I dropped a few as I came along and so they followed me.' 'Yes,' said the preacher, 'and I thought so it is, the devil has his basket of beans under his arm; and he drops them as he goes along; and what multitudes he induces to follow him to an everlasting slaughterhouse.' "—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Satan feeds the poor souls who follow him on all the pleasures of sin; they follow him trustingly into everlasting torment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

HOME

Scripture Reading—Genesis 39:16

A traveling evangelist related the following: I picked up a railroad timetable in a hotel writing room where men were smoking and spinning yarns. The map showed only one road and its connections. It seemed to cover all the many states. Up in an open space, faraway from the city where we were, some man had written "Home." Some discouraged commercial traveler, sick, disgusted, worn out, traced those fond letters and located the dear place where his loved ones awaited his coming. How much it meant to him—one of a large class of men for whom little sympathy is felt! Going to my room I took out my Bible. There was only one "through-line" apparent. All branches converged at the Cross of Calvary. Through trains starting now. Home is where Jesus is. An open place,—a prepared place,—safe, blessed, eternal. Are you going Home?—*Good News.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we travel through life, how blessed it is to know that if Jesus is our Saviour, our destination will be "home" with Him!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

LET'S BE HONEST

Scripture Reading—Romans 13:13

A member of the editorial staff of THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE was seated in a dining car the other evening. His companion at the table was a clear-eyed, attractive youth in a private's uniform. Having eaten a simple meal, he was presented with a blank form of some kind and informed by the waiter that he was entitled to a discount if he were "on government business." The boy fumbled the slip for a minute or two, read it carefully, and finally handed it back, saying, "I don't think I am entitled to this. I'm not on government business. I'm going home to see my mother."

We have nothing whatsoever to do with the selection of medals for acts of bravery, or services of distinction. But we would like to nominate that boy for some kind of merit badge.—*The Christian Advocate.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Honesty pays more in the long run than ever could be realized from the discounts on meal tickets. Dishonesty is sin and could cost us our very soul.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

A MOTHER BIRD'S LOVE—AND HOW MUCH MORE!

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 3:5

How little even Christians really understand God's great love for us! Last spring, when they were trimming trees on our street, one day just a little before lunchtime the men cut off a limb in which was a bird's nest with four baby birds in it. The little birds were killed in the fall; soon the mother bird came, and she flew over and back again and again, calling, calling, calling in her effort to find her babies. Soon the men sat down on the grass near the tree and ate their lunch, and still that little mother bird kept flying over their heads and calli Finally something dropped with a thud most at the feet of one of the men. stooped and picked it up, and it was t little brokenhearted mother bird *dead.* D Christians, if that is the love and yearni in a little mother bird's heart, how Go great heart must yearn for His lost a straying children! Not only for those w have tasted His love and then wander but for the *last* and *least* soul on this earth.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How sad the heart of God must be He watches His wayward children! H much He must have loved us to allow Son to die for our sins!

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

FOR COMFORT, NOT FOR FOOD

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:26

A city missionary visited a poor old wo an in a city attic, whose scanty pittan was scarcely sufficient for her bare su sistence. He observed in a broken tea that stood on the window a strawbe plant growing. He remarked from time time how it continued to grow, and w what care it was watched and tend "Your plant flourishes nicely; you will sc have strawberries on it." "Oh, sir, it is for the sake of fruit I prize it, but I too poor to keep any living creature, a it is a great comfort to have that pl living, for I know it can only live by power of God, and as I see it live and gr day by day it tells me God is near." like manner the rainbow reminds us God's faithfulness.—*Thinker.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Men can build great buildings and acco plish great feats in space, but only G can give life. How great He is!

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING"

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:10

Old Betty was asked the meaning "Pray without ceasing." "Well, it means what it says," said she. "When wash my face in the morning, I pray G that many sinners may be washed in blood of Christ during the day. When put on my clothes, I pray God to clot me with Christ and with humility. Wh I take up the broom, I think of the wom who swept the house for the lost piece silver, and I pray God to sweep the wo and to save lost sinners. When I brush grate and it begins to brighten up, I pr to the Lord to brighten my soul." A thus Betty went on mentioning the thir that gave her an opportunity of approac ing God in prayer.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Praying without ceasing does not me uttering words to God continually; it mea keeping one's heart tuned to Him alwa

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Medic or Missionary—

Vietnam Holds His Interest

by AUTHULA POWELL COOPER

MEDICAL corpsman Chuck Keller helped load the food containers back to the helicopter, and it took off. Chuck and the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon, 3rd Brigade, along with a unit of soldiers of the South Vietnam army, had spent all day in a massive search of a large village on the coastal plains. Intelligence reports indicated that this village was being used by the Viet Cong. They had found some hidden ammunition but had not encountered any of the enemy. At dusk, they gathered for their evening meal, brought out to them by helicopter. They were to move out on patrol for the night.

Chuck didn't make that patrol. As he walked away from the departing helicopter, he felt a burning feeling through both legs about five inches above his knees. A sniper's bullet had hit him. His buddies began firing.

He called out to his medic buddy, "Help, Jerry, I'm hit!" His squad leader came to him in a crouching run and helped him drag himself about twenty feet to get behind the scant protection afforded by a rice paddy dike. He recalls that his first thought was, "Father, forgive them." From his own medical corpsman training, Chuck knew that he was losing a lot of blood.

Jerry made his way to him, stopped the bleeding, and worked on him until the helicopter returned to pick him up. Chuck's memory of those few minutes is that he was at peace once the bleeding was stopped. He was not worried.

Chuck lost consciousness then and has only a vague memory of the flight back to the battalion aid station at Duc Pho. A letter to his mother, telling of the injury, reported that he was seen by a doctor within ten minutes after he was wounded.

August 21, 1967, was only the first of many days of hospital care for Pfc. Charles Eugene Keller, United States Army Medical Service. He was sent first by helicopter to a hospital at Chu Lai, where X rays and some surgical repairs were made on the bullet-severed artery of his left leg. At this time, he found that he had no feeling in his right toes, ankle, and part of the calf of his right leg. He spent two weeks at Chu Lai and two more weeks in a hospital at Qui Nhon before being evacuated by air to a hospital in Tokyo, Japan.

During his five-week stay in Japan, Chuck was visited often by Hiroko Komori, whom he had first met when both were enrolled for missionary linguistics training at the University of Washington in Seattle during the summer of 1965.

A Christian since the age of five, when his mother showed him Jesus Christ as Saviour, Chuck attended a Christian high school in Portland, Oregon, his hometown. While in high school, one of his teachers suggested linguistics as a career for him, since he had shown some linguistic ability while studying Latin. He continued his interest in languages by studying both French and German while at Portland State College. A final decision about linguistics was not made, however, until he had looked into many areas.

Chuck said, "I fear I was mostly trying to plan things on my own and not too seriously seeking the Lord's will as to what I should do. I think I was more or less looking for satisfaction in my studies rather than being concerned about some higher motivation which would lead me to decide what I should do in life. I think that if intellectual satisfaction is an only goal, there are bound to be some disappointments."

The disappointments did come, as Chuck spent four years shifting around from one interest to another: the applied sciences, medicine, officer's training for the Navy, and teaching—a more constant interest. In his senior year at Portland State, he needed one more subject to round out his schedule. In the bookstore, he happened to see some books on linguistics, and his old interest in languages prodded him. The linguistics course fitted into his schedule.

After his graduation from college in June, 1965, Chuck went to Seattle for the first year course at Wycliffe's Summer Institute of Linguistics. This included basic instruction in pronouncing and transcribing the sounds which would be encountered in most of the world's languages, as well as analyzing their grammatical structure. The course was not an easy one, but Chuck felt that linguistic work was something he could go into with enthusiasm. He was impressed with the people he met who were associated with Wycliffe. His application to Wycliffe Bible Translators, however, was deferred until after a second summer of linguistics training, so that he could get some systematic Bible training.

With the linguistics course completed, Chuck joined his dad for a trip to Mr. Keller's native Switzerland. When his dad returned to the States, Chuck remained in Switzerland and studied at the Emmaus Bible Institute in Lausanne.

Because the linguistics institutes in the States had already started before his work was done at Lausanne, Chuck went to England for the second year of his linguistic work. While engrossed in this work, he received the first notice from his draft board. His mother went to draft board officials and explained that he was in the midst of a course of study and out of the country and asked for a postponement of his reporting to the board. They agreed to this. He was able to complete the course, and his application to Wycliffe was accepted. On

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Revival to Be Held At Holly Springs Church

Revival services will begin at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, Monday night, March 8, and will continue through Saturday night, March 13. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p. m., with the Rev. Dewey C. Boling serving as guest evangelist. The Rev. Royster Martin, pastor of the church, will assist in the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Revival at Piney Grove Duplin County

A series of revival services will begin at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Albertson (Duplin County), North Carolina, on Monday night, March 8, and will continue through Saturday night, March 13. Services begin each evening at 7:30.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Everette Harper, cordially invites everyone who will to come and be with the people of Piney Grove in these meetings. Prayers are requested that this will truly be a revival sent from God.

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Youth Revival at Northeast Church March 8-12

The Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will hold a youth revival March 8-12, beginning each evening at 7:30. The speaker for the services will be the Rev. Dale Bates, pastor of the Saratoga, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. and Mrs. Bates are from Indiana and are very good musicians, having done outstanding work with the youth of the denomination in recent years.

On Sunday, March 7, at the eleven o'clock worship service, Howard F. Bryan of Statesville, North Carolina, and president of the Alumni Association of Mount Olive College, will deliver a pre-revival address. Mr. Bryan is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Bryan, Route 4, Mount Olive, where the elder Mr. Bryan is pastor of the Northeast church.

Mr. Bryan was valedictorian of his class at the Pantego High School and a nominee for the Morehead Scholar from the county. He is a graduate of Mount Olive and Davidson Colleges where he was a Dana Scholar, member of the male chorus, Phi Gamma Delta, and Alpha Psi Omega. In 1963 he was selected the best graduate of Mount Olive College and served as student government head. At present he is serving a second term as president of the Alumni Association.

Mr. Bryan joined the staff of the Branch Banking and Trust Company in 1966 and has been employed in Wilson, Selma, Fayetteville, and at present in Statesville. He is vice-president of the Statesville bank and a member of the board. He is said to be the youngest vice-president in the more than one-hundred-year history of the state's oldest banking institution. He holds basic and standard certificates from the American Institute of Banking, is an officer in the Army National Guard, and is very active in the First Baptist Church of Statesville where he sings tenor or bass in the church choir and occasionally serves as soloist.

Mr. Bryan's wife is the former Miss Mary Wooten of Stantonsburg, North Carolina, and attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina. She is an accomplished pianist.

On Monday evening of the youth revival the Youth Choir of the Rosewood Baptist Church of Goldsboro will be featured, along with a solo by Donald Balltzglier, director of the choir. Also, special music will be featured each night of the revival. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend these services.

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Hugo Church Dedicated Church Furnishings February 28

At the Sunday morning worship service, February 28, the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Grifton, North Carolina, dedicated its new church furnishings, which included new church pews, chancel drape, new choir elevation and chancel railings, and an appropriate Sunday school and choir roo table.

This special service brought to a clos the first phase of an improvement pr gram which began more than a year ag In a recent business meeting the churc took action to begin the second phase the program, which includes redecoratir the church, both inside and out, insta ing a new heating system, and addir air-conditioning throughout the buil ing. The third phase of the improv ment program will be the building of a ditional Sunday school and education facilities for church and youth function

The Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor of th church, presided at the dedication se vice and delivered the message. Th Gospel Messengers' Quartet of th church and the adult choir, under th direction of Mrs. Faye Rogers, provide special music for the occasion.

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Wayne West Surrenders Credentials

The Rev. Wayne West voluntarily su rendered his credentials and is no lon er an ordained minister of the Weste Conference.

This statement was submitted by th Executive Committee, the Ordaining Cou cil, and the Ministerial Character Cor mittee of the Western Conference Original Free Will Baptists of North Car lina.

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Our greatest temptations come to when we are off duty. How and whe we spend our spare time will react upo our Christian experience.—Selected.

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Works without faith are as dead faith without works.

Coming Events

March 13—North Carolina State Leagu Convention, Piney Grove Churc Route 1, Greenville, North Carolina

March 20—Eastern District Youth Co vention, Beulaville Church, Beulavill North Carolina

March 25—Eastern District Woman Auxiliary Convention, Christian Chap Church near Pink Hill, North Carolir

April 3—Cape Fear District Youth Rall Tee's Chapel Church, Smithfield, Nor Carolina, 7 p.m.

April 17—North Carolina State Sunda School Convention, Mount Olive Co lege, Mount Olive, North Carolina

A City of the New Testament

SHECHEM

by EDGAR C. JAMES, Th.D.

THE city of Shechem dated from the time of Abraham and was important during both Old and New Testament periods. It is believed that this city is the Sychar of John 4 and the Sychem of Acts 7. It is significant as the place where Jesus met the woman at Jacob's well.

The name "Shechem" means a shoulder or a ridge. The city was located in the pass between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim, on the most direct route from Galilee to Jerusalem. It was the chief city of the Samaritans. Traffic from the north and the south passed through this city; therefore, it was a natural place for Jesus to stop on His way to Galilee.

After God's covenant with Abraham, the pilgrim passed through the place of Shechem ("Sichem" in Genesis 12:6) to the plain of Moreh. From there he went on south and built an altar to the Lord. Jacob pitched his tent at Shechem and bought a parcel of land there (Genesis 33:19). This he bequeathed to the children of Joseph, who buried Joseph there (Joshua 24:32). Jacob dug a well to supply water for that area so that he would not be dependent on his neighbors for water.

It is not known whether this city derived its name from the man Shechem. He was the son of Hamor, a Hivite prince. He was attracted by the beauty of Dinah, Jacob's daughter, and took her for himself (cf. Genesis 34:2). Because he had defiled her, all the male inhabitants of Shechem were massacred by Simeon and Levi (cf. v. 25).

When the land of Palestine was attributed to the tribes of Jacob, Shechem was given to Ephraim but was assigned to the Levites as a city of refuge (cf. Joshua 20:7; 21:20, 21). Later, Joshua gathered the people there and delivered unto them his last counsel and advice (cf. 24:1, 25).

Shechem was important during the time of the judges, when the son of Gideon, Abimelech, connived with the people to make him king (cf. Judges 9). After reigning for three years, he was expelled from the city. In revenge, he destroyed the place. However, the city was restored, and Rehoboam, Solomon's son, was made king there. The people of this city later were carried into captivity, but Shalmaneser sent back colonies from Babylon to take the place of those who were exiled.

The colonists brought in by Shalmaneser and Esarhaddon intermarried with the surrounding Israelites. They became known as "Samaritans." They popularized the worship founded by Jeroboam, who tried to separate the worship of God from the temple in Jerusalem.

After the captivity, the Samaritans wanted to help rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, but Zerubbabel would not allow them to do so. He said, "Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord God of Israel" (Ezra 4:3). The Samaritans highly regarded the Samaritan Pentateuch, which either came into their hands as an inheritance from the ten tribes which they succeeded or was—more probably—introduced by Manasseh. Alexander the Great gave him permission to build a temple on Mount Gerizim. It was there that the Samaritans practiced a mixture of Judaism and paganism.

In addition to not allowing the Samaritans to rebuild the temple, Nehemiah expelled Manasseh for an unlawful marriage. The relationship between the Samaritans and the Jews was therefore one of complete hostility. This is why many Jews from the north who made pilgrimages to Jerusalem during the time of Christ bypassed Samaria. The Samaritans rejected all of the Old Testament except the Pentateuch and claimed that they had a much older copy of it than the Jews. The Jews in return hated the Samaritans, refused their claim to Jewish birth, and cast suspicion on their copy of the Pentateuch.

All of this lay in the background of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4). When Jesus left Judaea, He went directly through Samaria to the city of Sychar instead of crossing the Jordan River to get to the northern province of Galilee. It would have been very natural for Jesus to stop at the well built by Jacob centuries before. There Jesus asked the Samaritan woman to give Him water to drink. After awhile the woman also asked Jesus to give her water to drink. However, Jesus showed her that the water He had to give was the Water of Life. He said, ". . . whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (v. 14). This is the same spiritual water that Jesus promises all those who will accept Him as their Saviour today.—Gospel Herald.

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MISSIONS

CHURCH IN MEXICO DEPENDENT ON CHRIST

by Rev. J. E. Timmons, Director



Mr. Timmons helps with construction of church in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

We are reminded in the Gospel of John, Chapter 15, Verse 5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Thus we come to the biblical fact that we are very much dependent on Christ for our success on the Mexican mission field.

What do we mean by dependent on Christ? First, we must realize that we are not our own; we are bought through the blood of the Saviour, for we have willingly surrendered our lives through the Holy Spirit to Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Thus we are a dependent people as we endeavor to do the almost impossible on the mission field.

What then is our task? We are, through the preaching of the eternal Word of Life, to reach the sinful, lost, and tradition-bound people who are satisfied with the things of this world, and bring them to Christ.

What does all this involve? Briefly, this requires all that you and I can do through prayer, faith, tears, hard work, sacrificial giving, love, and patience that the work for the cause of Christ might continue on the mission field. This, and only this, is the reason that the native Mexican pastors, myself, and all of our dedicated mission force are so involved in the cause of missions—that some of these people might be saved from an everlasting hell.

Thus, we can plainly see that this places the responsibility on each church member at home or abroad. It becomes the duty of each of us to answer the Lord's call, for we are all dependent on Him for life. May we share the blessing of this life with others, at home and abroad. Let's come alive for **missions!**

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Singspiration at Ayden To Benefit Cragmont

Because of their love for Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, the YFAers of the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, have planned a special program of song, scheduled for Sunday night, March 14, at 7:30 p. m. This service, under the direction of YFA President Randy McLawhorn, will feature various well-known singers of the area, including: the Melody Makers of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina; Wayne Vincent of the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church; a singing group from the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville; the Hardee Sisters; and other singers from in and around Ayden. The YFAers will also take part.

An offering will be taken during this service, which will be applied toward the present building program that is underway at Cragmont. The public is cordially invited to come out and participate in this worthwhile program of song. It promises to be inspirational and entertaining. Those who will be rendering music are giving their time freely.

Advisors to the Ayden YFA are Kay Jones and Judy Paige.

WHITEWASH OF PORNOGRAPHY

EX-PRESIDENT Johnson appointed Commission on Pornography to vestigate concerning smut, obscen pornography, and the purveyors of f within our nation. It took them t years to make up a report, and $2 r lion was spent for an immoral rep which is a whitewash of the entire tanic business of pornography. It lo as though the immoral report was sa taged by the merchants of smut filth. It looks as though the commit sold out to them. And this is wha Congressional Committee is now inve gating.

The report of the 18-member Comm sion contained the following: "The Pr dent's Commission on Pornography reached the tentative conclusion t obscenity does not cause sex crimes corrupt youngster's morals." How's t for whitewash? We certainly doubt sanity or common sense of those v approved the report. It is an outrag

It is encouraging that President Ni has totally rejected the report as "mo ly bankrupt." The statement which President made is given here in part

"I have evaluated that report categorically reject its morally bankr conclusions and its major recommen tions. So long as I am in the WH House, there will be no relaxation of national effort to control and elimin smut from our national life.

"Smut should not be simply contai at its present level; it should be outl ed in every state in the Union. And legislatures and courts at every level American government should act in u son to achieve that goal.

"In an open society, this proposal untenable. If the level of filth rises the adult community, the young peo in our society cannot help but also inundated.

"The warped and brutal portrayal sex in books, plays, magazines, movies, if not halted and reversed, co poison the well-springs of Americ Western culture and civilization.

"The pollution of our culture, the p lution of our civilization with smut filth is as serious a situation for American people as the pollution of once-pure air and water.

"American morality is not to be trif with; the Commission on Pornograp and Obscenity has performed a diss

vice, and I totally reject its report." Again, he stated: "Pornography is to freedom of expression what anarchy is to liberty."

All God's people have cause to be grateful for the courageous stand of President Nixon. For this he will be maligned and abused. The billion-dollar smut business is not going to give up easily—they will use every means, fair and foul, to continue in their vile and satanic business. We are reminded of what the Word of God says about rulers: "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. . . . For he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he heareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Romans 13:3, 4). God's people should pray very much for our President and all those in authority during these evil days.—Christian Victory.

NOT THE RIGHTEOUS

by NEAL NEITZEL

RECENTLY, a Christian mother was extremely upset by the actions of her teen-age son. She phoned for an appointment with the pastor and visited his office the next day.

"Now that Bill's sixteen, naturally we permit him to date—within reason, of course," she explained, "and we know our son has firm and sound religious convictions. It isn't that we don't trust Bill. What disturbs us is the company he keeps."

She went on to relate how her son had become interested in a girl named Cathy. She and her husband had met Cathy. They'd learned that neither Cathy nor her parents belonged to any church. But what concerned them most was the girl's poor reputation. Cathy was known to smoke, and she'd attended a number of teen-age beer parties. She was an attractive young woman, and her mother had allowed her to date since her twelfth birthday.

"What sort of influence can a girl like Cathy have upon our son?" questioned Bill's mother. "There are other girls and boys—friends of Cathy—who display the same lack of decent upbringing. We're afraid that Bill might suffer by association. That's why my husband and I decided to come to you—to see if you might be willing to talk to our boy."

The clergyman did agree to have a talk with Bill. He called the young man into his study following the next youth fellowship meeting.

Several days later, this highly regarded servant of God made a personal call at the home of Bill's parents. He told the concerned mother, a short, simple story from the Bible.

"It seems that one day, according to holy Scripture," he quietly began, "Jesus attended a large dinner party given in His honor by Matthew. At this dinner, there were present many publicans and sinners. Seeing that the Son of God was breaking bread with men of evil ways, His disciples asked and were themselves asked by others why Jesus dined with such undesirable companions."

The anxious mother sat frowning slightly while she listened. She couldn't understand what the clergyman was trying to tell her.

"Jesus had to associate with wicked men and women," she said slowly. "How else could the world be saved? God expected His Son to be exposed to ignorance and to associate with wrongdoers."

The minister smiled, nodding his agreement. Then he said, "I spoke with Bill a few nights ago. Although my inquiries were more tactfully phrased, in effect I asked Bill why he chose to associate with young people who aren't Christians, just as Jesus was once asked why He dined with publicans and sinners." The clergyman paused, and his smile reflected reassuring pride as he looked across the room at the attentive mother. "Jesus replied to those who questioned His actions. He said that those who were well didn't need a doctor, but those who were ill did have need of ministry. He said that He came to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous."

The mother stared up at the smiling pastor. "I think I'm beginning to understand what you're trying to illustrate."

The clergyman shook his head. "No, this wasn't my version of that biblical incident. I've merely repeated the answer your son Bill gave me the other evening. Please, don't you or your husband continue to be concerned about Bill's choice of companions. If there's any influencing to be done, I can assure you that it will be all for the good—and that Bill will be behind the doing, not permitting his own Christian ideals to be affected!"

The accuracy of this assurance was proved a few months later when Cathy started attending church. Now, Cathy is an active, admirable member of the church, and several of her friends are beginning to show up for the youth fellowship meetings they'd formerly ridiculed as worthless time-wasting.

When I heard this true account at a church council meeting the other night, I realized how futile it is for parents to fear for the welfare of sincere and devoted Christians like Bill.

Evil temptations won't be able to dent the armor of a soundly established religious faith. No, it's not the righteous we need to worry about. That's a truth I intend to remember when my own daughter and son get to be Bill's age, when my wife and I are exposed to the normal and proper sense of parental concern regarding our children and their relationships with other young people.—Gospel Herald.

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Attention, Cragmont Campers, 1971!

We have some important news for all Cragmont Campers for 1971! Due to the increases in the cost of living and the cost of operations of Cragmont Assembly, the total cost for the week this year will be $37. The additional $2 over last year's cost is to be paid as part of the registration fee. When you send in your resignation fee this year, just remember that it will be $7 instead of the usual $5. The remaining $30 will be due as usual when you board the Cragmont bus.

Don't forget—registration fee this year will be $7!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
Publicity Director

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My Church Means This

In the holy place of worship
In church on Sunday morn,
In the house of meditation
My courage was reborn.

In the fellowship of silence
My duty was made clear.
In music and the Scriptures,
In joy that He was near.

In the call to high endeavor,
In faith and then in prayer,
In the challenge of the service,
I met my Master there.

—Allen Duncombe.

Vietnam Holds His Interest

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this basis, he applied for a draft deferment. The first of November, 1966, however, he received an envelope containing a refusal of deferment and a notice of induction. He began to look into enlistment possiiblities and hit on the medical corps, thinking that he could use medical training in the future as a missionary.

He took eight weeks of basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington, then went to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for the ten-week medical service training. On May 12, 1967, he was on his way to Vietnam.

At first he was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, but later his unit became part of the 4th Division. His brigade was at Duc Pho, on the coastal plains of South Vietnam. Until the eventful day of his injury, Chuck saw some rather routine action, since this area was more or less pacified. Except for snipers, ambushes, and booby traps, it was quiet. There were no major battles for his platoon during the three months that he was there. About half of his work as a medic was spent helping the Vietnamese people in the villages, and he felt this was a satisfying and worthwhile effort.

Chuck's injuries have shelved, for the time being, his progress toward the mission field. After the hospital care in Japan, he was sent back to the States, arriving at Madigan Army Hospital near Fort Lewis, Washington, late in October, 1967. On November 7, Army surgeons attempted to graft two branches of the sciatic nerve that had been severed by the bullet. Chuck spent six weeks in a body cast with his right leg bent at a ninety-degree angle. Then he was in a full-leg cast for several weeks, with the doctors gradually straightening his leg out by altering the shape of the casts. Next he was promoted to crutches and a wheel chair, accompanied by many hours of physical therapy and learning how to walk with a brace.

When Chuck's leg had gained strength, he received a disability discharge from the Army and returned to his home in Portland. During the summer of 1968, he served as a counselor at Trout Creek Bible Camp, which is sponsored by Central Bible Church of Portland. During this time, he found that he could do almost everything he did before he was injured, but he will always wear a brace.

Chuck Keller would still like to be a missionary to Vietnam if his disability permits him to do so. Vietnam has long been an area of continuing interest to him. In fact, he had told Wycliffe of his interest when he made application to their organization, but he had not restricted his possible mission work to this one field. Already he has given a great deal of himself in behalf of the people of Vietnam as an Army medic; and, hopefully, as a Wycliffe missionary, Chuck will continue to give of himself.

He feels that "you must go into mission work with faith—it is not something you can just evaluate with the cold eye of a so-called realist." He is willing to wait in faith that God will place him according to His will. In the meantime, he is attending Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, preparing himself for the day when he will know what God wants him to do.—Gospel Herald.

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Christ at the marriage altar.
Christ on the bridal journey.
Christ when the new home is set up.
Christ when the baby comes.
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—Author Unknown.

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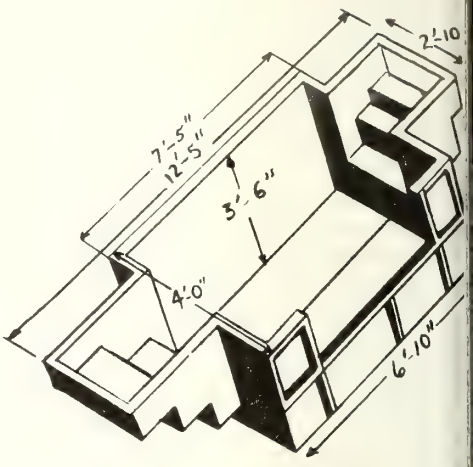
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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). How could David truly say he had never seen the "righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread"?

Answer: It is generally thought that David here gives an account of his own experience rather than stating a universal fact. He just simply says that he has never seen this happen. If this kind of thing was unknown in David's day, it is not in ours. This should not be true of any age, and most certainly not in ours, the Christian era. God's design planned against such for any, much less the righteous; however, God has made us all creatures with the capability of moral choice who are responsible in all the choices we make.

Man has both the power and responsibility to control the resources of the earth. The first of the Ten Commandments requires of us that we love God in all things to our full capacity; and the second, Jesus said, was like unto it. It demands of us that we love our neighbor as ourselves (see Matthew 22:37-40). This would require that one, instead of hoarding wealth above his own reasonable needs, would share it with those in worse economic circumstances. When it comes to Christians with plenty and to spare that know of other Christians who are hungry or in need of food, clothing, or what else might be of comfort to them, the Bible teaches: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them" (Luke 6:31, 32); "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. . . . As ye have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:2, 10).

Then, when it happens to sinners who are our adversaries, Jesus himself said, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). The Bible further says, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head" (Romans 12: 20); "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee" (Proverbs 25: 21, 22).

It is not in keeping with God's general method of dealing with men to intervene apart from what His Word says. If some are wasteful and squander the goods, He helps them to obtain by allowing them to live and operate in a society like ours whereupon His richest blessings have been bestowed. He sends the rain upon the just and the unjust alike. He allows industrial and employment conditions to be such that most people may, if they will, earn a good living; but when they misuse time, talent, and wealth until they become poverty-stricken, then He allows them to suffer. However, He does not let us go scot free and guiltless if we have plenty and to spare, but holds us responsible to do to them and by them as we would have them do for us and to us, where the plight of the two of us reversed.

In other words, if I am the prudent one who did not waste my goods, talent, or opportunity so that now I have plenty and could even spare some, it is my responsible duty to share with him who is without in the way that I would like for him to share with me had I been the one that neglected or used poor judgment and what else wrong may have been rendered me in this state of poverty. Would I want him to give me his surplus or even more than that? Well, whatever I would wish of him, were I in such need, that is what God wants me to do for him when he is the one in need.

Palestine, in David's day, was a land whose inhabitants generally fared well and especially so when it was compared with heathen lands; but then in many ways, its production was under what ours is now. David himself, who always set the Lord before him, was in need of food and water when his enemies were pressing him; but being the man after God's own heart, he got both food, water, and shelter in an unusual way. He got the shewbread from Abimelech (see 1 Samuel 21). Abigail, his enemy Nabal's wife, took food and refreshments to him. His three gallant men who, under direct enemy fire, drew water from the well at Bethlehem. Also he found shelter in the cave of Adullam when he fled from Saul. So David was acquainted with the evil conditions that the sins of men brought about and suffered such inconveniences that evil fosters for all.

Nevertheless, he was triumphant over them all as he trusted God. Any of us may enjoy the same good in the midst of this present environment, and we do when we trust God for what His Word promises. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

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Why comes temptation but for man to meet
And master and make crouch beneath his feet,
And so be pedestaled in triumph?
—Robert Browning.

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OCCUPANTS OF THE OLD HOUSE

MATILDA NORDTVEDT

"OH, look at that pretty house!" exclaimed Sue as she and Uncle Jim walked down the country road.

Uncle Jim turned to look. "It's a beauty, all right. Wonder who lives there."

"I don't know, but I wish I did," sighed Sue. "Our house is ugly compared to this one, and ours is crowded, too. The twins sleep with me in my room, and there's hardly any room to play."

The two walked on in thoughtful silence for a few minutes, enjoying the sweet spring air. As they rounded a bend, they came upon an old, tumbledown house beside the road.

"Who lives in that house?" asked Uncle Jim.

Sue laughed. "Nobody, of course. See the broken windows and the tumbledown chimney. It doesn't even have a door!"

"But I'm sure somebody lives in it," insisted Uncle Jim. "Come on, let's go see."

Sue followed her uncle through the tall grass. Of course, nobody lived in the old house. Couldn't Uncle Jim see that? But it would be fun to look in.

When they reached the sagging front porch, a robin flew past them into the house. She had a worm in her beak.

"Just as I thought," murmured Uncle Jim. "A robin family lives here."

"Oh, I thought you meant people," answered Sue with a laugh. "Can we see the robin's nest?"

Uncle Jim motioned for her to be quiet and follow him. Stepping over the pieces of plaster that had fallen from the walls, they began to explore the old house.

"There's the robin's nest on that shelf by the window," whispered Uncle Jim. "If I'm not mistaken, there are some eggs in it. We'd better not go any closer. We'll frighten her."

"Let's go upstairs," suggested Sue, eying a rickety stairway. Uncle Jim went first to make sure it was safe. At the top of the stairs he stopped and pointed to the ceiling.

"Somebody else lives here, I see. Look, a mud dauber's house."

Sue looked up at the lumps of dried mud. "Is that a house?" she asked doubtfully.

"It sure is," answered Uncle Jim with a laugh. "And there she is," he added, pointing to a wasp flying overhead, carrying a small ball of mud in her front feet. "Looks like she's not finished building yet."

"Oh, I see another house!" exclaimed Sue, running forward. "A spider's web! That's a house, too, isn't it, Uncle Jim?"

Her uncle nodded. "There are usually dozens of them in old houses. Makes it handy for the wasps. They don't have far to go for groceries."

"You mean they eat the spiders?"

Uncle Jim nodded. Then he whistled. "What have we here?" In a box in the corner lay a pile of nutshells and acorn husks.

"A squirrel must live here, too!" exclaimed Sue.

"Looks like one lived here last winter, anyway," remarked Uncle Jim. He glanced around. "Sometimes there are bees in the walls of these old houses and skunks underneath."

"Skunks!" exclaimed Sue, wrinkling her nose. "If there are skunks around here, I'm leaving!"

Uncle Jim laughed. "I guess it's time we go back home, anyway," he said, starting down the stairs. "Your mother will think we're lost. Shall we walk home through the pasture?"

"Let's," agreed Sue, skipping to keep up with her long-legged uncle.

"What if the old house weren't there, Uncle Jim?" asked Sue. "Where would the robin and the wasps and the rest build their homes?"

"Oh, they'd find some other place," answered Uncle Jim. "The robin would choose a tree or a sheltered place under a bridge. The mud dauber would find an old building or bridge. The spider would spin its web between branches or in somebody's barn or garage, and the squirrels would find a hollow log or tree."

"And the skunks?"

"They often live in hollow logs, too, or sometimes in caves or holes in the ground."

Sue stopped to pick a pretty flower. "All the animals and insects have homes," she said.

"Yes," agreed Uncle Jim. "That reminds me of a verse in the Bible. It's Matthew 8:20. 'The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man (that's Jesus) hath not where to lay his head.'"

"Didn't Jesus have a home?" asked Sue, wonderingly.

"Not during His ministry on this earth," answered Uncle Jim. "He left His beautiful home in heaven to come to earth to be our Saviour."

Sue fell silent, thinking about what Jesus had done for her. Then she looked up at her uncle. "He died for us, too, didn't He, Uncle Jim?"

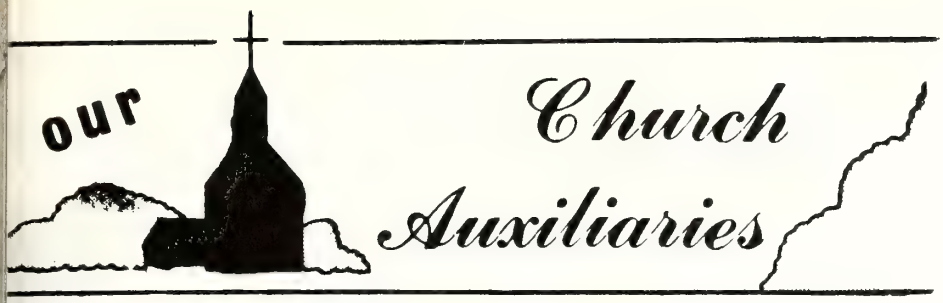
"Yes, He did. He died to save us from our sins, and now He is preparing a beautiful home in heaven for all those who will believe in Him and receive Him as their Saviour."

They had reached the edge of the pasture now. Sue could see their plain white farmhouse across the field. Suddenly, she was thankful for her home, even though it wasn't large and beautiful like the house down the road. She had a home. And besides an earthly home, she had a heavenly home waiting for her, because she had received Jesus as her Saviour.

Sue put her hand into Uncle Jim's. "I'm glad I have a home," she murmured, "and I'm glad Jesus left His home to give me a heavenly home."

Uncle Jim squeezed her hand. "Let's memorize the verse before we get to the house. After me, now, 'The foxes have

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ear Co-Laborers in Christ:

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The One Prayer

Some pray kneeling, some pray standing,
Some pray asking, some demanding.
Some with anger, some with praise,
Some in fear their voices raise.
Some persistent, others brief,
Some want vengeance, some relief.
And of them all, God hears the one
Who humbly says, "Thy will be done."

—Author Unknown.

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HE IS HOME

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

A MAN moved his membership today. As a young man he played baseball, ran, walked straight and tall—a really healthy young fellow. Life to him was to live and enjoy the wonderful things God had given him. He was blessed with a lovely wife and family. Life was just marvelous!

But a terrible disease came upon the young man and he began to bend; his body was almost drawn double and pain was almost beyond endurance. Yet he lived with a smile on his face; but oh the pain that was in his voice and in his eyes! Through all this you could always hear him say, "God has been so good to me." If you had the privilege to visit him you were made to feel that you were the most important person in the world. Yes, he loved, and I believe he was loved.

However, he moved his membership today, and I am sure his pain is gone. I believe he is now walking straight and talking face-to-face with God. No, he will never have to move his membership again, for he is at home with God!

We of this world may suffer here for a season, but just think of the wonderful promises of God: a prepared home, a better country, a place of reward, and the inheritance of heaven are ours if we are an heir of God. As Christians we are assured of this place of supreme happiness with our Lord.

Yes, someday all of us will move our membership. The doors of heaven are always open. Are we ready to enter in and enjoy the blessing of this eternal home? But most of all, Are we prepared to enter? If not, friends, please make it right with God before it is too late!

May God grant us the courage that this man possessed. May we be able to carry our pain with a smile and the love of our fellowman in our heart. But most of all, may we have the most important thing of all—the love of God. Truly this is a real treasure!

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"Do you say your prayers before eating?" the minister asked the little boy. "No, Sir, I don't need to," replied the child; "my mother's a good cook."—Selected.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 14



FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

Lesson Text: Matthew 18:21-35

Memory Verse: Matthew 6:12

I. INTRODUCTION

Most of us realize that salvation is something valuable and to be desired and show a willingness to meet the demands that will give us assurance of obtaining it; but we show a marked reluctance to do more than that which is actually required of us.

We say that we are willing to forgive those who have done us wrong, but we immediately want to know how far we must go in the presentation of this forgiving spirit, thus intimating that there is a limit to our ability or our willingness to forgive. We fail to realize that this same motive which leads us to establish a limit beyond which we will not go is the same element that makes our limited forgiveness ineffectual. Forgiveness, to be effectual, must be of the heart and must be complete; for that forgiveness which fails to look upon past incidents as if they had never occurred is no forgiveness at all.

Our lesson for today will set forth the teachings of Jesus concerning why His followers are obligated to show a forgiving spirit to others, and of course, this obligation stems from the fact that we have been forgiven so much.

Our lesson text constitutes the reply of Jesus to Peter's inquiry as to how oft we should forgive those who trespass against us.

The purpose of today's lesson is to impress upon the minds of youth the need to develop a forgiving spirit.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. People who are forgiven should be forgiving; and people who are recipients of God's grace should be gracious in their attitude toward others.

B. People who are believers in truth should be truthful; and people who have been helped should be helpful to others.

C. Jesus by His example showed all men how to forgive and love their enemies and do good to those who despitefully use them. Moreover, He will give us strength to do the same thing in our lives if we really want to.

D. The best way to destroy an enemy is to make a friend out of him.

E. What is the hardest offense for which we must forgive others? Think about this for awhile.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A little boy being asked what forgiveness is, gave the beautiful answer: "It is the odor that flowers breathe when they are trampled upon."

Our sins trampled Christ to death, yet in His dying breath He cried, "Father, forgive them." Because He died for us and paid the penalty for our sins which nailed Him to the Cross, we are forgiven as we receive Him as Saviour. This being true, we should always look for the opportunities to show the sincerity of our gratitude. One of the best ways to do this is to be willing to forgive others who have hurt us.

This may require some spiritual grace, but we can and should do it. Instead of seeking revenge against those who wrong us, we should look for ways to bless them. One great man once said, "It is a fine thing to have revenge in one's power; but it is a finer thing not to use it."

Paul spoke of Christ's forgiveness as "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us." Forgiveness is like taking away proof against a man which may lead to his injury. It is like tearing up an IOU held against a friend and forgetting you ever had it in the first place.

Jesus had just tried to show His disciples how to settle their differences, but apparently some still did not understand the matter of forgiving one's enemy or friend. They wanted to know how far does one go with the forgiveness thing —The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

B. Years ago one of the fads among young people, especially girls, was the autograph book.

Most of the members of your class have seen such books, and many have written their verses and signatures in them.

Here is a sample:

2 sweet
2 be
—
4 gotten.

A schoolboy blushed a bit when his best girl wrote this on the page of his book.

We may change the thought a little and find an all too common attitude toward others:

2 selfish
2 be
—
4 giving.

At the heart of every grudge is self. We may have been hurt, but if it were not for a large measure of self, we could forget the hurt.

We need to be less selfish, and be ready to forgive and forget.

This would be much better:

4 give
4 get
—
4 ever.

The mathematics is wrong, but the solution is peace and harmony.

What is the solution to the second problem? Problem number three. And this solution would solve many of the other problems in people's lives.

Forgive. Then forget. Forever!

—Standard Commentary

C. Trying to patch up a difference between two people, a minister said to one of them, "If your neighbor does you an injury, you must forgive and forget." The man answered, "All right, I'll forgive and forget. But I have such a bad memory I'm sure I'll forget I forgot." Too many of us are like that.

Then, there's that one about the man who was thought to be dying, and his hostile neighbor came to his bedside asking to be forgiven for all the nasty things he had done to and said about him. "But just remember," he added, "if you get well this don't count."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

he Great "I Am's" of Christian Responsibility

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But Paul was ready and willing. The ue sense of the word "ready" here is ger. "I am eager to preach the gos- l." Paul could hardly wait. He was e a runner waiting for the signal to e off. A young preacher, not too ll educated, was describing himself. e of his problems, he said, was that was "eagertistical." That's what ul was. "Eagertistical"—ready and lling.

The problem with most Christians is t that they don't care at all, but that ey don't care enough—not that they nothing, but that they do too little. ost Christians give something when d expects them to give everything. hat was the effort level at which Paul tended to labor in the gospel? The aximum; "as much as in me is" (see mans 1:15).

The great apostle was determined to pend his best energies for the cause of rist. Proclaiming the gospel was not sideline for the Apostle Paul. It was s life. All his other work was for the rpose of providing for sufficient ma- rial necessities to sustain physical life.

Perhaps this statement of unshakable termination explains as much as any her passage the secret of Paul's spir- ual success. He would not be half- arted. He would not be turned aside om the appointed course. Stripes, im- isonment, beatings, stonings, ship- reck, sickness, hunger, or thirst could t deter Paul in his responsibility to each the gospel (cf. 2 Corinthians 11: 3-28).

Someone might respond, "But I don't ve much in me. I don't have a great al to give to God." The Bible teaches at God doesn't need much to work ith. The jawbone of an ass, a crooked aff, the lunch of a young boy, two rug- d pieces of wood—God uses such ma- rials to win great victories. Actually, d doesn't want what we have any- ay. He wants us.

AM NOT ASHAMED"

One of the universally acknowledged ecepts of the sales world is that you nnot consistently sell to others what u are not sold on yourself. It has en proved that the best salesmen are those who have complete confidence in their product or service.

Paul was "sold" on the gospel. He truthfully could say that he was "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." This is the only thing in which a Christian has a right to glory (cf. Galatians 6:14). It is from God. It is good news. It is the world's most blessed and beneficial message. The gospel contains nothing shameful or shabby but only that which is gladsome and glorious.

There are so many things that the best and most faithful of God's children must be ashamed of—besetting sins, harmful and defiling habits, spiritual complacency, gossip, and a critical spirit. And the list could go on indefinitely. But the believer should never be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, because it is "the power of God unto salvation" for all who will believe. The gospel is spiritual dynamite. It can change lives, transform hearts, and make wrong things right. The gospel is power—God's mighty, unlimited power. It is the most powerful and liberating message in the world. Why should anyone be ashamed of such a message?

In these words, backed up by a life that evidenced the earnestness of his convictions, Paul by the Spirit of God sets forth the great "I am's" of Christian responsibility. The thrust of the passage, however, will be completely missed if its fundamental message is applied only to the Apostle Paul. Unless we as God's people are gripped by the same solemn sense of burden for the lost of this present generation, something is out of order spiritually.

Only as believers in the church today become convinced of their individual responsibility before God to take the gospel to "all the world" and to "every creature" will it be possible to fulfill the great commission. Can you say with Paul, "I am debtor. I am ready. I am not ashamed"?—Gospel Herald.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head' (Matthew 8:20)."—My Pleasure.

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If you want your children to behave as Christians, behave as a Christian yourself.—Selected.

Little Tasks

Edna Dessar Wells

Though little tasks now fill our days
From morning until night,
These little tasks become worthwhile
When they are done just right.

It's little tasks done thoroughly
That character display,
And thus they may be steppingstones
Along a happy way.

So do not tire of little tasks;
Who knows what they foretell?
Think of the acorn and the oak,
And do each small task well!

—Selected.

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No man is bigger than his gift to God. —Selected.

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE GRANDPARENTS GONE?

Editorial...

WHERE HAVE ALL THE GRANDPARENTS GONE?

It does one good to see a youngster love his grandparents. Grandparents are almost a lost species. If not, they must be a vanishing breed. Today one hardly ever sees a kindly old gray-haired lady take her little grandson on her lap to pat his head and kiss his cheek. (For one reason, there are not as many gray heads around as used to be—at least not on the old.)

Do you remember the time when you used to go to Grandma's house? Do you remember the squeaky old swing or the creaky old rocking chair that you used to sit in? How about her biscuits that were better than hot cake?

Her face? Do you remember its sweet smile and evident wisdom? Do you remember her kind voice and her gentle hand? How about her starched apron that used to stand out in all kinds of little folds? How about the vases of flowers that forever graced her room with home-grown roses, daffodils, and tulips? Where have all the grandmothers gone?

How about Grandpa? Do you remember the time when he used to take your hand in his and lead you down a woods path to discover the wonders of nature? Do you remember his telling you about the squirrels, the rabbits, and the birds? Do you remember his taking you on his knee and telling you an exciting story of something that happened to him when he was a little boy? Do you remember laying your little head on his big shoulder and going to sleep and his taking you back to the house? Do you remember his serious eyes which pierced your soul when you had done something wrong and lit up happily when you had pleased him beyond measure? Do you remember his drawing you to his side when you said, "I love you, Grandpa"? Where have all the grandfathers gone?

Most of us remember at least one grandparent. They were and are a special people with a special something about them that is irreplaceable. Not to have known and loved a grandparent is sad indeed. Not to have had the joy of sitting with one and talking and rocking and listening and watching and seeing God in them—well, to many of us it is just inconceivable! Yet, many people have never known this wonderful experience.

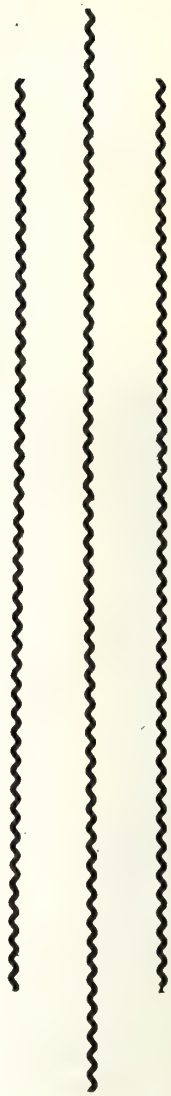
Where have all the grandparents gone? Somehow time has changed them. Grandparents today don't seem as relaxed and as content as those of a few decades ago. Perhaps as we get older we get more nostalgic, for this writer even today has longings of days gone by when he would be in the company of a special grandparent whom he loved dearly and from whom he learned much of what real living is "all about."

Grandmama and Grandpa were the nearest thing to saints. No, they were not without fault, but in the eyes of their grandchildren they were as nearly without it as was possible. They were genuine people—unpretentious, unaffected. They were unwavering in their convictions, all the while loving with a real and certain love unmatched by human hearts.

Even today we hunger for their type of love, their type of happiness and contentment. Even today as we reflect upon that question, "Where have they gone?" and they have passed away, we count it a privilege to be among those who can say, "They've gone to heaven." Consequently, if we live as they instructed us back yonder some years ago, and follow the directives of their wise counsel; then we shall see them again.

And for many of us this will be a glorious reward.

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FLIGHT 704

OWEN C. SALWAY

HE huge jet airliner continued to circle at twenty thousand feet above e air terminal at London. The red arning light on the instrument panel ld a story that etched grave concern the faces of the nine crew members. the quiet pressurized cabin, ninety- ur passengers talked and laughed, unvare of the attention being focused Flight 704.

"This is your Captain speaking," said calm, quiet voice over the communicaon system, "we are now over London d will be staying aloft until given perission to land."

Concern did not register on the face any passenger, for London air terminal ndled dozens of aircraft at the same ne, and each must wait to be guided to its proper landing pattern. Hower, Flight 704 was not to fall into that ttern. It was being bypassed like a glected satellite, circling on and on erely to consume its extra fuel. Flight)4 was crippled. It was faced with a heels-up landing because of a jammed dercarriage.

Six hours earlier on another continent, venteen-year-old June Brown had kiss- her parents goodby and had walked sitantly through Gate 4 to board the ane. For weeks she had been thinking little else than the trip to Europe to sit her grandparents. There was the citement of traveling halfway around e world without her parents, the thrill nd rush of last minute shopping, and e well-wishes of all her friends that emed to keep her telephone ringing nstantly.

The young people of the church put on party for her and gave her a lovely aveling case. She was so happy she most cried.

"Speech, speech," yelled some of the llows to break the silence as she stood efore them, her cheeks delicately flushd.

She paused briefly before speaking, ondering just what to say and how to y it. She was an attractive girl with blond hair and blue eyes. When she stepped on the scales the needle usually stopped around the hundred pound mark. Everyone liked her, and it was seldom you'd find her without an infectious smile playing at the corners of her lips.

"I want to thank you kids for this beautiful traveling case," she began, as she fingered the fine leather-grained case she was holding. "I don't know how you ever did everything without my finding out. It's wonderful being a Christian and having such good friends, and I know I'll think ot you all many, many times while I'm away." She pauseed momentarily. "I'd be so happy if you'd pray for me while I'm gone that I might be a blessing to those I meet."

She sat down amid a thunderous roar of applause. After the party was closed with prayer, everyone shook hands with her. Bubbling over with happiness, she went home to finish packing.

Later, as she walked toward the giant aircraft, the excitement was gone. This was an overnight flight, and the chill night air cut through her thin spring coat. The floodlights cast a thousand shadows, and suddenly she wished she'd cancelled the flight and was home in bed. Instead, she stood in the midst of strangers whom she had never seen before. A hundred thoughts tugged at her young mind.

Who would her seat companion be? Would her grandparents meet the right plane? What of the long flight over the ocean?

She found herself almost at the head of the line as she walked past a smiling stewardess and took a seat about halfway up the aisle. She had butterflies in her stomach as she watched the other passengers take their places.

Perhaps the plane won't be full and no one will be sitting by me, she thought.

She glanced out the window to the flood-lit ramp, where service trucks were scurrying back and forth.

Suddenly she felt the seat move and knew she had a seat companion for the long overseas flight. She was too afraid to look.

Would it be a kind elderly man who would treat her like his own daughter? Or it might be a smart-aleck young man eager to make passes at her and spoil her whole trip? Then again it could be a woman who would be kind and thoughtful and make the trip an enjoyable experience.

She slowly turned her head. Her fears dissolved as her eyes met those of a dark-haired teen-ager about her own age.

"Hi."

"Hello," replied June, smiling.

"I'm Barbara Scott," said the young girl brightly, her dark eyes sparkling. "I'm glad there's someone to sit with who is my own age. I guess I'm a sissy when I travel alone."

"I thought I was the only one who felt that way," said June. "Oh, I forgot to tell you. I'm June Brown."

Minutes later the powerful jet was speeding across the sleeping countryside and out over the ocean.

Barbara and June talked together, and soon it seemed as though they had known each other for a very long time.

June noticed several passengers reaching for pillows, preparing to have a few hours' sleep before they reached London. She felt very tired herself, and the two girls decided they should try to doze off for a little while.

June flipped her handbag open and reached in for her small white Bible. She always read a few verses and prayed every night. Tonight, however, her hand hesitated. What would Barbara think if she were to read her Bible?

Slowly she drew her Bible out and opened it on her lap. She felt Barbara's eyes on her, but she read on until her eyes fell on this verse: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" (Romans 1:16). She closed her eyes and silently prayed. In the sleek, modern aircraft some six miles above the Atlantic Ocean, her heart reached up to God as she remembered her parents, the young people at church, and an unsaved girl for whom she had been burdened.

"Good night, Barbara," she said as she turned to her youthful companion.

Barbara did not answer. Instead, a big tear sparkled on her eyelash and trickled down her cheek.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 14

A Minister and a Life-Termer

Scripture Reading—Job 38:31

While preaching one day to the convicts in the penitentiary of a certain state, a minister saw in the audience a man whose face seemed familiar. At the close of the sermon he went to the convict's cell and the following conversation is reported to have ensued: "I remember you very well, sir," said the prisoner. "We were boys in the same neighborhood; we went to the same school; sat beside each other on the same bench, and then my prospects were as bright as yours. But, at the age of fourteen, you made choice of the service of God and became a Christian. I refused to come to Christ, but made choice of the world and sin. And now you are a happy and honored minister of the gospel, while I am a wretched outcast. I have served ten years in this penitentiary, and am to be a prisoner here for life."—*Florida Baptist Witness.*

Prayer Thought

The decision one makes concerning Christ means the difference in happiness and unhappiness—not only in this life, but also in the one to follow.

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Some Other Way Would Not Do

Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:13

"One night when my wife was at prayer meeting I began to grow very misereable. I did not know what was the matter with me, but finally retired before my wife came home. In the morning I could eat no breakfast, and went to the office. I told my clerks they could take a holiday, and I shut myself in the office. I kept growing more and more miserable, and finally got down and asked God to forgive my sins. I did not say 'for Jesus sake,' for I was a Unitarian, and I did not believe in the atonement. I kept praying, 'God, forgive my sins'; but no answer came. At last in desperation I cried, 'O God, for Christ's sake, forgive my sins,' and I found peace at once." This man had no access to God until he came in the name of Christ, but when he came thus he was answered at once.—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

We are taught that there is no way of salvation, except through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Hold On! Wait!

Scripture Reading—Hosea 12:6

A young convert told of his experience in the first World War. He was in the "Lost Battalion." We were cut off from our main army and all around us were Germans. Our food and water gave out, and every once in awhile a German would come to say "Surrender." Only one shell was left, and we decided to use it as a signal. At night we turned the cannon straight up, put in the shell, and prayed and pulled the trigger. How we hoped the Americans would see it. Next morning an airplane dropped us canteens of water and bread and a note saying, "Hold on! We are coming!" This continued for several days. Then we heard cannons roaring. Soon our army came and took us to our own lines. We Christians are being asked to surrender to the world in these last days, but God sends us this message, "Hold on! I am coming!"—In *The Latter Rain Evangel,* by N. C. Baskin, Adapted.

Prayer Thought

"Hold on to Christ," is the best advice to give and follow. Surely He is coming soon!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Wait for the Mud to Dry

Scripture Reading—Romans 12:12

Father Graham was an old-fashioned gentleman, beloved by everyone, and his influence in the little town was great, so good and active was he.

A young man of the village had been badly insulted and came to Father Graham full of angry indignation, declaring that he was going at once to demand an apology.

"My dear boy," Father Graham said, "take a word of advice from an old man who loves peace. An insult is like mud; it will brush off much better when it is dry. Wait a little, till he and you are both cool, and the thing will be easily mended. If you go now it will only be to quarrel."

It is pleasant to be able to add that the young man took his advice, and before the next day was gone the insulting person came to beg forgiveness.—*Our Young Covenanters.*

Prayer Thought

When angry it is better to bite one's tongue than to spout off abuse. Waiting before one speaks will often cool the temper and prevent unkind words.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Home

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 5:4

A roof to keep out rain; four walls to keep out wind; floors to keep out cold; yes, but home is more than that. It is the laugh of a baby, the song of a mother, the strength of a father. Warmth of lov hearts, light from happy eyes, kindness, alty, companionship. Home is first sch and first church for young ones; where t learn what is right, what is good, what is kind; where they go for com when they are hurt and sick; where is shared and sorrow eased; where fath and mothers are respected and lov where children are wanted; where simplest food is good enough for kings, cause it is earned; where money is not important as loving-kindness; where e the teakettle sings from happiness. T is home—God bless it!—*Madame Schuma Heink.*

Prayer Thought

A happy home, though simple in str ture and decoration, is worth more t the grandest of palaces.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Just Less Ashamed

Scripture Reading—Esther 1:8

The great Canadian physician, Sir W liam Osler, was lecturing one day on al hol. "Is it true," asked a student, "t alcohol makes people able to do things b ter?" "No," replied Sir William, "it makes them less ashamed of doing th badly."—*Moody Monthly.*

Prayer Thought

Alcohol brings out the worst in peo It uninhibits them to the extent that t don't care what they do or whom t hurt.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Might As Well Have What Was Li

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 25:16

When she married a fine young man had a beautiful home, the young wife sa "This is heavenly." But the young m began to drink, and she suffered unt abuses and privations. A few years la he, her husband, was brought home corpse, killed in a drunken brawl. At the funeral the saloonkeeper sent her tice that her home and all she had was in settlement of her husband's drink b As she tried to break her last crust of bre into a saucer for her two children, broke down and cried, the tears falling i the saucer. She poured these tears into bottle and sent it to the seller of booze w a note which said. "These tears repres my love, my home, my husband, my hop my all. Take them, too. It is all I've g —*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Alcohol—that tragic evil which ru families, homes, and lives. Oh may we e shun it!

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MISSIONS

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by Rev. J. E. Timmons, Director

t would thrill you beyond measure to to Piedras Negras, Mexico, and see enthusiasm that the pastors and lay- n of this area are experiencing in tting forth efforts to begin the con- uction of a new church.



The Rev. Antonio Costillo points out the rk on the foundation to the Rev. J. E. mmons.

The Rev. Antonio Costillo, pastor of e Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church, s led his people to purchase a very oice plot of land for the construction the new church—a church that will meday be a glory to God and a credit the Free Will Baptist denomination. e lot cost this group of people about ,200 in American dollars. This is a t of money for these people, but they ill complete the job. Brother Costillo id that the cost of construction would about $3,000. This will be a fine urch with adequate Sunday school ace.

Your director was in Mexico in Janu- y of this year and took several pictures the construction work at Piedras egras. I was somewhat surprised upon arrival on the scene that morning and was introduced to the general contractor that had been secured for the purpose of pouring the foundation. As I looked around, I did not see a vast amount of equipment that you would expect to see



The general contractor (man in white shirt) lashes the steel together.

on such a construction job in North Carolina. The other man in the picture with the contractor is helping lash some steel together to put in the concrete for reinforcement. Other men are busy digging the footing for the foundation.

This lashing of steel is not welding together as is done in North Carolina, but wiring together with wire. This steel is then placed in the footing of the foundation with part of it coming up to make pilasters for the building.



Foundation is dug by manual labor.



The ground is hard and a pick is needed. Notice the box of tools used by the contractor.

As we looked around, we saw a small box a little larger than a shoe box. Here we found a pair of wire pliers, a large hammer, and some plastic pipe. I asked someone what these were to be used for and they told me that there were the contractor's tools to be used for the job.

In Mexico construction is very slow because of the dependence on manual labor. The builders realize that labor is cheap and they do not have a great deal of money for hiring equipment that would speed up the job. They simply use what they have and do not worry about the completion date.



There is always time for refreshments.

I do not know as to when they expect

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Watery Branch
Announces Revival

The Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, North Carolina, announces revival services beginning March 15 and continuing through March 20. The time of the services is 7:45 p. m., with the Rev. C. F.



Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. There will be special singing each night by local and visiting groups.

The pastor of Watery Branch, the Rev. Swade Benson, and the church membership invite everyone to come and to be much in prayer for the success of these services.

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Attendance Awards Presented
At Pleasant Hill Church

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, recently honored those receiving Sunday school attendance awards for 1970.

Those receiving perfect attendance awards were as follows: Clarence Bunn, Zora Bunn, Edna Baker, Adelle Hinnant, Joseph Rollins, Garry Bunn, Debby Wellons, Judy Wellons, Francis Pierce, Shelia Pierce, Becky Pierce, Lisa Bunn, Charlie Wells, Michell Mitchell, Jimmy Mitchell, and Rickie Hope.

Those receiving recognition for regular attendance were as follows: Fred Baker, Perrine Bunn, Sabra Pilkington, Buddy Wellons, Bettie Ballance, Maud Rollins, Patsy Pilkington, Charles Ballance, Andy Bunn, Junior Ballance, Anne Ballance, Rickie Snipes, Roger Berry, Rebecca Rollins, Frankie Pescope, Bettie Joe Ballance, Nan Pierce, Bryan Robbins, Ava Robbins, Linda Baker, Dannie Hope, Marie Robbins, Brenda Hope, and Pennie Wellons.

The Rev. C. M. Coats is the pastor of the church, and Joseph Rollins is superintendent of Sunday school.

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Piney Grove to Host
State League Convention

The North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues will be hosted by the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Greenville, North Carolina, on March 13, 1971. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with Mrs. Mollie Tart, chairman of the Digest Committee, in charge. A very interesting program has been planned which will include a chalk-talk by Mrs. Vance Link, sword drills, and the film, "Without Onion." Special music will be furnished by the Crusader Choir of the Northern Free Will Baptist Church, Bahama, and the AFC Choir of Piney Grove. Mrs. Deborah Hines King will be the director of music. The program of the convention is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Convention Hymn
10:05—Invocation
10:10—Chorus Time
10:15—Devotions, Winterville League
10:25—Welcome, Piney Grove League
—Response, Miss Aileen Moore, Mount Tabor League
10:30—President's Remarks
—Appointment of Committees
10:40—Special Music, Crusader Choir, Northern League
10:45—Chalk-Talk, Mrs. Vance Link, Community League
11:05—Hymn
11:10—The Service of Giving
11:15—Report of Christian Cadet Conference
11:25—Business
12:00—Sword Drill
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Special Music, AFC Choir, Piney Grove
1:35—Election of Officers
—Final Business
—Awarding of Certificates
—Film, "Without Onion"
—League Song
—League Benediction

The keynote of this convention is "Young People in Today's Society," with the theme, "Christ Is the Answer." Theme Scripture is John 8:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

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Revival at Piney Grove,
Duplin County, in Progress

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Albertson, North Carolina, in Duplin County, announces a spring revival for the week of March 13, which is now in progress. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Austin Carter. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Everette Harper, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the remainder of the services which are featuring special singing.

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What a man does with his money goes into his character. Accumulation makes the money; distribution makes the man. The man who gives most to God makes the most of his money and of himself. Selected.

Coming Events

March 20—Eastern District Youth Convention, Beulaville Church, Beulaville, North Carolina

March 25—Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Christian Chapel Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina

April 3—Cape Fear District Youth Rally, Tee's Chapel Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, 7 p.m.

April 17—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

Working to Win

by R. S. BEAL

O far as Christians are concerned there is no service that can be rendered which is accepetable to God apart om the presence of Christ, and there no possibility of winning apart from s energizing power in the heart. The tory of Jesus Christ is the victory hich belongs to all Christians. There no excuse for any of us to live defeat- lives so long as Jesus Christ is avail- le.

The Son of God is victor in every de- rtment of life. He stands supreme er all foes and enemies. He has never own defeat. In His incarnation He as victor; thus we are told in Hebrews 15 that while He was tested in all ints as we are, yet He was found with- t sin. The same truth applies to His onderous life in intercession. Nothing er occurred in His experience to inter- pt His fellowship with the Father, nce He could say as recorded in John :42, "Thou hearest me always."

The note of victory was sounded in s redemptive work when He cried out om the Cross of Calvary, "It is finish- ." While there are those who have ought this was a cry of despair, yet it gnified that He had completed the work hich the Father had given Him to do. ough Satan waited from the moment e was born into the world to devour e Man-child which "the woman" was bring forth, nothing ever stopped Him om going on to absolute and final vic- ry. No shout could be more victorious an when He uttered the words, "It is nished."

The text with which I am dealing, the st verse of this glorious resurrection apter (1 Corinthians 15:58) is the con- usion of a grand theme. Not only this, ut it is the practical outcome of the eme of resurrection. Like many other assages of Scripture, it begins with the ord, "Therefore," which indicates that e argument has preceded it. The en- re chapter sets forth a glorious fact at Jesus Christ is risen. which is to become a vital factor in the experience of the people of God. In view of the victory He has won, what shall be the outcome?

A careful consideration of this passage will reveal an interesting threefold action. There is an inner action, "be ye stedfast"; there is an outer action, "be ye unmoveable"; and there is a forward action, "be ye always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Let us note first, the inner action. The Greek word used for "stedfast" is found only three times in the New Testament. In Colossians 1:23 it is translated "settled," and in 1 Corinthians it is connected with the heart, that is the inner life. "He that standeth stedfast in his heart." David expressed it in a similar way in Psalm 57:7 when he wrote, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." To be "stedfast" is to be "fixed" in heart. Thus when Paul calls upon us to be "stedfast," he has reference to an inner condition.

Every Christian must make certain that doubts about the resurrection of our Lord do not arise within the heart. We are not to question His resurrection and victory over the grave, nor are we to doubt what has been promised to us as a result of what He accomplished. Doubt is the enemy of everything worthwhile in the Christian experience. Doubt is the dagger that is aimed at the heart of God. Doubt is an effectual barrier to Christian progress. Doubt is the dry rot that eats at the very vitals of that blessed assurance which God wants all of us to enjoy. There is only one way to get rid of this plague and that is to turn to the Book. The Bible is God's hospital ward for the doubter. It is the office where the wounded Christian will meet the Great Physician. Back of all the doubts which creep into the soul of God's child is a neglected Bible. Just as a painted fire will never boil an egg, so a dust-covered Bible will never warm the heart nor inspire faith. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Second, there is an outer action suggested, for we are told to be "unmoveable" or "immoveable," as the revised version translates it. This is the only occurrence of this word in the New Testament. We are not to be moved by the unbelief and infidelity of others. We are to stop our ears to the doubts which are expressed by others. The same warning is given in Ephesians 4:14 where we read, "That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine." How significant are the words "tossed" and "carried," and what a graphic picture they present of many of God's children. Every new thing that comes along seems to toss them about and carry them far from the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus. They are tumbleweed Christians because they have failed to carry out the injunction of Romans 16:17 which reads, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." Instead of "marking" and "avoiding," only too often God's people have "listened" and "heeded" and have thus been removed by those very things against which they should have been "unmoveable." Of John the Baptist, Jesus asked, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?" Here was a man who was "unmoveable" and unshaken by the wind. There has never been an hour in the history of the modern church when this action was more needed than now. The dusty breezes of a few years back have become devastating cyclones until every fundamental fact of the faith is being denied within the bounds of the church which professes to know and to follow Him.

Third, a forward action is called for in this text. What is this action? It is suggested in the words, "be always abounding." When one is abounding in the work of the Lord, he is overflowing in his service for the Saviour. In the Rotherham translation it is "superabounding" which gives a fine idea of what Paul actually meant. To "superabound" means to abound to an unusual degree and to be exuberant in God's service. Such service as this does not

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mount Olive College Professor Maintains Historical Museum

One of the leading historians of events, people, and places in Eastern North Carolina is Professor Claude Hunter Moore of Mount Olive College. His interest in the history of this area is exemplified in his own museum which he maintains near his home in the Turkey community of Sampson County, North Carolina.

Professor Moore is in frequent demand as a lecturer to civic, religious, fraternal, and other groups who have an interest in the heritage of North Carolina.

Summer Tour to Europe—He is also planning an European tour July 26—August 16 for students from Mount Olive College and others who may wish to join the group. Countries to be visited include England, Holland, West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal. Interested persons may secure full details from Professor Moore by writing or calling him at Mount Olive College, telephone 658-2502.

Education, Experience, and Activities—Professor Moore is a native of Sampson County. He earned his B.A. degree in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his Master of Arts degree from East Carolina University and has done additional graduate work at both Chapel Hill and Columbia University.

Prior to joining the faculty of Mount Olive College in 1968, Professor Moore had served for more than twenty years as both a teacher and administrator in the public schools of North Carolina. His experience also included a brief period of employment with the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In addition to his duties as a professor, Mr. Moore still finds time to write, do research, and speak before various organizations. He has completed two volumes of "The Avent's Ferry" and "T. O. Moore, a Confederate Governor."

He has traveled extensively both within the continental United States and abroad. Current activities in which he is involved include historian of the Moore's Creek Battleground Association; chairman of the Sampson County C mittee appointed to commemorate American Revolution; member of Roanoke-Chowan group of writers; m ber of the Board of Directors of Country Doctor Museum at Bailey, No Carolina; member of the Sons of American Revolution; and a lay rea in the Episcopal church.

Persons who might be interested i program by Mr. Moore are invited contact him at Mount Olive Colle President W. Burkette Raper has desc ed Professor Moore as a competent torian and a Christian gentleman wh equally at home in the classroom, in church, or before civic and cultu groups.



Professor Claude Hunter Moore in the parlor of his home, "The Old Place," in front a portrait of his great uncle, T. O. Moore, the Confederate War governor of Louisian "The Old Place" was originally built in 1868.

THE CLAUDE MOORE CABIN MUSEUM



The Cabin Museum is a two-room log cabin built in 1770 by Austen Beasley, a young settler from England. It was originally located near Magnolia in Duplin County, North Carolina, and was moved to the present site about 1958. The staircase is from an old Kenan house where Lord Cornwallis stayed overnight en route from Wilmington to Yorktown in 1781. The mantel is from the old home where Governor Gabriel Holmes was born in 1769.

The museum contains a collection of photographs, books, cooking utensils, plantation tools, old letters, wearing apparel, and old guns, as well as a collection of dolls and Indian relics. Most of the items came from the Duplin-Sampson Counties area.

The museum was dedicated in 1962, and is now open to the public by appointment at all times. More than 300 persons have visited the museum each year, and there is no admission charge. Civic clubs, women's clubs, and historical groups have held meetings in the cabin; and sometimes Mr. Moore furnishes a historical program. (For information contact Professor Moore at Mount Olive College, telephone 658-2502; or at his home, Route 1, Turkey, North Carolina, telephone 533-3142 Six Runs.)

J. W. EVERTON PASSES

We were saddened this morning (Thursday, March 4) to learn of the passing of the Rev. J. W. Everton, a well-known Free Will Baptist minister, who was pastor of Daniel's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina, and who was a member of the board of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

Mr. Everton had been in declining health for the past few years, following a courageous battle with a malignant brain tumor.

A man held in high esteem by his fellow ministers, Mr. Everton had also endeared himself to a multitude of friends in all walks of life. The Free Will Baptist denomination is fortunate indeed to have had one of his calibre to work within its ranks.

We express our sincere sympathy to his family as we share their loss, and we pledge our prayers in their behalf for God's strength at this time. We honor the memory of Mr. Everton as that of one who loved the Lord and served Him in all manner of living; and, we commend his godly life to those who remain.

Tributes shall follow, certainly, but at this time suffice it to say that we were proud to have called him a friend.

—The Editor.

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One young lady to another: "I can resist everything but temptation."—Selected.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor to live in the city. A man with some experience, and with the ability to lead a program of visitation evangelism, enlargement of the congregation, and the building of a sanctuary, is needed. This church offers a challenging opportunity to some family man in reasonable health who would like to "grow with a growing church in a growing town."

A new pastor can come in anytime between now and July. The Rev. L. E. Ballard is serving as acting pastor, but will "yield" to a minister approved by the church and the Central Conference Mission Board, under the watch care of which the church now operates. Contact Mr. Ballard at 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; telephone 752-2950; or write the church, in care of the clerk, Mrs. Ruth White, 1004 Hertford Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina 27890.

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The Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, North Carolina, is seeking a pastor. Any ordained minister interested in making a change and seeking full-time work, who would like to live in a parsonage, plus receiving a good salary, should contact Mr. Tom Hinnant, Box 7, Selma, North Carolina 27576; or telephone 965-2082.

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That Isn't Fair

The friend of a farmer, who had told how he loved the Lord, asked him, "Well, John, if you had twenty horses, would you give God two?" "Why, of course, I would."

"If you had ten cows, would you give God one?" "Surely!"

"Well, John, if you had ten pigs, would you give God one?" "Hold on!" cried John. "That isn't fair; you know I have ten pigs."

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"Why, Barbara," exclaimed June, "whatever is the matter?"

"Are you a Christian?" asked Barbara, dabbing at her eyes.

"Yes, I am," replied June, concern on her face.

"Well," stammered Barbara, "so am I, but I couldn't do what you just did. I'm almost too scared to carry my Bible down the street or give my testimony at the youth meeting. I guess I'm shy."

"I think it's hard for a lot of Christians," replied June softly. "In fact, I've heard ministers say they were nervous every time they went into the pulpit."

Barbara remained silent.

"It could be that you're shy, Barbara," continued June, "or it could be you're fighting a spiritual battle in your life."

"What do you mean?" frowned Barbara, defiance springing into her dark eyes.

"Oh, well, it could be any number of things, Barbara," replied June quietly, "I don't really know you, so I can't say." She paused. "Maybe it's what you're thinking about right now."

Anger flashed in Barbara's eyes and slowly disappeared.

"Would you like to tell me about it, Barbara?" asked June, placing her hand on the other teen-ager's arm.

Barbara's fingers clasped and unclasped her handkerchief as her mind raced with a hundred thoughts. At last she spoke.

"I know what's the matter," her voice shook. "It's just that I'm fighting it, I guess."

"Barbara," said June earnestly, "you don't need to tell me if you don't want to, but I'd like to say this. Whatever it might be in your life that's a hindrance to your testimony, ask God to take it out, and He'll give you something better in its place. God works that way when it's for His glory. He never takes anything away without giving you something better."

Barbara lifted her eyes and looked into June's.

"I might as well tell you my problem," she said. "I'm going with an unsaved boy. My parents say, 'Don't'; the young people say, 'Don't'; and my pastor says, 'Don't.' You're the first one who's shown me the answer without being negative about it. You've shown me that, by giving up something for Christ, I can really profit by it. I can receive blessing and gain happiness. Maybe not today or tomorrow, but somewhere, someday God will make it up to me."

Barbara frowned, and went on, "How come you had the answer at your finger tips?"

"Well," smiled June, "a year ago I was going with an unsaved boy, too. Mom told me the very words that I told you. She said it works with any problem. I told Mom I'd just die if I gave up Tom. I said I'd try to win him to the Lord. You know, she pointed out several ladies in our church who had the same idea when they were young, and most of their husbands still aren't saved."

"And what did you do?" asked Barbara excitedly.

"Well," laughed June, "I thought I'd die of a broken heart, but I didn't. I gave up Tom, and Mom was right. God did make it up to me."

She dug into her purse and came up with a picture of a handsome young man.

"We're asking God to guide us day by day."

"Could I borrow your Bible, June?" asked Barbara. "I'm going to ask God to help me give up something for Him."

Presently the two girls dropped off to sleep as the airliner continued to wing through the starlit sky.

They woke up just as the sun was rising and the aircraft was circling over London. The first voice they heard was that of the pilot over the loudspeakers.

"We are now preparing to make an emergency landing. Please remain calm and obey the instructions of the crew."

Fear crept into the faces of many of the passengers, and the crew reassured them while checking seat belts and giving necessary instructions.

Flight 704, like a beautiful, wounded bird, slipped through light, fluffy clouds, and upon orders from the control tower, began its long approach to Runway 6.

Fire trucks and ambulances stood ready as the final foam-spraying operation was completed on the runway to help prevent fire from the skidding aircraft.

Time seemed to stand still as the tiny speck in the sky screamed closer and in a shower of sparks and torn metal flung itself down the runway and onto the adjoining grass. Trucks swarmed around the airliner, each with its own job to do, as ramps were rushed to the emergency exits.

White-faced passengers slid down the escape ramps, among them two teenagers, who ran hand in hand toward buses waiting to take them across the field to the terminal.

"Oh, June," gasped Barbara, color returning to her cheeks, "I've never prayed so hard in all my life."

"I'm glad we were on praying ground," replied June, running a comb through her long blond hair.

As the bus made the short trip, excitement grew. Barbara thought about meeting her cousin, and June wondered if she'd recognize her grandparents. Nevertheless, they talked seriously during those last minutes together.

"June," said Barbara, turning to face her new friend, "meeting you has changed my life. I'm so glad God brought us together for these few hours. I know I'll be able to help other young people with their problems, too." She squeezed June's hand appreciatively.

Seconds after stepping out of the customs office, Barbara was embracing her cousin, an attractive young lady in her late twenties.

June stood alone for a moment, looking through the crowd for her grandparents. Then she saw them. With outstretched arms she rushed to greet them.—Gospel Herald.

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When everybody thinks only of his own little temple, Christendom goes to pieces. But when the great vision of the unity of Christ's church has been granted to us, how then can we stand divided? How then can we be different? We are after all members of the same body, living stones in the same temple, we belong to the same Lord.—Bishop Anders Nygren.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What is meant by the word anctification?

Answer: It is the act of God by which le, in the power of the Holy Spirit, omes upon man when he becomes con- icted of sin by reading or hearing the nessage of the Bible; a time when the rawing and separating power of God omes upon him and so completely hanges him that He is able to implant ew desires and a new love; a love that auses those sanctified to reckon them- elves dead to the old life of sin and live to the new life in Christ Jesus.

It is a new birth: "Seeing ye have puri- ied your souls in obeying the truth hrough the Spirit unto unfeigned love f the brethren, see that ye love one nother with a pure heart fervently; Be- ng born again, not of corruptible seed, ut of incorruptible, by the word of od, which liveth and abideth for ever" 1 Peter 1:22, 23); "Jesus answered and aid unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto hee, Except a man be born again, he annot see the kingdom of God. . . . The vind bloweth where it listeth, and thou earest the sound thereof, but canst not ell whence it cometh, and whither it oeth: so is every one that is born of he Spirit" (John 3:3, 8).

It is a crucifixion: "Knowing this, that ur old man is crucified with him, that he body of sin might be destroyed, that enceforth we should not serve sin" (Ro- nans 6:6); "I am crucified with Christ: evertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ iveth in me: and the life which I now ive in the flesh I live by the faith of he Son of God, who loved me, and gave imself for me" (Galatians 2:20); "And hey that are Christ's have crucified the lesh with the affections and lusts" Galatians 5:24); "But God forbid that I hould glory, save in the cross of our ord Jesus Christ, by whom the world s crucified unto me, and I unto the vorld" (Galatians 6:14).

It is a death: "And if Christ be in you, he body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness" (Romans 8:10).

It is a resurrection: "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (Philippians 3: 10, 11).

It is a baptism: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Romans 6:3-5).

It is a justification: "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Corinthians 6:11).

It is a reconciliation: "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19).

It is an indwelling: "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love" (Ephesians 3:16, 17).

Dr. William Evans has it well stated in his book, "The Great Doctrines of the Bible," on Page 165: "Sanctification may be viewed as past, present, and future; or instantaneous, progressive, and complete. . . . Sanctification of the believer takes place at once. The very moment a man believes in Christ he is sanctified; that is, in the first sense: he is separated from sin and separated unto God. For this reason all through the New Testament believers are called saints."

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours" (1 Corinthians 1:2); "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:2).

Evans further states on Page 166: "Justification differs from sanctification thus: the former is an instantaneous act with no progression; while the latter is a crisis with a view to a process—an act, which is instantaneous and which at the same time carries with it the idea of growth unto completion.

"Second Peter 3:18—'But grow in (the) grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. . . .' Second Corinthians 3:18 — we '. . . are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.' The tense is interesting here: We are being transformed from one degree of character, or glory, to another. It is because sanctification is progressive, a growth, that we are exhorted to '. . . increase and abound . . .' (1 Thessalonians 3:12), and to '. . . abound more and more' (4:1, 10) in the graces of the Christian life. The fact that there is always danger of contracting defilement by contact with a sinful world, and that there is, in the life of the true Christian, an ever-increasing sense of duty and an ever-deepening consciousness of sin, necessitates a continual growth and development in the graces and virtues of the believer's life. There is such a thing as '. . . perfecting holiness . . .' (2 Corinthians 7:1). God's gift to the church of pastors and teachers is for the purpose of the perfecting of the saints in the likeness of Christ **until,** at last, they attain unto the fullness of the divine standard, even Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 4:11-15). Holiness is not a mushroom growth; it is not the thing of an hour; it grows as the coral reef grows: little by little, degree by degree. See also Philippians 3:10-15."

By studying the subject thoroughly throughout the Bible, one is taught that by believing in and accepting Christ as his Saviour, he is then saved and set apart eternally for Christ and unto God as an heir of God and a joint heir of Christ. He then and there belongs to

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STORIES for our youth



LOCKER PARTNERS

HELEN CALWAY

HUMPHREY was called to the principal's office. He knocked on the door, walked in slowly, and sat down.

"Henry's sneakers are missing," said the principal, turning so that he could face Humphrey. "Do you know where they are?"

"No," said Humphrey unemotionally.

"This is very serious," said the principal. "This is the second locker that you've shared with another boy where there's been something missing. Last time it was Joseph's glove. Now it's Henry's sneakers. You're getting the reputation that you can't be trusted."

Humphrey sat there without saying a word.

"Did you take the sneakers?" insisted the principal.

"No," said Humphrey, shifting in his seat. "I didn't."

"I don't know whom we can get to share a locker with you, Humphrey. I don't know who will trust you. If I had a separate locker to let you have all by yourself, I would. But I don't blame any of the boys for not wanting to share theirs with you after these two happenings."

Humphrey looked down, dejected.

"I'm not going to give up, Humphrey. I'm going to ask some more boys whether they'll share their lockers with you, but until then, you'll have to carry your equipment back and forth to school." After a pause, he said: "Do you understand?"

"I think so," answered Humphrey slowly, and got up to leave.

"Henry would like his sneakers back, and Joseph would like to have his glove. If you know who took them, ask him to return them."

Humphrey walked out of the principal's office, and he was very quiet the rest of the day. He stayed by himself and talked as little as possible.

Meanwhile the principal talked to many boys, and they all refused to let Humphrey share their lockers. Finally he talked to Lenny. "I'll let him share my locker," said Lenny.

The principal explained: "I'm not sure whether he took the sneakers from Henry or the glove from Joseph, but they were missing when he shared their lockers, so it looks suspicious."

"I'll talk to Humphrey," said Lenny. "I'm sure we can work it out. I won't give him anything that will tempt him to steal."

Lenny met Humphrey after school. "May I talk to you a moment, Humphrey?" he asked. "The principal told me that you needed a locker partner."

"Yes," said Humphrey, "I do." He was overloaded, with all his equipment piled on top of his books.

"Let's put your stuff on the bench over there," suggested Lenny, "so you won't drop anything while we talk." After Humphrey put the load down, he seemed a little more relaxed. Lenny began: "I trust you, Humphrey. I'm going to let you share my locker, and I'm going to trust you until you prove to me that you can't be trusted. I want you to be as careful with my clothes and equipment as I am with them. Be sure to lock the locker every time you leave it, even if it's just for a minute. Be overcareful if you have to, but always be sure the locker is locked when you're not looking at it. I'll trust you if you'll trust me."

"Why are you doing this?" asked Humphrey.

"Well," said Lenny, "first of all, I don't think you took Henry's sneakers or Joseph's glove. I think that maybe you or they were careless and left the locker open at times when no one was watching. Secondly, I think that if you know I trust you, you'll honor that trust and not steal anything from me. I can trust you, can't I?" questioned Lenny.

"You sure can," said Humphrey very positively.

Lenny was cautious at first, and he didn't put any of his valuables in the locker. He trusted Humphrey, but he didn't want to put any temptation in his path, just in case he had stolen the sneakers or the glove.

Humphrey had found his first real friend. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for Lenny, and soon the boys became fast friends.

One day, when all the boys were playing ball outside during gym period and feeling very relaxed, Joseph happened to mention his glove. "This old glove is great," he said patting the webbing. "It should last a few years."

Lenny looked at it and said casually: "Is that the one that was missing from your locker?"

"I found it in the gym storage closet. I must have left it on the ground, and it was picked up with the school equipment."

Lenny turned to Henry: "Did you ever find your sneakers, Henry?"

Henry looked down at his old sneakers on his feet. "I found them in the locker next to mine," he replied, his face turning red. "I must have thrown them in there by mistake."

Humphrey's face was livid. He was just about to say something, when Lenny's poke in the ribs stopped him. "Don't say anything," whispered Lenny. "I'll explain later."

Walking home from school, Lenny explained: "To start fighting about what Henry or Joseph did would be wrong. Look at it from the bright side. We might never have gotten to know each other if we didn't share a locker." Lenny looked at Humphrey's face. "Forgive them, Humphrey. Forgive them for their mistakes. I'll see that they tell the principal what really happened, but don't you do anything about it. Just forgive them."

Humphrey was very quiet, and Lenny said nothing.

After a time, Humphrey said: "You

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"The Devil and Me"

This short story was written by Larry enson, a sixteen-year-old, who is a mem- er of the First Free Will Baptist Church f Warsaw, North Carolina, and an elev- nth-grade student at James Kenan High chool. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. onnie Benson of Warsaw, and his pastor the Rev. Raeford Lee of Four Oaks, lorth Carolina. The story was submitted y Mrs. Pearl Sutton, who hopes that it ill give other young people incentive to o something for their Lord.

MY story begins in the twentieth century in Warsaw, North Carolina. I m sixteen years old and am pretty well hysically fit. I want to live in the future of one thousand years from now. could not do it, though, because nothng has been invented to put me there et. I have read stories about people alling up the devil to get what they vant. One day I decided I would give it try. I said this and tried that, but othing seemed to call him up. Then I emembered a saying I read in an English story. "Why not try it?" I asked, vondering. "I would sell my soul to the levil for two cents," I said.

All of a sudden this stranger appeared ut of nowhere. He was dressed in red ll over, and he did not look too good.

"Can I do something for you?" I asked.

"No, but I can do something for you," e answered.

I knew this was the devil, but he said e wanted to be called Scratch. Just he man I wanted to see!

"So you call yourself Scratch?" I asked.

"Yes, that's one of my many names," e answered.

"If you can do anything at all for me, want to be able to live in any part of he future I choose. Let me come back when I want to, and know everything bout the time I'm in," I said.

"Okay, that's a hard bargain, but I think I can manage it. But first you have to promise me your soul in return," Scratch said.

I said okay and we shook hands, but it burnt a little. When I looked at my hand it had a little star in the middle of it.

Scratch took out a pack of cigarettes which were kind of peculiar. Each one had a person's name on it. When he lit a cigarette, it sounded as if you could hear someone screaming very faintly. It made you feel awful. Scratch might have thought that he was smart, but I was a little smarter. He just disappeared then, and the air turned kind of warm.

I thought I would try my new powers and see if I really could go into the future. I picked a time I wanted to go to and thought about it. All of a sudden there I was in the thirty-first century. People were riding around in spaceships. Airplanes were out of date. There were no wars going on and everyone was your friend. The ocean at this time was controlled so well that people could live in cities under the sea. I liked this period of time, but I wanted to see more of the future.

"Take me to the forty-first century," I said. There I was. It was unbelievable the way people were living. It was absolutely marvelous. Robots were everywhere. People bought robots to do their work for them at home and on their jobs. If a person owned enough robots he would become rich in only a little while. Families were always together with nothing to worry about. This was where I wanted to stay for awhile.

The ocean by this time was fully inhabited, and it was a beautiful place. You may think the fish were gone with all the cities under the sea, but there were more fish than ever.

Scientists by now had found out a way for people to breathe under the water. I had an operation for this; then I went swimming. It was just marvelous. Fish were ten times bigger than they were in the twenty-first century, but they seemed to be friendlier. You could touch them and ride them all over the sea.

I had a good time in the future and I thought that I would stay; but, I just had to go home—where I belonged. I found that I was homesick.

After I returned from the future, I remembered that the devil and I had not set a time limit to our bargain. I was not worried, though, because of a secret I had kept—by luck! I remembered something I could do. I went out into the backyard and made a small metal cross about an inch long and an inch wide.

Then I went into the house, heated the cross, unbuttoned my shirt, and burned a cross into my chest. It hurts a little, but anything was better than burning the rest of my life.

Also, this would always leave the scar of the cross on my chest and would remind me of the saving power of Christ. I buttoned up my shirt, and no sooner had I finished than the devil showed up again.

"Are you ready to go?" asked Scratch. "Your time is up!"

I thought I would play around with him a little before I showed him the cross I had made. "Please, give me a little more time Mr. Scratch—just about ten more years," I begged.

"No! A bargain is a bargain, and you must stick to it!" he answered.

"Okay, but wait just a minute before I leave, because I have something to show you," I said. Slowly I unbuttoned my shirt and pulled it open. The cross shone brightly. In an instant the devil vanished in a puff of smoke. I have never seen the devil since that day, but the cross still remains on my chest; but, the star that was in my hand disappeared for some reason.

I got away with my adventure with the devil; but do not try it yourself, because he might be more careful now since I outwitted him.

(Though this story is obviously fictitious, a person can allow himself to be ruled by Satan, and can thereby find himself in everlasting misery. The Cross alone (or its symbol) was not enough to save a soul; the sinless Son of God, dying on it, and shedding His blood, made atonement for us. We would advise strongly that a person never bargain with the devil. Everlasting torment could be the result. On the other hand, we advise that everyone receive Christ as Saviour and thereby reap the rewards of a godly life.)

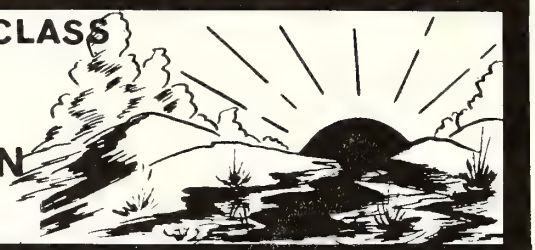
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An estimate says America has 295,000 churches. But this year 14,800,000 persons will go to meet their God unprepared; 1,200,000 will die this month without Christ. This week 280,000 persons will pass into eternity without God. Each hour 1,289 die with their sins unforgiven. Every minute twenty-one die without Christ.—Copied.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 21



PREPARING FOR HIS COMING

Lesson Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Memory Verse: Matthew 24:42

I. INTRODUCTION

Just before Jesus' arrest He spoke to His disciples in the passover chamber, saying, ". . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3). This was only one of the many times He referred to His actual return to the earth.

His promise to return made a deep impression on the Christians of the first century after the church was born, for during this whole time and up into the Christian era for several centuries they fully expected His return any day. Then the church married the state in the latter part of the fifth century and lapsed into the Dark Ages, during which the expectation of His coming was lost.

With the Protestant Reformation, beginning in the sixteenth century, the hope of His coming was reborn and Christians began once more to watch and pray for His return. With the preaching of more modern evangelists such as Moody, Finney, Torrey, and present day ones such as Hyman Appelman, George Truett, W. A. Criswell, Billy Graham, and others, the hope of His glorious return has been emphasized. All great evangelical preachers believe in the second coming of Christ. Within the past decade there has been an upsurge of faith in this basic doctrine of the Word of God.

In our lesson today Christ is the Bridegroom; the virgins, both wise and foolish, are the professed members of the bride, the church. This is a picture of the kingdom of heaven in that some of the virgins were saved, others were not, such as wheat and tares.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. A Christian is "foolish" if he neglects to be prepared for the Lord's return (Matthew 25:1, 2).

B. As we look for Jesus to come back, our lives ought to be illuminated by the oil of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 25:3, 4; cf. Galatians 5:22, 23).

C. The Lord will not rebuke us for getting adequate rest (Matthew 25:5).

D. We do not know the exact time that the Lord Jesus will come for the church, but we know that one day He will come (v. 6).

E. The person who waits until the end of his life to prepare to meet God forfeits the opportunity of performing a lifetime of service (vv. 7, 8).

F. The habit of procrastination often has caused individuals to miss out on the privilege of spending eternity with the Lord (vv. 9, 10).

G. Some in the church today profess to know Christ, but a day will come when only those who possess Him will be accepted (vv. 11, 12).

H. One reason to watch for Christ's return is that this hope purifies us (Matthew 25:13; 1 John 3:3).

—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. An invitation is for an important occasion. The invitation is personal, and is a request for your consideration and presence.

If this invitation is ignored for no good reason, such rudeness is an insult to the persons who gave it.

To accept this invitation will require preparation. You will have to set aside time, make arrangements to be at the wedding, dress yourself appropriately, and perhaps take a gift.

Christ has given us advance notice of His coming, and of the feast celebrating the marriage of Himself and the church, His bride. If we accept His invitation, it will involve preparation and effort on our part.

If we ignore His invitation, or treat it lightly, we insult Him.

Let us hear His invitation. Let us prepare ourselves to accept it. Let us [illegible] ready for His coming.

If you are teaching a class of men, yo[u] may prefer to use the idea of a comin[g] sports event instead of that of a we[d]ding. Draw tickets for the event on th[e] board, or make them from constructio[n] paper.

If one is given tickets to a comin[g] sports event, he needs to make the pr[e]paration necessary to accept the gift an[d] attend the event to which it admits hin[.] —Standard Commentary.

B. "A famous preacher tells a wo[n]derful experience he had as a boy. H[is] father had been away on a preachin[g] mission for six months and they counte[d] the last weeks and the days on the[ir] fingers and toes and marked them on th[e] calendar, 'the date that Papa woul[d] come home.' Everybody scrubbed u[p]. Everybody was on their best behavio[r]. The house shone with orderliness an[d] cleanliness and Mama looked her be[st] with her hair done up in a beautiful kn[ot] at the nape of her neck. She wore he[r] best crepe dress and the girls had pretti[er] sashes. It was crowning day. Home[-]coming day. Day of all days when Dad[dy] would return!

"Said he from this glorious experience, 'I got just a tiny little taste of th[e] glorious homecoming day when Christ[,] my Saviour, will come to receive me an[d] take me home with Him forever.'"—Selected.

C. A young wife told about being alone for twenty-four hours in a wrecked ai[r]plane. After their wedding, she and he[r] husband flew their private plane toward their honeymoon destination. Engine trouble developed, and the plane went down. She was injured more seriously than her husband, so he left her alone in the plane while he started out for help. He was gone twenty-four hours, which she said, seemed like an eternity. Finally she saw him coming with a rescue crew. She told of her great relief and joy when she saw her bridegroom returning. But that joy cannot be compared to the joy we shall feel when Christ returns to claim His bride, the church.

The story is told of an art critic who stood before the paintings of Christ knocking on a door. Not being a Christian, he complained of the absence of a door knob. The artist explained that the handle of the heart's door is on the inside. Christ will not barge in. The door must be opened from within. The artist went on to say, "There is nothing more pathetic than to think of the mi[s]

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complete this church, but I am sure at with their kind of dedication and termination that it will be completed; d then someone will be able to join em in a service of dedication of this urch to God.

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ean a hot head as someone has stated but a hot heart. It is to literally be n fire" for God.

In conclusion may I remind you that is the risen Christ who inspires, energizes, and rewards. Paul assures us by e Spirit that we may know beyond any uestion that our labor is not in vain in e Lord. Jesus said, as recorded in hn 12:26, "If any man serve me, him ill my Father honour." If the honor es not come in this life, it is bound to me in the next, for God is not unghteous to forget your work and labor love. He will forget the sins which e has put under the blood in response our faith, but He will never forget the rvice which we render because of the ed blood. Peter writes, "And when e Chief Shepherd shall appear then all ye receive a crown of glory that deth not away."—Christian Victory.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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usted me, Lenny, when I needed that ust most of all. I'll take your advice nd forgive them. Maybe they really did st make an honest mistake."

"Good," said Lenny. "I know you're oing the right thing."—My Pleasure.

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ons of people who will be lost when esus comes. They have slammed the oor shut many, many times. Now the oor is shut forever, and they are lost hrough all time and eternity." When hrist knocks at your heart's door, open and let Him indwell your life.—The Bible Expositor.

Questions & Answers

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God in Christ, and God with all else belongs to him. But that is not all, for as he obediently gives heed to what the Bible teaches those thus sanctified, he grows in the knowledge and in the grace of Christ and thereby he does, says, and thinks more perfectly in line with the Bible's teaching; therefore, what God thinks, says, and does finally in his new body, one like Christ's glorified body, he will stand before Christ in Christ's perfect and eternal likeness. ". . . we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

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1. Tithing has scriptural authority.
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4. Tithing will lift the church out of the situation of a beggar.
5. Tithing enables the church to give itself to the supreme task of soul winning.
6. Tithing has the promise of divine blessing.

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The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and a grateful receiver.—Selected.

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OBITUARIES

The Rev. Clarence J. Little

It is most fitting that we pause at this time to pay tribute to one of our most devoted members, the Rev. Clarence J. Little. It was on Tuesday, February 9, 1971, that Clarence slipped quietly away at his home in the Ballard's Cross Roads Community near Greenville, North Carolina, and entered a room in his heavenly home. We feel sure that God, whom he served faithfully, greeted him with these words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

He was very sick for seven years, and was critically ill the past two weeks of his life. However, he bore all his suffering, knowing that God's will was being done.

Mr. Little was born September 13, 1914, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and moved to Pitt County at an early age. He was 56 years old at the time of his death. He was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in July, 1950, and pastored churches in this area as long as his health permitted. He was very active in his home church, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, until he began pastoring other churches. However his activity continued then as much as possible.

Funeral services were held February 11 in Wilkerson Funeral Chapel by his pastor, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, assisted by the Revs. Willis Wilson and Edwin S. Coats. Burial followed in the Pinewood Memorial Park in Greenville.

The host of relatives and friends attending his funeral and the large flower contribution showed how he was loved and respected. He lived with a firm confidence in the Lord, and those who knew him best could love and appreciate him most.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Sally Worthington Little; three daughters: Mrs. Eunice Benton of Fremont; Mrs. Alice Stancill of Kinston; and Miss Hilda Little of the home.

In admiration and in respect, we pay this small tribute to a real friend whose life on earth has ended, but whose worth will still be measured in the years to come.

We desire that a copy of this obituary be sent to the family, a copy be sent to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication, and a copy retained in the church minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wilbur L. Hart
Mrs. Willette Darden
Mrs. Elaine Nichols

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A little shoeshine boy, with ragged clothes and worn-out shoes, was shining the shoes of a wealthy man one day. While he worked, he sang, "Jesus loves me, Jesus loves . . ." The man stopped the boy and asked, "If Jesus loves you so much, why doesn't He tell the people to buy you some shoes and clothes?" The little boy, with tears in his eyes, replied, "Jesus did tell them, Mister, but they forgot."—Selected.

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"HE'S RIDING WITH US, . . ."

Editorial...

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"HE'S RIDING WITH US,..."

It was a beautiful, sunny day—one different enough from the rainy, mucky ones of recent weeks to merit special attention for its beauty alone—but there was something else about this day, something more important than its warmth and sunny perfection, something else about it that will render it unforgettable. It concerned the editor's little red-haired boy and some mental observation that the little fellow made on this particular day. He has made other, similar observations, certainly; and the fact that he has does not make him any child prodigy; but this particular occasion has special meaning for his parents.

Noel Thomas (we call him by the full name) was riding in the car with his mother on a return trip from a nearby town—a trip to a beauty parlor for her and to a toy shop for him. He had settled down quietly from all his usual busy chatter about this and that of interest to children, and his mother had nearly exhausted her supply of "Yes," "No," "I think so," "I guess we can," and "Wait and ask Daddy." For Noel Thomas to be quiet is a luxury (he's five years old and at the question stage), and his mother was sighing at the chance of breathing uninterrupted; but quietness didn't prevail for long!

Out of a blue sky and like the proverbial bolt of lightning, Noel Thomas shocked his mother delightfully with a childish yet serious question typical of those he sometimes "comes up with." Very soberly he turned his head in his mother's direction and said, "God is everywhere, isn't He, Mommy?" He had been told sometime before that God is omnipresent, but on this occasion he acted as though he had arrived at some definite conclusion about it all: "God is **everywhere,** isn't he, Mommy?"

"Yes, of course He is," his mother answered, noting the sparkle in his eyes (they're bright blue and always seem to light up when he's pleased with himself).

"Then He's riding in the car with us, isn't He, Mommy?"

"Why yes, He is," his mother responded, a little puzzled at what his next thought would be. She watched him as intently as her driving would allow as he made his next move to speak.

"He isn't riding up front with us, though; 'cause there's not enough room, . . ." (between him and his mother were some packages which made it impossible for the front seat to accommodate another person) —"but He's probably riding in the back seat, isn't He, Mommy?"

Obviously touched, his mother drew him close and patted his head, pushing some curls off his forehead as both Mommy and Daddy are accustomed to doing when they are extremely pleased at his perception. "Yes Darling, He is." She assured the little red-headed fellow that God indeed was riding in the back seat, watching over them. Noel Thomas was satisfied. God was everywhere, and God was riding in the car with them! He settled down for quite awhile then, musing over his discovery of a new fact.

Noel Thomas often shames his mother and daddy with his intense longing to know the truth and his wanting to apply it with all faith. Whoever said that mothers and daddies learn from their children surely knew what he was talking about. At our house each day is a new learning experience. Noel Thomas, though probably an average child, perceives things about God that amaze his parents. Noel Thomas is completely honest and trusting and we are reminded of it each day.

In this particular instance we think that Noel Thomas' perception was very good. Though he was not able to distinguish the spiritual aspect of God that would allow Him to occupy a place in a full front seat, Noel Thomas nevertheless was able to ascertain that God was in the car, somewhere. This was real faith and perception.

A little child's absolute faith and deep perception shame us big men and women who are so proud of our spiritual insights. It causes us more than ever to realize that out of the mouths of babes and sucklings comes wisdom. Indeed, Noel Thomas, God *is* everywhere—and that is wonderful!

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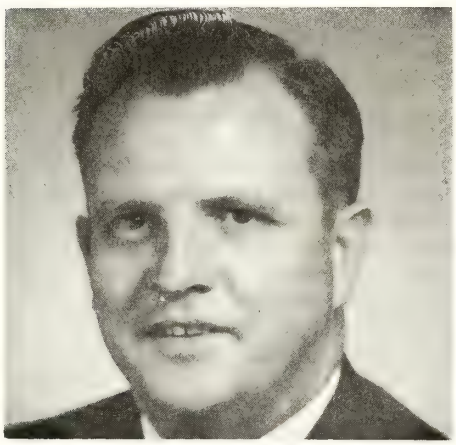
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Full Proof of His Ministry

A Meditation at the Funeral of the Rev. J. Wilbert Everton
March 6, 1971

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College



n Affirmation of Christian Faith

God ". . . hath abolished death, and th brought life and immortality to ght through the gospel: Whereunto I n appointed a preacher, . . . I know hom I have believed, and am persuaded at he is able to keep that which I have mmitted unto him against that day" (2 mothy 1:10-12).

We come here today to express our ppreciation for the life of J. Wilbert erton and to express our love to his ife, children, and other members of his mily.

In the prime of his life, in the crest his years, he has been taken from us. hy we are here paying tribute to him ther than his being some place paying ibute to one of us, we do not know. he answer to this question was perhaps st stated by the Apostle Paul when e wrote: "O the depth of the riches th of the wisdom and knowledge of od! how unsearchable are his judgents, and his ways past finding out! r who hath known the mind of the rd? . . ." (Romans 11:33, 34).

God did not give us a mind that could nderstand all of the mysteries of life, ut He does give us a faith that can uide us through the darkest night; and ilbert Everton possessed that faith. He uld truly affirm: "I know whom I have elieved, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

His Ministry

He followed the counsel of the Apostle Paul and made "full proof" of his ministry, and he was able to join with the apostle in declaring: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:6, 7).

Wilbert Everton, during the twenty years he was an ordained minister, made full proof of his ministry.

1. **He Made full proof of his ministry as a pastor.** Although he served other congregations, it was here at Daniel's Chapel church that the flower of his ministry unfolded most completely, and what a beautiful place it is! Where can one find a more lovely and inspiring place to worship than this sanctuary? Its atmosphere is one of reverence and simple dignity. But this sanctuary is only the outer petals of that gorgeous flower; the true beauty of this flower is to be seen in the lives of the people whom he loved, served, inspired, encouraged, and enriched. One day the outer petals of his ministry—this building—will fade, but the people whom he helped to find life and immortality through the gospel will never die.

2. **He gave full proof of his ministry to the Free Will Baptist denomination.** He was one of the best superintendents our Children's Home has ever had. His tenure as president of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists was characterized by effective leadership and goodwill among brethren. For years he championed the cause of the aged minister and his widow through his work with the Board of Superannuation. He gave full proof of his ministry in his denominational services by practicing "pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father" through his concern for the fatherless and widows.

3. **He gave full proof of his ministry in his family and his personal life.** Wilbert Everton was an honest man. He was a man whom you could trust. He might not always agree with you but he would always be fair and honest. He loved his family and was faithful to it; and his wife, his children, and his parents have every reason to be proud of him.

We would have liked to have kept Wilbert with us for a long, long time yet, because we need men like him: men who will make full proof of their ministry, men who can both serve and lead, men who are honest and dependable, men who can be trusted. But God needs these kind of men too, and so early on the morning of March 4, 1971, God said to him: "Well done thy good and faithful servant, . . . come up higher."

In that moment Wilbert experienced the truth that Paul declared when he wrote: ". . . there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8).

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow must have had men like Wilbert Everton in mind when he wrote:

> "So when a good man dies
> for years beyond our kin
> the light he leaves behind him
> lies upon the paths of men."

And thus may it be that many young men will be inspired to walk in that light which the life and ministry of Wilbert Everton have cast upon our paths.



SUNDAY, MARCH 21

WHERE HELL IS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:17

A young man converted during special evangelistic meetings held in a mining village, desirous of doing something for God, bought some tracts.

He was distributing these one day when he met some of his old companions, who derided him as he spoke to them of Jesus.

"Here," said one of his companions, "can you tell me where hell is?"

After a moment's hesitation, the young man looked up and said: "Yes, it's at the end of a Christless life."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Hell is a very definite place. The Christian will not have to endure it, but the unsaved will find it at the end of his journey. Untold suffering will follow.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

THE CHURCH PLATE

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:1

Someone dreamed that she went to church, and after the service was over, a plate was held at the door for the contribution of the people. This plate had the power of changing each person's gift into its real value in the sight of God. A gentleman put in a gold coin, which immediately turned into brass! He had given it in order to be thought well of by others. A lady put in a quarter, which turned into a penny. She could have given far more, but only gave because it was the custom. A little girl, coming up with her Sunday school teacher, dropped in a penny, which turned into a daisy. She had given it only to please her teacher. The dreamer felt sad to think that these gifts were not accepted by God. Just then a poor girl came up and dropped in her penny. It changed into gold! She was very poor and had denied herself to give it, because she loved the Lord Jesus Christ. This gift was well pleasing to God.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It isn't so much what we give, but how we give — willingly and sacrificially — that brings delight to God and blessings to us.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

WHAT "LOVING-KINDNESS" MEANS

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 4:8

Mother asked her six-year-old what loving-kindness meant. "Well," he said, "when I ask you for a piece of bread and butter and you give it to me, that's kindness, but when you put jam on it, that's loving-kindness."—*Chicago Tribune.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Loving-kindness is expressed when one does a little more or puts forth extra effort to be kind or considerate.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

REVIVAL

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:10

In a certain town there had been no revival for many years. The church was nearly run out. The people were unconverted. Spiritual desolation reigned. There lived in the town an old blacksmith, who stammered so greatly in his speech that it was painful to hear him speak. At work in his shop his mind became greatly exercised about the church; his agony was so great he locked the door and spent the afternoon in prayer. He prevailed with God. He then obtained the reluctant consent of his pastor to appoint a meeting, but with no hope on the preacher's part of any attendance. But the room was more than filled. All was silent for a time until one sinner broke out in tears and begged, if anyone could pray, to pray for him. Others followed, and it was found that persons from every quarter of the town were under deep conviction from the hour the old man was praying in his shop. A powerful revival followed. The stammering man prevailed and, as a prince, had power with God.—*Gospel Banner.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our handicaps sometime prove to be assets to God's work. If we are handicapped, let's make the best of it. Who knows? We might be an instrument in God's hands.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

WHAT AMERICA NEEDS

Scripture Reading—Romans 13:1

"What America needs more than railway extension, western irrigation, a low tariff, a bigger cotton crop, and a larger wheat crop is a revival of religion, the kind that our fathers and mothers used to have; a religion that counted it good business to take time for family worship each morning right in the middle of the harvest; a religion that made men quit work a half hour earlier on Wednesday so the whole family could get ready to go to prayer meeting."—*Wall Street Journal.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

America needs reviving, surely. We need to "come back" to God. We must, for there's no other solution to our numerous problems.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

HOW SIN RUINS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:2

A relief lifeboat was built at Lond many years ago. While the workmen w busy over it, one man lost his hamm Whether he knew it or not, it was nail up in the bottom of the boat. Perhaps he found it out, he thought that the o harm done was the loss of one hamm But the boat was put to service, and eve time it rocked on the waves the hamm was tossed to and fro. Little by little wore for itself a planking and keel do to the very track, until it had worn throu the copper plating, before it was fou out. Only that plate of copper kept t vessel from sinking.

It seemed a very little thing in the st but see what mischief it wrought. So is with a "little" sin in the heart. It m break through all the restraints that s round us, and but for God's great mer sink our souls in endless ruin.—*Sund School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No "little" sin should ever be consider insignificant. We should not allow even c to go unchecked.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

HIS GREAT DANGER

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

As a Christian man was passing out o church he met an old acquaintance wh he had not seen for several years. In th brief interview he said to his acquaintan "I understand you are in great danger." was said seriously, and was heard with s prise. The friend addressed was not aw of any danger and eagerly inquired w was meant. The answer was, "I have b informed that you are getting rich."—S day School Times.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Being rich can be dangerous indeed, one allows his riches to possess him. money ever becomes precious, God crowded out.

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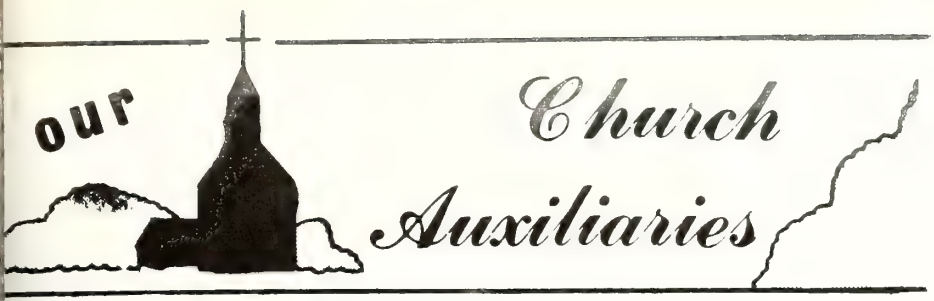
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Dean Vernon Resign

The resignation of Dr. Thomas E. V non as academic dean of Mount Ol College was announced today by Pr dent W. Burkette Raper. Dr. Vernon advised the College that he will ter nate his duties at the conclusion of current academic year on May 31.

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A problem not worth praying ab isn't worth worrying about.—Selecte



astern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of e Eastern Conference will meet with e Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist urch, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Caro-a, Thursday, March 25. The theme ll be, "Take Christ." The Scripture xt is taken from Colossians 1:28, Vhom we preach, warning every man, d teaching every man in all wisdom; at we may present every man perfect Christ Jesus." The Rev. Clyde Cox ll serve as music director with Mrs. slie E. Smith as pianist.

The following are directions to Chris-n Chapel church: Coming from Grifton Kinston, follow Highway 11 right on rough to Deep Run, then turn left on e second paved road. The church is e second one with a brick front on the ght.

Coming from New Bern to Kinston, ke Highway 258 south to Jonestown, out 14 miles. Turn right at Jonestown d the church is the first one with a ick front on the left.

Coming from Jacksonville, take High-y 258 north to Jonestown, about 30 les. Then follow the directions above.

Coming from Pink Hill on Highway 11, rn right on the first paved road. It the second church with a brick front the right.

The convention program is as follows:

Morning Session

:30—Registration
:00—Hymn, "Whosoever Will"
:05—Devotions, Mrs. D. W. Hancock
:15—Welcome, Mrs. Laura Stroud
—Response
:20—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, and Visiting Ministers
—Remarks, Mrs. Norman Ard, District President
:30—Reports:
Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship of Greenville, the Rev. F. B. Cherry
Children's Home
Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
11:00—Hymn "The Old Time Religion"
—Offering (to be divided between Mount Olive College and the Children's Home)
11:10—Report from Missions Department
11:15—Special Music, Host Church
11:20—Declamation and Essay Contest Winners
11:55—Announcement and Appointment of Committees

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "His Way with Thee"
—Prayer, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—Woman of the Year Award, Mrs. Peggy Bryan
1:15—Other Denominational Work Reports:
Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Ralph Sumner
Field Secretary
Remarks, Mrs. N. B. Barrow, State President
Others
1:45—Minutes of Executive Committee
—Secretary's Report
—Treasurer's Report
—Business Session
—Report of Committees
—Appointment of Delegates to Other Conventions
—Adjournment
—Chorus, "For God So Loved the World"

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PRAY

We plan and plan, then pray that God
may bless our plan.
But hearken! God saith, "Pray," and
He will show His plan
And guide us in His shining way that
leadeth on to perfect day.
—Author Unknown.

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Does the shadow of the Cross fall upon your pocketbook?—Selected.

MISSIONS MONTH

by the Rev. Joseph Ingram

March and April are designated as missions months. This would be a good time for you to sit down and write each of our missionaries and tell them that you are praying for them and the work they are doing. This will at least let them know that you are thinking of them. I am sure that with the miles that separates us, a letter would make the distance a little closer.

Below are the names and addresses of our missionaries, along with information that I feel will be of value to you as you write them and remember them on these important days of their lives.

The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow, P. O. Box 5, Chiredzi, Rhodesia. Joe's birthday, January 8; Faye's, November 26; Sheila's, October 11; and Sharon Frances', August 5.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones, P. O. Box 345, Davao City, Philippines. Harold's birthday, September 1; Sandra's, February 27; Wendy's, June 17; and Misty's, March 16. Their anniversary is April 15.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Timmons, Route 1, Box 11, Quemado, Texas 72877. Mr. Timmons' birthday, May 1; Lucy Ann's, July 6; Maudie Elizabeth's, January 28; Oscar William's (Billy), November 5; Ruth Ann's, October 1; Mary Louise's, November 5; James Eldred's (Jim Jr.), September 8; Sharon Lyn's, September 1; and Bryan Daniel's (Danny), December 8. Their anniversary is January 10.

Also during the months of March and April each of our churches should make a special effort to get their people to send in the amount in the budget for missions. If you do not have a budget for missions, then give a special offering for this cause. Many of our churches have already done this, and to you we say, "Thank you." To the others, please try to help the cause of Christ through missions.

All mission offerings should be sent to the North Carolina Board of Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

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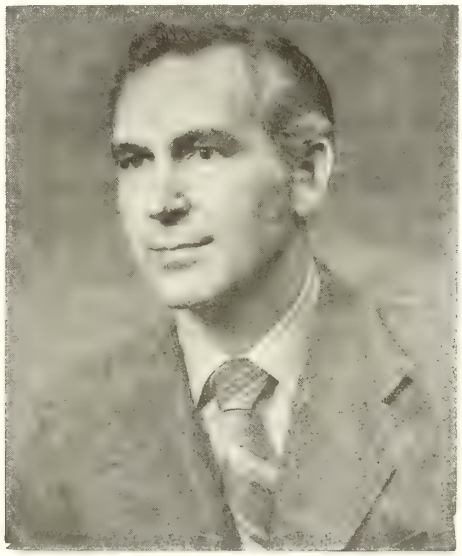
A Prayer for You

If the way seems long and dreary,
Thy night so very dark,
May the love of our Redeemer
Fill each recess of thy heart!
—Author Unknown.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Dr. Clark to Speak At Greenville Church

Dr. Robert W. Clark, dean of students at Mount Olive College, will be a visiting minister at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina, for



both morning and evening services, Sunday, March 21. Dr. Clark will be speaking in the absence of the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, pastor, who will be away on vacation.

While in the Greenville community, Dr. Clark will be happy to talk with any student who might be interested in attending Mount Olive College.

Dr. Clark holds an A. B. degree from Stetson University, B. D. and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

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Revival at Calvary March 22-27

Revival services will be beginning at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, Monday night, March 22, and will continue through Saturday night, March 27. Serving as guest evangelist will be the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, with the pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, assisting. The time for the services is 7:30 p. m. each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Special music will be featured each evening.

Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for February, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of February, 1971:

Balance in Bank February 1, 1971		$10,466.27
Receipts		
Churches	$ 410.15	
Sunday Schools	39.04	
Sunday School Conventions	67.00	
Woman's Auxiliaries	55.00	
Unions	56.90	
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention	315.97	
Personal Gift	10.00	
Total Receipts		944.06
Total to Account For		$11,410.33
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 135.00	
Dormitory No. 1 Construction	4,000.00	
Total Disbursements		4,135.28
Balance in Bank March 1, 1971		$7,275.05
Savings Account		2,187.44
Grand Total		$9,462.49

Please send all donations for Cragmont Assembly to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574.

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Pleasant Grove Announces Spring Revival

The spring revival at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, has been announced for the week of March 22-27. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Harry Jones as guest evangelist. The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, will assist in the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Gum Swamp to Host Central Youth Fellowship

The Central Conference Youth Fellowship will hold its spring meeting on Saturday, March 27, at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Following the morning session, lunch will be served by the host church. During the afternoon session the winning declamation and essay w be given.

The Youth Fellowship president, Bill Taylor, would like to invite all YFA an AFC groups in the district to attend an have a good time of fellowship wit other young people. Visitors are als welcome.

Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Central youth chai man, states that all young people wh plan to participate in the declamatic and essay contests should send their p pers to her immediately. Her address 1719 S. Elm Street, Greenville, Nor Carolina 27834.

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Rev. Patrick to Conduct Mount Zion Revival

Revival services will begin at Mou Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route Nashville, North Carolina, Monday eve ing, March 22, and will continue throu Sunday evening, March 28. Services w begin each evening at 7:30 with t



Rev. C. L. Patrick as the visiting evan list. The pastor, the Rev. John D. Swa

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Coming Events

March 20—Eastern District Youth C vention, Beulaville Church, Beulavi North Carolina

March 25—Eastern District Woma Auxiliary Convention, Christian Cha Church near Pink Hill, North Carol

April 3—Cape Fear District Youth Ra Tee's Chapel Church, Smithfield, No Carolina, 7 p.m.

April 17—North Carolina State Sun School Convention, Mount Olive (lege, Mount Olive, North Carolina

MISSIONS

Ground-Breaking Service for Palmer Memorial

JANUARY 31, 1971

On May 1, 1962, thirty-six persons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamon in Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of organizing a Free Will Baptist mission. At this meeting the Revs. R. H. Jackson and R. W. Allman of the North Carolina State Mission Board were present and helped with the organization. Also present were the Rev. J. M. Coats, chairman of the Cape Fear Conference Mission Board; and the Rev. Taylor, moderator of the Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference.

During the meeting the following officers were elected: Trustees, Moses Farmer, Lawrence Garris, and Louis Puckett; clerk, Mrs. Ralph Beamon; treasurer, J. Strickland. The finance committee elected were Albert Woodard, Eddie Taylor, along with the treasurer. The trustees were to act as a steering committee work with the conference as long as the group remained a mission.



A group of members and friends as they participated in the ground-breaking service.

This group met each Thursday night in the homes of the members for a few weeks. Then by the generosity of Mr. Overby of Overby's Funeral Home, the group began to have Sunday school and church services each Sunday in the funeral home. Different ministers of the Cape Fear Conference supplied for the mission during this time, for which the members were very grateful.

In the summer of 1962, Mr. Farmer erected a metal building on his property on Loop Road in Raleigh, with the help of the men of the mission, for the purpose of having a more suitable place for worship. The Rev. Royster Martin was called to serve the mission as its first pastor. Since then the Rev. Ed Taylor, the Rev. Eugene Sumner, Dr. Michael Pelt, and the Rev. Adrian Grubbs have served as pastors.



The Rev. R. W. Allman turns the first spade of dirt.

On October 6, 1967, the present property was purchased. The group knew this would be a long, hard struggle, but it would be worth the effort. Some of the members became discouraged and left the mission; however, others came and joined in the struggle.

In January, 1970, God sent His servant, the Rev. R. W. Allman, to serve as pastor of the mission. Through his love, leadership, and ministry he has led the mission (now Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church) to this eventful day—the ground-breaking ceremony. Yes, God has been good to this group!



Mrs. Dudley represents the ladies in this event.

This day, January 31, 1971, will never be forgotten—the ground-breaking of the Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church. The members state: "This is not our work; we want no praise. This is the work of the Lord—for us to build a tabernacle for His glory and the salvation of souls. Yes, the field is white unto harvest as we go forward for the Lord. We request the prayers of all Free Will Baptists and Christians everywhere that we may be in the Lord's will at all times. We need your help; but most of all, we need your prayers as we undertake this great task."



A happy group thanking God for His blessings.

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A person will never get to heaven by taking advantage of another. The only way to heaven is through the receiving of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

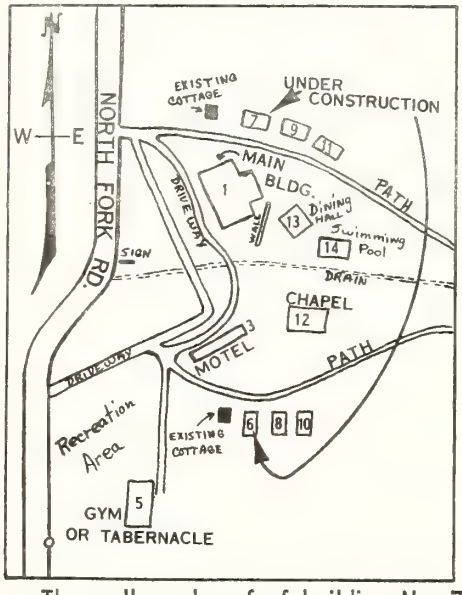
CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

UP, UP, UP! ON MOUNT ALLEN

by the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director of Cragmont Assembly

On February 23, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, chairman of the Cragmont Board, and I journeyed to Black Mountain to discuss some building details with our contractor, Mr. Meyers, and to inspect the buildings prior to our first payment. Our first impression of the progress on the two dormitories was that it was unbelievable! Progress has been quite rapid in spite of some adverse weather conditions and a great deal of red mountain clay turned to mud.



The walls and roof of building No. 7 (see map) were erected and the masons were going up with the walls of building No. 6 (see map). The accompanying pictures will give you an idea of the size and location of the new buildings. The buildings are of block construction with poured concrete floors. The blocks inside and outside will be finished and the floors will be stained (not painted) with a cement stain. The work to date is quite satisfying and the first payment of $4,000 has been made.

We continue to urge all Sunday schools, churches, and our various church auxiliaries to make provisions for Cragmont in your budgets. If you already have placed Cragmont in your budget, increase your gifts this year, because our need is greater! Please send all gifts to: Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574. Cragmont has taken a giant step forward in faith. Pray about this very fruitful ministry. Support this ministry with your prayers, your finances, and the presence of you and your churches' youth at Cragmont Assembly this summer.

In an earlier article I stated, "If 150 of our churches would give $170 each, we could complete Phase 1 of our building program debt-free." Again Mr. and Mrs. Free Will Baptist, the success and continuance of the ministry at Cragmont is dependent upon your support of this great work! Last year 934 Free Will Baptists were involved in the "Ministry on the Mountain." Let's make this year our greatest year in every respect! Up, Up, Up! To the Glory of God on Mount Allen!

Invite the publicity director to your church for a service. I am available on second, fourth, and fifth Sunday nights as well as week nights. My telephone number is 239-6471. My address is: The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

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PROGRESS ON NEW BUILDINGS!



MAN AT WORK! The roofing is being s cured on building No. 7. This building located about 100 feet from the "Mass House" in the edge of the wooded area.



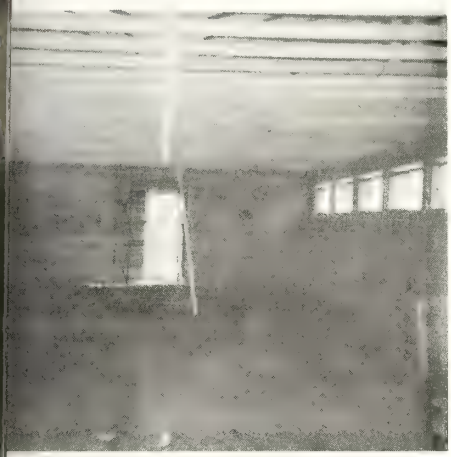
This shot gives you a good perspective to the size and location of building No. The outside dimensions are 71'2" x 24'8".



Block after block after block! Work gresses on building No. 6. Dimensions same as those of building No. 7.



uilding No. 6 is located 50 feet from the Green or Floyd House" parallel with the ail used for mountain climbing. The doorays are placed at each end of the building.



nteriors will be ceiled with 3/8" plywood, nd blocks and floors will be finished. Windows are aluminum framed, frosted sliding glass with screens.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Izorah Bell

(In Loving Memory)

On Saturday, February 13, 1971, God called a dear friend and loving member of our church away. She was Mrs. Izorah Bell and was 76 years old at the time of her death. Mrs. Bell made her home with her niece, Mrs. Bessie Pelletier, Route 1, Newport, North Carolina, and was quite ill for some time before her death.

As long as she was able to attend church services at the Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, she had a special place in church to sit. We know we shall miss her, as her place in this pew can never be filled. However, we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Mrs. Bell is survived by three brothers, Claude Garner of Hanstead, Virginia, and Marion and Allen Garner of Newport; one sister, Mrs. Carrie Allegood of Beaufort, North Carolina; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Senior Sunday School Class
Sound View Free Will Baptist Church

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Ester Richardson Carter

On December 4, 1970, God suddenly called our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Ester Richardson Carter, to her eternal reward. She was busy in the Lord's work until the very end. Born November 8, 1912, to Mrs. Belle Jenkins Richardson and the late Jeter Baxter Richardson of Rockingham, North Carolina, she gave her life to Christ at the age of 11 years. Her marriage to the Rev. Walter B. Carter on November 7, 1931, was a long and happy one; and to this union two fine sons were born: the eldest, Glenn Carter, who now lives in the Netherlands; and the Rev. Austin Carter of Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Her funeral was at the East Rockingham, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church that she loved so well, where she had been a member for 44 years. The Revs. Bruce Goodwin, Carl Moree, and Steve English, all ministers from the Rockingham church, conducted the funeral service. She was laid to rest in Richmond Memorial Park in Rockingham. Surviving her are her husband, our beloved pastor, the Rev. Walter Carter; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Carter was respected and loved by all who knew her. There are many people in our church and community who were touched by her Christian influence. The vacancy she left in our church has been one of sorrow, but we know that she has gone to a place of joy and happiness. Her Christian attributes were many, and she served so faithfully and so well for her Lord. First of all she was dedicated to the church and her husband's work. She was beside him all the way. She taught the Woman's Bible Class for 33 years. She also served in different capacities in the local church, the district and the state auxiliaries, and she enjoyed doing anything that would promote the kingdom of God. She worked long and hard hours during the building of our new church, and no one was happier or praised God more than she, when our church was paid for. The many floral offerings that filled the church expressed the love of the great host of relatives and friends she left behind.

This is a small tribute to pay someone who served so long and was so faithful in the service of God, but it is written with great love, respect, and admiration for one who will be remembered for many years to come. We have felt a great loss, but heaven has gained a true sister in Christ.

Written by a friend,
Corine Guinn
President of the Woman's Auxiliary
East Rockingham Free Will
Baptist Church

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I know not the form of my mansion fair;
I know not the crown that I then shall wear;
But I know that my Saviour will welcome me there,
And that will be heaven for me.

—Copied.

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NEWS NOTES

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will assist in the crusade revival. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Patrick of Walstonburg, North Carolina, is a graduate of the Ayden, North Carolina, High School, and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Atlantic Christian College at Wilson. He also served a four-year term in the United States Marine Corps. He has served his denomination as moderator of the Central Conference and is a past-president of the North Carolina State Convention. For most of the past ten years he has served as parliamentarian of the State Convention.

In 1964, Mr. Patrick was designated by Candler School of Theology as the Rural Pastor of the Year for North Carolina; and in 1970, he was selected as the Free Will Baptist Minister of the year. He has served as pastor of the Free Union Baptist Church near Walstonburg, for the past twenty-two years. Truly, Mr. Patrick is a man of God!

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Dawson's Grove Church Honors Pastor

The Rev. Ed Taylor of Route 1, Four Oaks, North Carolina, was honored at a picnic lunch at Dawson's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, February 21. This was the occasion of Mr. Taylor's last Sunday as pastor of the church, where he had served ably and faithfully for over four years. During his pastorate, Mr. Taylor and his amiable wife won the love and respect of each member of the church. As they left they were presented with gifts from the congregation as expressions of the congregation's admiration and in rememberance of their years of fellowship.

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Revival at Sound Side March 29—April 4

Revival services are scheduled at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, North Carolina, March 29—April 4. Guest evangelist for this series of services will be the Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartansburg, South Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Prayers are requested for the success of the revival.

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Pleasant Hill Revival Slated March 29—April 3

The Rev. Robert Lee Norville will conduct a series of revival services March 29—April 3 at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on N. C. 43 near Calico Cross Roads. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, assisting in the services.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this series of services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Walter Carter to Conduct Oak Grove Revival

Revival services are scheduled for the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Vanceboro, North Carolina, the week of March 22-27, with the Rev. Walter Carter as the guest evangelist.



The pastor, the Rev. James E. Howard, will assist in the services which will begin nightly at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

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Robert E. Smith Surrenders License

Robert E. Smith, a former member of the Virginia Beach, Virginia, Free Will Baptist Church, is no longer affiliated with the Albemarle Conference. He willingly surrendered his license to the ordination board of said conference. This announcement was submitted by the Rev. W. C. Overton, a member of the ordination board.

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Revival in Progress At Friendship, Farmville

Revival services are in progress at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, March 20. Services are beginning nightly at 7:30, with the Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

Youth Revival at Arapahoe Church March 19-21

The YFA of the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church is sponsoring a youth revival the weekend of March 19-21, with the guest speaker John Robert Williams, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30. An offering will be taken each evening which will be given to the church building fund. Special music will be featured each night of the revival. A most cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend these services.

On Saturday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. the Arapahoe YFA is sponsoring a youth social for all the youth attending services for the evening.

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Revival to Be Held At Grimsley Church

During the week of March 28—April 3, revival fires will be burning at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, where the Rev. Dewey C. Boling will be conducting a series of services. Meeting time each night will be 7:30, and the guest evangelist will be assisted by the pastor of the Grimsley church, the Rev. L. B. Manning. The public is invited to attend these services which will feature good singing and gospel preaching.

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Daly's Chapel Church Announces Youth Revival

The Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Seven Springs, North Carolina, announces a youth revival to be held the week of March 29—April 3. The services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. David Hoke, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, as the guest evangelist. Mr. Hoke spent last summer in California working with the college's cooperative program. While in California he spent his nights working with the young people on Sunset Strip.

The pastor of Daly's Chapel, the Rev. Chris Singleton, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

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Poythress to Hold Hickory Grove Revival

The Rev. W. L. Poythress of Wilson, North Carolina, will serve as guest evangelist at a series of revival services at the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Whitehurst Station, Highway 33, Bethel, North Carolina, during the week

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Is the term "hell" used in a ymbolical or literal sense?

Answer: There is a certain class of eople in our day that go to much trou- le and inconvenience to render many tatements of the Bible originally meant be accepted in a literal sense as be- g symbolical or allegorical. In some ases there would be no harmony found the context were the interpretation render it symbolic or figurative. The ible language describing future punish- ent and rewards cannot be explained way by such methods. Whereas the ible abounds in metaphors and simili- udes, these are used in their correct etting, properly and appropriately laced; and to a diligent student who earches with faith and an open mind, e will not be confused. Certainly, here it refers to God the Creator, the oving and merciful Father, to His Son he Saviour, and to His plan of salvation or the redemption of the human race, is sufficiently clear to have convinced ountless multitudes and have transform- d their lives from lives of doubt and espair to those having hope, purpose, nd worthwhile determination.

Following Jesus' experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, while teach- ng His disciples who had forbidden one hat had been casting out devils in Je- us' name, He said: ". . . Forbid him not: or there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly peak evil of me. For he that is not gainst us is on our part . . . And who- oever shall offend one of these little nes that believe in me, it is better for im that a millstone were hanged about is neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: t is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go nto hell, into the fire that never shall e quenched: Where their worm dieth ot, and the fire is not quenched. And f thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is etter for thee to enter halt into life, han having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt" (Mark 9:39, 40, 42-49).

This place is called hell and is described as the fire that is never quenched and where the worm dieth not, being repeated three times. Beside this, it is described by saying of one who offends a Christian (Christ's little ones), "It is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea." Jesus also says, "Every one shall be salted with fire."

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus we are told, "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried: And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16:22-26).

It seems that there becomes an impassable gulf fixed by each of us while we live on earth that what we do, how we do it, and how we live, including whether we get saved or remain unsaved in this life, determine on which side of this gulf we shall spend eternity. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

However, I may use opportunities, offers, and what else God makes available to me and endows me with to determine where I spend eternity and what rewards are mine, or how many shall be stripes or the extent and severity of the eternal punishment. These He set in the Bible, before life and death, and left the choice up to me. He puts the bad things before me to turn me from the wrong choice and the good things to encourage me to the right choice; then it is up to me.

Please see and read the context of these: Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 15:22, 23; Ecclesiastes 11:3; Galatians 6:7-9; Proverbs 28:13; 29:1; 1 John 3:8; Psalm 5:5; Proverbs 10:16; 24:9; Zechariah 13:2; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:10-12; 1 Peter 2:22; Deuteronomy 21:22; Ephesians 4:26; Numbers 32:23.

Hell is described as a place of eternal fire, prepared for the devil and all his messengers. All since Adam sinned have been his messengers and will spend all eternity there except the born-again saints of God, who are God's messengers.

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He Loved Me

He loved me, even when a sinner
I trampled on His love;
He loved me still, though straying
I spurned His home above.

And still He loved, and loving,
For me He bled and died;
Then loving on and wooing,
He drew me to His side.

And now, I too, am loving,
Yea, loving Him, mine own,
And loving, I am living
For Him, and Him alone!

—Author Unknown.

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Religion places the love of neighbor next to the love of God. All who treasure their religious heritage take their firm stand for brotherly behavior, with no limitation of race, creed, or station, as being part of the meaning of liberty.—Copied.

STORIES

for our youth



NOT JUST THE BLIND

DAN HARMAN

HARVEY'S eyes shone. His nose was wet, and his ears were standing straight up. You see, Harvey was a dog. But he was a very special dog. Harvey was Mr. Matthews' Seeing Eye dog. Mr. Matthews taught music at Townsend Junior High. He was the only blind schoolteacher in town.

Harvey licked Joey's hand as the boy talked with the teacher. "Mr. Matthews, I'm worried about Doug. You attend our church. You know how Doug claims to be a Christian. But, frankly, I've seen him do and say things that I didn't think were Christian." Joey's eyes lowered, even though he knew Mr. Matthews couldn't see him. "And now he says that when you give that test in class tomorrow, he's going to open his book and copy the answers. What can I do if he does that, Mr. Matthews?"

The blind teacher smiled. "Cheating has been a problem each and every year I've taught at Townsend."

The blind teacher paused, and his mind was saying, If only these youngsters knew that Harvey growls every time a textbook is picked up during a test.

"Joey, I don't know what you can do if Doug cheats. But I'll speak to him today and see whether I can help."

"Oh, please don't let on that I've told you. Please, Mr. Matthews."

"Joey, you know I wouldn't do that."

The class was just about over for the day. Mr. Matthews rapped his rugged, gnarled cane on the floor. "O.K., O.K. Let's get quiet. You're all anxious about the test tomorrow. If you'll be quiet, I'll give you a few free hints." The silence was immediate.

"First, study those scales till you know them by heart." He went on with several helpful suggestions. "And I want to see Doug Harding for a minute after class."

"Doug," the blind teacher began, "you like Harvey, don't you?"

"I sure do, Mr. Matthews. He's a smart dog. You're fortunate to have him."

"That's what I wanted to talk with you about. I'm thinking of getting rid of him. I don't really need him. I know my way around this building, and a dog can be a distraction for the students." The teacher waited to let his words sink in.

"Do you think I need him?"

The boy's answer was quick and sharp. "You sure do, Mr. Matthews. Don't you remember last week when that girl fell down in the hall? You never would have known it and you might have stepped on her if Harvey hadn't pushed you away." He petted the dog's head again in real affection.

"You need that dog, not for things in general, but for emergencies. You need him for things that you don't know about."

The teacher waited again. "Maybe you're right, Doug. Isn't it strange how others can often see our needs better than we do?" The question took Doug off guard. He knew this was leading somewhere. What was the teacher's idea?

"I'm blind in my eyes, but that's not the only kind of blindness. Some people are blind about who their friends are. Some are blind about the future. Some are blind about values: they can't see what's right and wrong for their lives."

He pulled Harvey up close. "Isn't it fortunate to have someone who can se just a little more clearly than we ca Doug? Like Harvey? He helps me, an I trust him. Wouldn't it be terrible if student did something today that woul hurt all his tomorrows? He'd be for tunate to have a friend to steer him clea of that danger, wouldn't he, Doug?"

The boy stammered out a "Yes, sir," and hurriedly made excuses to leave.

As the class entered the music roon the next day, Doug grabbed Joey's arm "Wait a minute, Joey. I want to as you something."

Behind a locker the two boys face each other. "I studied last night. An I studied hard. I'm going to take tha test today. But if I have much trouble I'm going to use my book. And you bet ter keep your mouth closed to Mat thews. Is that clear?" Doug's voic was low and tough. Joey pulled awa and went back into the classroom.

The test got under way. After ten minutes, Joey glanced up at Doug jus in time to see the boy push his pape aside in anger and reach for his text book. Joey wanted to call out, but jus as he opened his mouth, Harvey's ear perked up. The dog stirred a bit.

Then a low growl started down deep in the dog's throat. Before it ever really came out, Mr. Matthews smiled and said "Don't be afraid, friends, that's just my pal trying to help someone."

Doug dropped the book with a thud His mind shouted. Fine friend you are Harvey. Telling on me. Then the words of Mr. Matthews came back to him "Isn't it fortunate to have someone who sees more clearly than we can?" He went back to work on the test—withou the textbook.

As the class filed out after the test Doug reached out to pet Harvey. In a low whisper, he said, "Thanks, pal." The big dog reached out and licked the ful length of Doug's hand with his tongue Doug could almost hear him say, "Blind folks aren't the only ones who need Seeing Eye dogs."—My Pleasure.

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Contrast the last words of P. T. Barnum, the showman: "What were today's receipts?" or those of Lady Mary Wortley Montague: "Well, life has been most interesting!" with the last words of Jesus before He died: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!" What will your last words be?—Copied.

INFORMATION ABOUT

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THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of January, 1971. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing, but totals are shown here only for each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for January, 1971, compared with January, 1970.

Religious Contributions Received (Including Gifts for All Purposes)	**1971**	**1970**	**Increase or (Decrease)**
Albemarle Conference	$ 364.55	$ 378.98	$(14.43)
Blue Ridge Association	28.02	15.60	12.42
Cape Fear Conference	675.16	365.03	310.13
Central Conference	2,417.90	1,872.57	545.33
Eastern Conference	3,412.25	1,750.01	1,662.24
Little Dee Association	90.33		90.33
Piedmont Conference	64.56	10.00	54.56
Pocketfish Conference		82.25	(82.25)
Western Conference	2,007.29	1,093.63	913.66
Total Religious Contributions	$ 9,060.06	$5,568.07	$ 3,491.99
Parents and Relatives	$ 346.13	$ 265.00	$ 81.13
Friends and Others	1,372.26	215.00	1,157.26
Farm Income	3,747.06	527.93	3,219.13
Canteen Sales	200.00	310.89	(110.89
Miscellaneous Income	1,658.56	563.83	1,094.73
Total Other Income	$ 7,324.01	$1,882.65	$ 5,441.36
Total Income for Month	$16,384.07	$7,450.72	$ 8,933.35
The above was received for the following:			
General Fund	$16,379.07	$7,345.72	$ 9,033.35
Jesse Woodard Memorial Fund	5.00	5.00	
Nursery Endowment		100.00	(100.00)
Total Income for Month	$16,348.07	$7,450.72	$ 8,933.35

HONOR ROLL

Albemarle Conference

Plymouth	$103.60
Union Chapel	124.11

Cape Fear Conference

Fayetteville	$211.89
Smithfield	150.00

Central Conference

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Bethany	343.27
Dilda's Grove	141.48
Free Union	144.77
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Piney Grove (Pitt County)	257.00
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Eastern Conference

Arapahoe	$310.14
British Chapel	100.00
Deep Run	441.25
Free Union	353.39
Macedonia	100.00
Fifth Union	100.00
Pearsall Chapel	479.08
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Western Conference

Kenly	$449.38
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Stoney Creek	156.00

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The Bible is a book of prayers. For the 667 reecorded prayers, there are 454 recorded answers.—Selected.

LETTER TO PAPA

Editor's Note: The following letter, received by a man who wishes to remain anonymous, expresses gratitude to this man for his contributions to the Children's Home. His gifts have been very much appreciated by "Johnny Faircloth and all the small boys." The letter is printed just as it was written, without the usual editing; and its sincerity is obvious. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell are in charge of the cottage where these boys stay.

It is most rewarding indeed to know that the children at the Home do appreciate gifts made in their behalf and that they do on various occasions express this appreciation in ways such as follows. It is rewarding, too, to know that the "papa" referred to in this letter wishes no public acclaim.

The letter is printed here in its entirety.

"Middlesex, N. C.
"Dec. 7, 1970

"Dear Papa,

"Thank you so much for the nice towel rak, the carving set, also the delicious apples which we are enjoying so much. We boys can say this with pride, you're the best papa, or should I say Daddy we will ever have.

"We shared the apples with Mrs. Suggs cottage and they really appreciated it. They said they wished they had a papa like you.

"Again we want to say thank you for the freezer, the beautiful dishes, the silver ware, and many more things you have done for us like all the ice cream you bring each time.

"Papa I would like to add this to our letter, Friends like you are the ones that have helped give us boys a home through the years. Will always stand out in our hearts and will help us to want to share with others who may face the same situation as we're now doing.

"We want you to feel at home when you are visiting us because you are always WELCOME.

"Johnny Faircloth
"and
"all the small boys"

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A preacher called on one of his parishioners, an elderly woman who was deaf. When she expressed regret that she could not hear his sermons, he said, "Oh, you don't miss much." She surprised him by saying, "So they tell me." —Selected.

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It has been said that chances are 5,000 to 1 against decisions for Christ between the ages of 18 and 25; 25,000 to 1 between 25 and 35; 80,000 to 1 between 35 and 45; 1,000,000 to 1 between 45 and 85.—Selected.



USE IT OR LOSE IT

Lesson Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 4:2

I. INTRODUCTION

This last lesson for this quarter's study is built around another of those parables given by the Lord to illustrate those things that lead up to, usher in, and constitute the kingdom of heaven.

This parable of the talents and the use that was made of them by those who had them in their care for a season is designed to impress upon our minds the great importance of being faithful in the use of those things which our Lord has entrusted to our stewardship. We cannot put too much stress upon the importance of this faithfulness; for though the Bible exhorts us to do many things, it only requires us to do one thing: "It is required of a steward that he be found faithful."

Our lesson text for today's study embraces the parable of the talents, and is to be used to encourage our faithfulness.

The purpose of today's study is to encourage young people to remain faithful to their religious convictions.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. What is the primary application of the parable to the Pharisees?
2. God does not give all men the same ability.
3. The reward of work well done is more work to do.
4. The man who is punished is the man who will not try.

B. Entrusted Talents (Matthew 25:14-18)
1. The talents were placed in the care of servants, not given to them.
2. The master went away for a long time.
3. What did each servant do with his talents?

C. The Lord Cometh (Matthew 25:19)
1. The Lord's coming was certain—according to promise.
2. The time of the coming was unknown.
3. The coming brought a reckoning.

D. The Master's Commendation (Matthew 25:20-23)
1. Each one who used his talent was commended.
2. The commendation is based on faithfulness, not upon the amount of increase.
3. With the commendation went added responsibilities.

E. The Master's Condemnation (Matthew 25:24-27)
1. The one-talent man was condemned.
2. The condemnation was not for untruthfulness.
3. It was not for dishonesty.
4. It was simply because he had done nothing.

F. A Basic Principle (Matthew 25:28-30)
1. The slothful servant lost what he did not use.
2. That which the one-talent man had was given to others who were faithful.
3. The final doom of the one-talent man was that he did nothing so God did not reward him.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A boy went to a farmer and asked to be given a job as a hired hand. The farmer asked, "Are you willing to work?" "Please sir, yes sir, I can sleep well on a windy night," was his strange reply. "Can I trust you to look after my things?" the farmer asked. Again he replied, "Please sir, yes sir, I can sleep well on a windy night." The farmer asked several questions seeking to determine if the boy was honest and trustworthy, but to each question he got only that one reply.

He decided the boy might be a little foolish, but there was something about him the farmer liked. So he hired him. The boy proved to be a willing worker and everything went well until one night a big storm came up. The farmer heard it and rushed up to the boy's room. "Get up," shouted the farmer, "let's tie down the haystacks, put up the to and secure the barn doors." But t boy was so sound asleep the farmer cou not wake him. Fearing to waste tin trying to get him up, he rushed out see about the things.

When he came to the haystacks, found them already firmly tied. found the tools in their proper places the barn and the doors closed securel As he went back into the house realized what the boy had meant abo sleeping well on a windy night. meant that each day he did his job best he could and, even in the midst a storm, he could sleep.

The Bible tells us, the Lord ". . . gi eth his beloved sleep" (Psalm 127: When one recognizes the fact that G made him for a purpose and that to hi God gave some abilities, and when o consecrates himself to God and seeks do his best, there does come to him restful peace. It is indeed "the joy thy Lord."—**When the Heart Is Hung by Allen.**

B. After many years on the missi field, a missionary was returning to Ne York by ship. On the same ship was famous actor. Hundreds of people lin the docks to see the great actor. Ba ners were waving and bands were pla ing. But hardly anyone was present welcome the man of God back home. F a moment he indulged in self-pity. Th the Holy Spirit said to him, "Don't wo ry, you are not home yet."

The missionary was reminded th Christians are pilgrims, passing throu this life and looking for that city "who builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 1 10). The servant of God then though My greatest desire is that when I rea my heavenly home, my Lord will sa "Well done, thou good and faithful se vant" (Matthew 25:21). What great desire or ambition could one have?—B ble Expositor.

C. A wealthy man asked a neighbor meager means, who was a carpenter, build him a house. He was to spare expense out of the large amount le with him for materials. The neighb thought this would be a good way cheat the rich man and save for hims a few hundred dollars. So he bought t cheapest, shoddiest materials he cou find and built the house which mig have blown down in a stiff wind.

When the wealthy man returned, t neighbor presented the keys to the ne house. "You keep the keys, my frienc

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hurches and Ministers Available

OTE: This column is provided, when ded, for any church that is seeking a tor and for any minister who is seeking hurch to serve and would like to give n notice. Please send the necessary in- nation to the editor of "The Free Will ptist." Each notice will run for two is- s only.)

he First Free Will Baptist Church of noke Rapids, North Carolina, is seek- a full-time pastor to live in the city. man with some experience, and with ability to lead a program of visitation ngelism, enlargement of the congre- ion, and the building of a sanctuary, needed. This church offers a chal- ging opportunity to some family man reasonable health who would like to ow with a growing church in a grow- town."

A new pastor can come in anytime ween now and July. The Rev. L. E. lard is serving as acting pastor, but l "yield" to a minister approved by church and the Central Conference ssion Board, under the watch care of ich the church now operates. Contact . Ballard at 1225 South Washington eet, Greenville, North Carolina 27834; ephone 752-2950; or write the church, care of the clerk, Mrs. Ruth White, 04 Hertford Street, Roanoke Rapids, rth Carolina 27890.

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The Selma Free Will Baptist Church, lma, North Carolina, is seeking a pas- . Any ordained minister interested making a change and seeking full-time rk, who would like to live in a par- nage, plus receiving a good salary, ould contact Mr. Tom Hinnant, Box 7, lma, North Carolina 27576; or tele- one 965-2082.

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The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces that is available for half-time services to y church desiring his services. He is member of the Eastern Conference of iginal Free Will Baptists and is in good anding. He may be contacted at his me, 821 Chattauka Lane, New Bern, rth Carolina 28560, telephone 637- 20.

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The Christian who does not believe in reign missions does not believe in the eat Commission of Christ.—Selected.

NEWS NOTES

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of April 5-10. Mr. Poythress will be assisted in these services, which begin at 7:30 each evening, by the pastor of Hickory Grove, the Rev. Hubert Burress. Special music will be featured. The public is urged to be in attendance for what promises to be a good revival.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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said the rich man, "I have wanted to do something for you, and now this house is yours to live in." You use it or you lose it—or should we say, you reap what you sow!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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ATTENTION

A Bible was left at the Angola Free Will Baptist Church, Maple Hill, North Carolina, during the session of the Union Meeting in January, 1971. If the person who left the Bible will contact Mrs. Norman Foy, Route 3, Box 398-AA, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28540, he will be glad to send it to him.

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YOU'D BETTER LISTEN -- REALLY LISTEN!

Editorial...

YOU'D BETTER LISTEN – REALLY LISTEN!

If you are a good listener, you won't have to be a good talker—at least not a big one. If you listen well, you'll know how to respond favorably, saying the right thing at almost always the right time.

If you are a good listener, you will be able to detect it when a conversation is going in the wrong direction; and you will be able to steer it to a better course.

If you are a good listener, you will usually be enthusiastic about what the other fellow has to say. You'll be able, by your obvious interest in what is being said, to increase the speaker's confidence in himself, the importance of what he's saying, and how he's saying it. Everybody needs to be made to feel that in some measure he is important, and there's no better way of making a person feel important than to listen—really listen—to him as he converses with you.

If you are a good listener, you'll never try to show up a person who is somewhat less knowledgeable than yourself. Really, only a fool tries to make another person feel like a fool. We've seen this numerous times in conversations, when someone with a superiority complex strives to inflict his highness upon another by belittling him verbally and attempting to squash the little ego that the second party has. Arrogance and false pride are never acceptable, and especially not in conversation. A big talker usually does little else.

All of us at times say more than we ought to say, much more than is needful. Our criticisms are plentiful. We even lay our compliments on so thickly as to cause others to question our sincerity. A good listener, therefore, would not need to be unnecessarily extravagant with his words. He would know just when to inject that needed boost. A word here and a nod there would be sufficient.

If you ever stop to listen to yourself to know what you're saying and how, you would probably curb a lot of your conversation. We never bore ourselves so much as we bore others, certainly; so it might be to our own benefit to know exactly how we do sound. One of the best ways of doing this is to cup the palm of your hand at the front of your mouth, with the fingers extending toward the ear. Thus, when you talk, you hear how you sound to other people. You may like it or you may not. If you hear your own voice more frequently in conversation than somebody else's, that's a good sign that you're a bigger talker than a listener. True, a talker might tell more, but a listener learns more.

In listening, a person should be open-minded. He should be able to consider what is being said for its real value, not reading into the discourse any implications that are not intended. A good listener would really listen, not just hear. There is a distinct difference.

Listening denotes discernment, while hearing denotes only the awareness of sound. When you **listen** to music, you appreciate its component parts, its melody, its instrumentation, etc. When you **hear** music, you merely have an awareness of its being there. When one is preoccupied, he may not even know that he is hearing sound until it is cut off; only then is there a real consciousness of its having been heard.

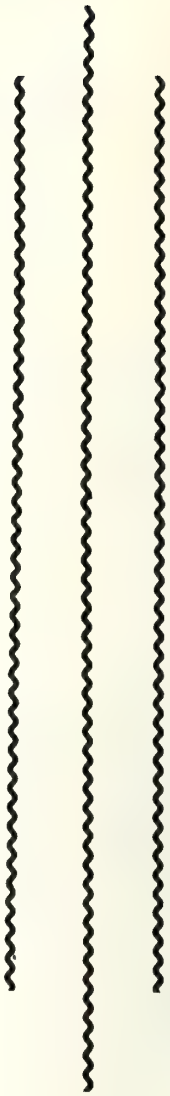
Such is true in conversation too. Often we can look directly into a person's eyes, realizing that he is talking to us, but our minds are so far away that we are not really listening. In fact, if that person were to question us about some point, we would have to ask him to repeat the question. This has happened to all of us and has caused us "hearers" no little embarrassment. Hence, we have not really listened.

In another connotation, "to listen" is defined as "to heed." "To heed" means to pay attention to; further, it means to abide by. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest **heed** to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. . . . How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; . . ." (Hebrews 2:1, 3).

As always, everything ultimately comes to the spiritual; and the above exhortation is a great one indeed. If you are a good listener, you can listen with the heart as well as with the ears. Listening with the heart brings about change.

And our advice would be that you'd better listen—*really* listen!

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Time of DECISION

SHARON B. MILLER

HOMAS JEFFRIES allowed the big car to coast down the long, tree-lined enue. He was in no hurry to reach his tination, yet he was determined that ay his destiny would be decided with- the walls of Mount Calvary Temple.

t was no minor decision, his plan to e his life to Christ. He had wrestled h the thought for years, and the past nths had been ones of indecision, un- t, and soul searching. He never did thing halfway. The Lord would get all—his life, his service, and his ketbook. That had been the final nmitment—Jeffries Chemical Company.

Slowly Tom turned the car into the urch parking lot and edged into a t. As he climbed the steps to enter sanctuary, he felt no emotion except the quiet compulsion that had been constant companion the past weeks. had been a long while since he had at- ded church, but he felt the familiarity being at home.

Pastor Redman was a frequent visitor their home. Ella was always active church functions, and he was more n a speaking acquaintance to many of men in the church; in fact, several of fellows were his employees at the nt, and Sally Kenmore, the church nist, was one of the company secre- ies.

"Good morning, Walters," Tom greet- taking the offered hymnal from the er. He was right on time, just as he d intended to be. He hesitated a mo- nt before walking down the aisle to ere Ella sat. She would be surprised to see him, and then again, in her quiet sustaining faith in God's ability to answer prayer, she would have anticipated this day.

Tom studied his wife's graying hair as he made his way to the pew where she sat. He had wasted a lot of years in coming to this decision, in realizing that he had need of God, that he was insufficient in himself. Those years might have been better spent. He had prospered, the business had grown, and their lives had been rich and full; still, it all could have been better, stamped with the blessing of God.

"Hello, dear," Ella whispered quietly, welcoming him with a smile. "There's to be a guest speaker today, a young man just out of Bible college."

"Fine," Tom said, returning her smile. He sat back in the seat. Being in the house of the Lord today was comfortable. It seemed right. Ella reached over and grasped his hand with her small one. She knows, Tom thought. In all their years of marriage, there had been few secrets between them. He had only the one regret—that he hadn't committed his life to God sooner.

A small disturbance broke in upon his thoughts. A young couple and their three small children were coming down the aisle. As they entered the pew opposite him, Tom studied them. The young woman was tall and willowy, her long brown hair streaming down her face and back. The man was heavily bearded, with an abundance of red hair stopping just at the collar of the black and white fur vest covering a paisley shirt.

The baby slept soundly in his mother's arms while the two little girls perched on the edge of the seat in anticipation of what obviously would be a new experience for them.

Tom felt himself drawn to this family, in spite of his usual status consciousness. They seemed definitely out of place in the comfortable middle-class atmosphere of the church, but that meant the place had outreach, and that was good. The man glanced across the aisle, and Tom automatically gave a half nod in greeting.

Pastor Redman took his place behind the pulpit and began the morning worship service. Tom sang the familiar hymns, entering into the service as he had in the past two or three times a year he had attended to please Ella. She had long since stopped begging him to come to church, but while his visits bore little significance to a spiritual relationship, he had come to please her.

I might as well begin things right, Tom thought, depositing a sizable check in the collection plate. He had never begrudged Ella's wish to give to God. He was aware that she even tithed her household allowance in order to compensate in some way for what he did not pay. At Christmas he had purposely set aside money to be given in both their names, for the sake of appearance and because it was a charitable contribution.

He sighed contentedly. Today was going to be a day of new beginning. It had been Ella's faithfulness that God had blessed; he had only reaped the fringe, as her mate. From now on, he was going to give the Lord the portion that belonged to Him, and more, to try to compensate for what he had owed God in the past.

The pastor was introducing the young minister, a man still in his twenties, and Tom settled back in the pew. He had made up his mind to give his heart and life to Christ at the close of the service; he only wished that the time would arrive more rapidly. The minister announced his Scripture text, and Ella held her open Bible where they could both read the verses.

Tom found his mind straying from the words of the young preacher. He glanced at Ella, her face serene in its years. Only God knew the torment she had endured these many years as he had fought and struggled against turning his life over to the Lord. What would their lives have been like if Ella had held to her determination not to marry him until he had made his consecration to God?

The walls and furnishings of Mount Calvary Temple were replaced in his mind by the small place of worship he had attended as a young man. It had

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Scripture Reading—Psalm 41:9

Christians need to revive the spirit of consecration that characterized Sam Davis, that Confederate spy, who was executed at Pulaski, Tennessee. He was captured by the Union Army and found to possess some papers of great value to the Union Army. The officers knew that it was impossible for his having those papers. After he had been court-martialed and blindfolded before the firing squad the officer in charge said, "If you will give us the name of the man who furnished you this information, you may go free," to which Sam Davis replied, "If I had a thousand lives I would give them all before I would betray a friend." Are you a friend of Jesus?—*Florida Baptist Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is very easy for us by the spoken word to declare that we will never betray Jesus; yet, by our actions we prove everyday that we do betray Him.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

NOT A GUEST

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:2

A little girl of five had just asked grace at the table. "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest," when, suddenly turning to her mother, she said, "But, Mother, I do not want Jesus to be our guest." "Why, dear?" demanded her horrified parent. "Well, a guest is one who comes only *sometimes,*" said the child. "I want Jesus to be here all the time."—*Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus should be a constant companion and a permanent dweller in our homes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

A WEEK TOO LATE

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 27:1

God forbid that any of you should, at the last, have the dismay of the woman Dr. Talmadge used to tell about. One night she could not sleep because of her soul's anxiety about the future without Christ. She got up and wrote in her diary: "One year from now I will attend to the matter of my soul." She retired, but she could not sleep. So she arose again, and wrote a better promise in her diary: "One month from now I will attend to the matter of my soul." She retired again but found no sleep; and arose again and wrote: "Next week I will attend to the matter of my soul." Then she slept soundly. The next day she went into scenes of gaiety. The following day she was sick, and the middle of the next week she died. Delirium lifted from her mind just long enough for her to say: "I am a week too late. I am lost!" To be a week too late, or even an hour too late, is to be forever lost! May God Almighty, by His grace, keep us from the awful experience of a ruined soul! Abner promised a kingdom, but could not insure his life for one day. Haman plumed himself upon the prospect of the queen's banquet, but was hanged like a dog before night.—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How tragic indeed is putting off a decision about Christ and dying before that decision can be made.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

HONESTY IN SMALL THINGS

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:1

In a certain bank there was a trust department in which four young men and one older man were employed. It was decided by the directors that they would promote the older employee and also promote one of the younger men to have charge of the trust department after the older gentleman was removed to his new position. After considering the merits of each of the men, a certain one of the four younger men was selected for the new position and to receive a substantial increase in salary. It was decided to notify him of the promotion that afternoon at four o'clock.

At the noon hour the young man went to a cafeteria for lunch. One of the directors was behind him in the line with several other customers in between them. The director saw the young man select his food including a small piece of butter. The butter he flipped on his plate and threw some food on top of it to hide it from the cashier about what was on his plate.

That afternoon the directors met to notify the young man that they had intended giving him the promotion, but that because of what had been seen in the cafeteria they must discharge him. They felt that they could not have one who would lie and steal as the head of their trust department.

"Honesty is the best policy" both in natural things and in spiritual things.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Being honest will afford us peace in this life and spiritual rewards in the life to come.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

IMPORTANT SEWING

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 8:21

Dr. Laws of Livingstonia, that great [illegible] sionary, says that his life was once sa[ved] from a lion because the canvas of his [coat] was well sewed. He found afterward it had been sewed by a girl in Green[land] That girl sewing canvas tents in Scotl[and] little knew that away in Africa a g[reat] man's life depended on the character of [her] stitches.—*F. C. Hoggarth.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How well we do our job could mean [the] difference in earthly success and fail[ure] How well we serve Christ could mean [the] difference in heavenly success and fail[ure]

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

NOT CLOCKS ONLY

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 17:9

A good story is told of old Thomas [K.] Beecher, who could not bear deceit in [any] form. Finding that a clock in his ch[urch] was habitually too fast or too slow, he h[ung] a placard on the wall above it, reading [in] large letters: "Don't blame my hands—[the] trouble lies deeper." That is where [the] trouble lies with us when our hands [go] wrong, or our feet, or our lips, or even [our] thoughts. The trouble lies so deep [that] only God's miracle power can deal with[it] Sin indeed goes deep, but Christ goes d[eep]er.—*Christian Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sin comes from the heart; therefore [to] stop the hands, feet, lips, and mind f[rom] sinning, one must apply the cleansing po[wer] of Christ to his heart.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

ONLY TATTOOED?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 52:4

A man met with a severe accident [and] was taken to the hospital. When the d[oc]tor was examining his injuries, he noti[ced] that the name of Jesus was beautifully [em]tooed across the man's breast. A nu[rse] standing by, said, "I wonder if it is dee[per] than the skin." Our religion, if it is to [be] fruitful, must be sincere—deeper than [the] skin; it must reach the heart.—*Christ[ian] Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

An outward expression of Christia[nity] never amounts to anything unless it is [pur]sued from the heart.

(Devotions used by permission, 3000 *[Il]lustrations for Christian Service,* W. [P.] Knight, Eerdmans Publishing Company.)

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If God wills the evangelization of [the] world, and we refuse to support [the] sions, then we are opposed to the wil[l] God.

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All past history leads up to Christ, [and] subsequent history points back to H[im] He is the Span of the ages, the Keyst[one] that locks the arch.

THE REV. LAFAYETTE HERNDON BOYKIN



God, in His infinite wisdom, called the ev. Lafayette Herndon Boykin, a dear ember of our church, to his heavenly ward on Sunday afternoon, February 3, 1971. Funeral services were con-ucted at Marsh Swamp Free Will Bap-st Church, Route 1, Sims, North Caro-na, on March 2, 1971. Mr. Boykin ould have been eighty years old on this ate. The Rev. R. H. Jackson, his pas-r, conducted the funeral; and burial as in the church cemetery beside his ithful, Christian wife of 56 years, Mrs. osa Fulghum Boykin, whom the Lord lled home to be with Him on January 9, 1969, at the age of 75.

The many floral tributes, donations to ur building fund in his honor, visits to ie home, and the many people attending ie funeral revealed the number of Mr. oykin's loved ones and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Boykin were married on ctober 31, 1913, and it was the very ext year, at a fall revival service, that ney came together to the altar of Marsh wamp church and accepted the Lord Je-us Christ as their Saviour. They became aithful stewards of God, and Mr. Boy-in received his license to preach on ovember 5, 1932. He was ordained on January 27, 1935, in Micro Free Will Baptist Church of Johnston County, North Carolina, as a minister of our Free Will Baptist doctrine. He was a lifetime resident of Wilson County, and pastored full time for Flood's Chapel, Union Chapel, Milbournie, and Barnes Hill churches. He also served several other churches on a part-time basis. Mr. Boykin has served as a deacon of Marsh Swamp church for over fifty years. During the years, in our denomination he held several offices and served on many committees. He recently served on the Ministerial Character Board of the Western Conference.

Due to his health Mr. Boykin had retired from the ministry, but he continued to be active enough to attend church and take part when possible. He deeply appreciated all the cards and gifts sent to him from auxiliaries since his retirement, and they brought him much pleasure.

Mr. Boykin is survived by six children: three daughters, Mrs. J. Willis Finch of Bailey, Mrs. Lawrence Butler, and Mrs. James B. Lassiter of Raleigh; and three sons, James Allison Boykin, L. H. Boykin Jr., and Fred Boykin, all of Wilson. There are also 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild who survives.

Our prayers are for all who are left behind to express sympathy to this family and pray that they may find comfort in Christ, knowing that their and our great loss is heaven's gain. We feel that the words of Revelation 14:13 may appropriately be said of the passing of this loved one: ". . . blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Submitted by
Marsh Swamp Woman's Auxiliary

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New Scholarship at Mount Olive College

Professor Felix Ruiz of Mount Olive College and his wife, a member of the faculty at Southern Wayne High School in Wayne County, North Carolina, have established a $300 scholarship at Mount Olive College beginning with the 1971-72 academic year. It is open to any graduate of Southern Wayne High School who attends Mount Olive College. Applications should be sent to the College Business Manager, Mr. Charles Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruiz are natives of Cuba. Mr. Ruiz is now in his fourth year of service as a member of the College faculty and Mrs. Ruiz is now in her second year on the faculty of Southern Wayne High School.

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THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the churches, auxiliaries, and friends for the many sympathy cards, flowers, visits, and gifts during the death and burial of my only living son who was sixty-six years old. Especially do I wish to thank Brother F. B. Cherry and his wife, along with the members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina, for their many kind deeds and comforting words and prayers. All Christians everywhere, please continue to pray for me.

Also I wish to thank everyone who remembered me on my eighty-seventh birthday. I love all of you, and may God continue to bless you.

Mrs. Duffy Toler
131 N. Eastern Street
Greenville, N. C. 27834

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Barnes Hill Sunday School Perfect Attendance Awards

Sunday school perfect attendance pins were awarded recently at the Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Nashville, North Carolina. Thirty-four persons received pins.



The group receiving attendance pins.

Receiving pins for 6 months were Kim Winstead and Nate Bozelle; 1 year, Vicki Vick and Terry Smith; 2 years, Irene Pridgen and Ellen Bozelie; 3 years, Phyllis Smith, Ginger Pridgen, Keith Langley, Carol Langley, and Mike Langley; 4 years, Martha Carol Hinson and Carolyn Hinson; 5 years, Wanda Nelms, Grover Hinson, Gary Smith, and Jeffrey Smith; 6 years, Pattie Langley, Steve Langley, Betsy Poland, Brice Poland, Louise Poland, and Sylvester Poland; and 9 years, Teresa Nelms and Iva Langley.



Ervin Vick receives 20-year pin.

The person receiving a pin for 10 years was Jesse Tom Pridgen; 14 years, Cleo Worrell, Rosa Lee Langley, and Estelle Eason; 15 years, Henry Eason; 17 years, Nellie Nelma and Norma Bozelle; 19 years, Etta Vick; and 20 years, Ervin Vick.

The Sunday school superintenednt is Mr. Lonnie W. Worrell. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Buddy Sasser.

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Jackson Heights Church Announces Revival

The Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina, will have its spring revival, beginning Monday evening, March 29, and continuing through Saturday evening, April 3. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Joseph Ingram. There will be special singing each night. The pastor, the Rev. Ralph Sumner, and the congregation of the church extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

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Layman's Day At Elm Grove Church

Sunday, March 28, will be a special day at the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina. On this particular occasion the minister, the Rev. Kemery Ard, will step aside, and the laymen will take complete charge of the morning worship service. There has been a trend lately to allow laymen to participate more actively in the worship program of the area churches, and this has proven both interesting and beneficial.

The service will feature special music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Roanoke Rapids Church To Honor Retiring Pastor

Sunday, March 28, has been designated by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as "Willet L. Moretz Sunday," and plans have been made to dedicate all the services of the day to his honor. In the afternoon, his friends everywhere are being invited to join the church in a special fellowship period, from 2:30 until 4 p. m., at the Roanoke Rapids Recreat Center, for a farewell tribute of love a appreciation. As many know, he h been in declining health for the p three years, but has continued to lab to the full extent of his strength in t Roanoke Rapids church, being in char of the raising of funds for the propos new sanctuary of the church.

The church is endeavoring to raise special honorary fund of $1,000 to t building funds in appreciation of M Moretz's faithfulness as a minister of t denomination. Letters have gone o inviting the many churches this go man has served to join in this. All of h friends are invited to contribute. plaque with the names of all donors this honorary fund will be placed in t new church when it is built. Due to t shortness of time (Mr. Moretz's plans retire had to be moved up), it will necessary for gifts to be sent in at onc By making a gift to this fund, frien will not only be honoring Mr. More but will also be helping the little chur he has so dearly loved and to which h has devoted his strength and prayers f the past five years.

Checks should be made payable to th First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanok

Coming Events

March 25—Eastern District Woman Auxiliary Convention, Christian Chap Church near Pink Hill, North Carolin

March 31—Central Conference Woman Auxiliary Convention, Saratoga, Nort Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church

April 3—Cape Fear District Youth Ralli Tee's Chapel Church, Smithfield, Nort Carolina, 7 p.m.

April 3—Pee Dee Association Woman Auxiliary Convention, White Oak Fre Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, Nort Carolina

April 7—Western Conference Woman' Auxiliary Convention, First Free Wi Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolin

April 14—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliar Convention, Powhatan Free Will Bap tist Church, Clayton, North Carolina

April 17—North Carolina State Sunda School Convention, Mount Olive Col lege, Mount Olive, North Carolina

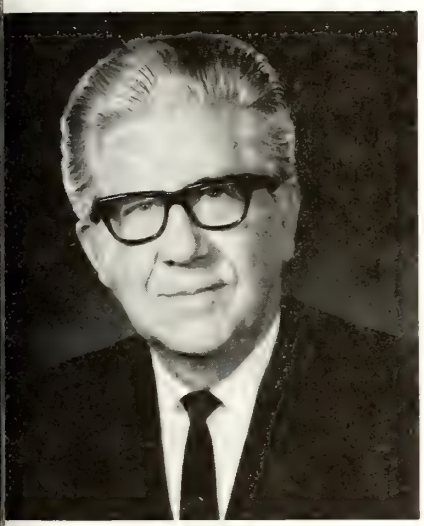
May 6—North Carolina State Woman' Auxiliary Convention, Shady Grov Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5 Dunn (Cape Fear District Host)

ɔids, and sent to the treasurer, Mrs. ella Stalls, Route 2, Box 564, Roan- Rapids, North Carolina 27870. All nations to the building fund between rch 15 and April 1 will go into this cial honorary fund.

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F. Bowen to Conduct
ithfield Revival

The Rev. C. F. Bowen of Wilson, North olina, will be the guest evangelist for ival services at the First Free Will



ɔtist Church, South Third at Rose eet, Smithfield, North Carolina, the ek of April 5-9. The pastor, the Rev. wart Humphrey, will assist in the ser- es which will begin each evening at 0. The public is cordially invited to end.

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ɔron Circle Church
Start Mission

The Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist urch, 7408 Lone Oak Street (Southern ɔps), Spartanburg, South Carolina, has rchased property across town, in a tion where there is no Free Will Bap- church, for the purpose of starting Free Will Baptist mission. This pro- ty, which is almost an acre of land, d for $17,500.

The pastor of Hearon Circle church is Rev. Johnnie Bullman.

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st Church, Kinston
nounces Revival

The Rev. James A. Evans, pastor of the st Free Will Baptist Church, corner of oir Avenue and College Street, Kins- , North Carolina, announces revival vices for the week of March 29—April The visiting evangelist will be the v. Henry Armstrong, pastor of Lee's apel church. Mr. Evans will assist in services which will begin each even- ing at 7:30. Friends of the church and those of Mr. Armstrong are cordially invited to attend these services.

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Kindergarten Registration
At Kinston Church

The Rev. James A. Evans, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, corner of Lenoir Avenue and College Street, Kinston, North Carolina, announces kindergarten registration for the 1971-72 school year. Those wishing information should call the church, JA 3-3903, from 9 a. m. till noon; or JA 3-9644 in the afternoon. The Kinston church has had successful kindergarten programs for a number of years.

Visions Unlimited

the Rev. Raymond E. Jones
Publicity Director
State Sunday School Convention

Our North Carolina State Sunday School Convention will be hosted by Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, April 17, 1971. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the college auditorium, with the convention called into session at 10 a.m. In the 1970 setting of the convention, it was moved and passed that this session would be an "open session," which means that no delegates need be appointed; but rather, all in attendance at the convention will have voting power. Encourage a large number from your Sunday school to be present.

Would it not be wonderful if every Free Will Baptist throughout our state had an unlimited vision of the work of our Sunday school? "Visions Unlimited" is our theme this year. It is hoped that we will be able to look into the past and see the strides which have already been made in this phase of our denominational work, with the achievements made over the years, along with some of the personalities which helped bring these accomplishments to pass.

We also hope to view our present-day Sunday school with the problems which confront us, as well as the solutions. As we read in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: . . ." we further hope to see our aims and intents for the future.

As we study definitions and meanings, according to Mr. Webster, there are only shades and shadows of differences between dreams and visions. Usually dreams are associated with the past; whereas, visions concern the here and now, also future images and states of mind.

In the sense of the Old Testament, under law we do not need visions expressing the will of God; for this we have His Word—the Bible. Yet, we must see and envision the white harvest fields which He instructs us to look upon. To bring the harvest to reality, the words of Solomon are no less true today as this field surrounds us; "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Those who are unsaved, to perish in hellfire; and those who are Christians, to dry up, to become cold, indifferent, and unconcerned.

It is our prayer that this convention will give us dreams and visions to live by, work for, and with which to glorify our Saviour, in our growth, expansions, and efforts to reach out into the field and teach the wonderful gospel of everlasting life. With our vision of the future, may it be combined with our determination to attend and support our 1971 State Sunday School Convention.

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our Church Auxiliaries

Western Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will meet with the First Church, Wilson, North Carolina, Wednesday, April 7. The theme will be, "Our Privilege to Serve," with the Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20. Serving as music director will be the Rev. Clarence Bowen, host pastor, with Mrs. Gerald Pearson as pianist and Miss Debbie Lancaster as organist. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:15—Registration
9:45—Hymn, "Give of Your Best to the Master"
—Devotions, Mrs. Lester Duncan
—Welcome, Mrs. Charles Sullivan
—Response, Mrs. Mary Walston
—President's Remarks, Miss Frances Boyette
10:15—Hymn, "Work for the Night Is Coming"
10:20—"Our Privilege to Serve Through Study," Mrs. Ray Stanford
—"Our Privilege to Serve Through Program-Prayer," Mrs. R. H. Jackson
—"Our Privilege to Serve Through the Youth," Mrs. Earl Bass
11:00—Hymn, "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"
—Offering
—Special Music, Stoney Creek Ladies Quartet
—Convention Message, Mrs. William (Virginia) Davis, Davis, North Carolina
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "He Is So Precious"
1:05—Memorial Service, Mrs. B. L. Godwin
—"Our Privilege to Serve in Missions," Mrs. Roland Cherry
—Special Offering for Missions
—Special Music, Elwood Lane Ladies Trio
—"Our Privilege to Serve in Benevolence," Mrs. James McGhee
—"Our Privilege to Serve on the Field," Mrs. Raymond Jones
1:40—Business Session
—Hymn, "Have Faith in God"
—Benediction

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Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Pee Dee Association will meet with White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina, April 3. The theme will be, "The Call to Evangelism." Mrs. Rachel Dnucan, president, will preside, with Mrs. Huldah Kintaw serving as music director. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
—Hymn
10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Lucille Bryan
—Welcome, Mrs. Vivian Hester
—Response, Mrs. Iva McPherson
—President's Message, Mrs. Rachel Duncan
—Special Music
—Business Session
—Report of the Children's Home
—Report of Mount Olive College
—Report of the Missions Department
—Hymn
11:30—Message, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President of Mount Olive College
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, Miss Katherine Brisson
—Memorial Service, Mrs. Mary Bell Pait
—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
—Report of Cragmont Assembly
—Business Session
—Committee Reports
—Installation Service, Mrs. Hattie A. Bright
—Benediction

Attention Mission Chairmen of Eastern District

I hope you haven't forgotten our da at Christian Chapel Free Will Bapt Church, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Ca lina, Thursday, March 25, at the Easte District Woman's Auxiliary Conventi I am eager to see all of our 82 church represented there.

If your auxiliary has overlooked t Faye Barrow fund please try to take ca of this very soon.

We should no more send her or a of our missionaries to the foreign fi and forget to support them than would send our children to college a forget them.



Once an artist was asked to draw picture of a dead church. He simp drew a picture of a mission box cover with cobwebs such as the above pictu represents. Let's prevent our chur from dying as in the picture.

Mrs. Adaline Gray
Eastern District
WA Mission Chairman

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Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Central Conference Woman's Au iliary Convention will meet with t Saratoga, North Carolina, Free Will Ba tist Church, Wednesday, March 31. Mr Ruth Taylor will serve as music direct with Mrs. Dale Bates as pianist.

The convention program is as follow

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Did You Think to Pray?

—Devotions, Mrs. A. B. Chandler
0:15—Welcome, Mrs. Fred Pittman
—Response, Mrs. Melvin Cunningham
0:20—President's Message, Mrs. N. B. Barrow
—Recognition Time
—Business Period
0:35—Mount Olive College Representative
0:45—Children's Home News, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr.
—Worship Offering
1:00—Hymn, "Faith Is the Victory"
—Presentation of Declamation Winner, Mrs. Ruth Taylor
—Special Music, the Rev. and Mrs. Dale Bates
1:30—Message, the Rev. Willis Wilson
2:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Hymn, "Come Thou Fount"
—Prayer
—Presentation of Essay Winners, Mrs. Ruth Taylor
—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
—Report of Other Denominational Enterprises
1:45—Presentation of Life Membership Award, Mrs. Leon Dunn
1:55—Business Period
—Installation of Officers, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks
2:30—Adjournment

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JONESES REQUEST PRAYER

Missionary Harold Jones and family Philippine Islands) would like to take his opportunity to request that our peole be much in prayer for them on Sunlay, March 28. They feel that the Lord s leading them to the Island of Palawan. 'hey need a definite answer from the ord in order to make the decision of eaving their present work and taking it p in another place. Thus they are askng you to pray with them in order that heir decision will be the proper one. If hey assume the new work, additional anguage study will be required; and this ew language, Tagalog, is taught in Manila, where Harold will have to go for nstruction.

Churches are urged to have special rayer for the Joneses on this particular lay, Sunday, March 28. They desire that he Lord's will be done. So, remember o include this prayer item in your worhip services.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

An Open Letter to All Free Will Baptists and Friends of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home

As you know I began my duties as superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home on March 1, 1971. Accepting the responsibilities of this position has proven to be one of the hardest decisions of my life. However, I have done so with great humility, believing with all my heart that God has led us (my family and me) to this field of service. I am aware of most of the problems that exist and recognize the implications of each; but it is my firm conviction that the Children's Home provides the Free Will Baptist church with one of its greatest opportunities to render Christian service and mission in the name of our wonderful Lord. Therefore, I appreciate beyond words the privilege which is mine to serve my denomination and our children in the name of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps we should be reminded that our Home is here to serve the needs of homeless and neglected children who may or may not be full orphans. For this reason the decisions that are made must be based upon: (1) What is best for the child, (2) what is best for the Children's Home, (3) what is best for the denomination, and each of these guided by what appears to be the will of God for the situation at hand. I know that you will not always agree with the decisions that are made, but before you disagree, please consider what you would do if faced with the same problem.

I am prepared to make a twofold promise to you: (1) To do everything within my power to keep you informed in regards to the operation of the Children's Home, for it is my sincere belief that you deserve to know; and (2) to devote my full energies and capabilities to this institution and the children which it serves in the name of Jesus Christ, first, and Free Will Baptists, secondly. In return I request your twofold pledge: (1) To support us (the Home along with its administration, staff, and children) untiringly with your prayers; and (2) to support us earnestly with your finances. The needs of the Children's Home are great and cannot be adequately met unless we are willing to work together—pooling our resources.

I plan for the Home to continue to practice an "open-door policy." You have a standing invitation to visit on campus, to observe the operation of the Home, and to discuss any questions which may be of concern to you. Please be assured that you will be given a hearty welcome.

It is my sincere hope that you, the ministers and laymen of our church, will give me opportunities to visit in your church or organization to share vital information about the Home. I realize that one of my big jobs is public relations. In connection with this I am willing to go anywhere, anytime, to represent the Home; but will need your invitation to go to your church to speak.

I shall look forward to hearing from you concerning your questions about the Home. If I can be of service in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,
Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
Superintendent

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The most beautiful sight from the pulpit is a whole family seated together in a pew. The church service is not a convention to which a family should merely send a delegate.—Herrin (Illinois) Harbinger.

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He who laughs at another's foolishness should stop and listen; often someone else is laughing at him too—and for the same reason.

TIME OF DECISION

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been his full intention to give his life to Christ all through his years as a young person. He had just never got around to doing it, and for some reason no one had ever pressed him to make a definite commitment.

His stint in the army had completely changed all his intention to serve Christ. He had come back from the war with no feeling of need for God. He had finally convinced Ella to marry him in spite of her determination to wait until he became a Christian. He had kept his promise never to interfere with her serving God, and he had even made sure that the boys attended Sunday school and church.

Today all three of them were serving the Lord with their families. However, he wondered what might have been. What if he had allowed God to take charge of his life as a young man just starting out? Would there be a Jeffries Chemical Company today, or would there be something else, above and beyond his comprehension?

An annoying tapping brought Tom back to the present, back to the service. He saw the young man across the aisle tapping a tattoo with one booted foot. It was an unconscious act, and yet it betrayed to Tom the battle going on inside his mind and heart.

Abruptly he felt fear in his own heart. What had ever made him think he would simply walk down the aisle and announce his intention of serving God? He was not a child or even a young and unestablished man, like the fellow across the aisle. He had his reputation to consider. He was a respected man of the community. He could just imagine what his associates would think and say when the news of his public action became gossip.

The foot tapping had stopped. Tom looked back at the young fellow's face. It was revealing the inner turmoil going on, and it was a mirror of himself some thirty years back. You should make your decision to follow Christ now, Tom found himself urging silently. The man resolutely folded his arms across his chest.

"God is no respecter of person," the minister was saying as he closed his Bible. "Each of us, great or small, educated or unlearned, rich or poor, meets God on equal terms, that of a sinner needing forgiveness."

Tom listened as the young minister urged anyone wanting to accept Christ as his personal Saviour to make his way to the front of the altar, and the familiar phrases brought up all the familiar arguments.

I just can't now, Tom thought to himself. Maybe I will later, perhaps in the pastor's study after the service. I just cannot go forward in front of all these people.

The old decision had reasserted itself. He had waited this long, all these years, and there was no need to rush into anything now. After the service would be soon enough. But even as he talked himself out of making his peace with God, a weight seemed to settle in the pit of his stomach. The compulsion that had been his constant companion and had finally brought his stubborn will to surrender was gone; but instead of relief, a new sense of despair settled over him.

It seemed as if this part of the service was taking an unusually long time. He glanced at Ella. Her head was bent in prayer, and her lips were moving silently. Prayer for me, Tom thought miserably. God, how could I have failed her so many times? There was no answer to his mute plea.

Then he glanced across the aisle toward the young bearded man. He was sitting there, head in hands, moved by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, but he was making no move to surrender his life to God.

"Help me!" Tom groaned from his very soul. He couldn't let this young fellow make the same mistake he had. It might be too late for either of them if they should miss this opportunity to accept Christ.

It had to be God's leading, this urging that he felt. He wouldn't fail Him now. He felt almost glued to the cushioned seat as he grasped the back of the pew ahead and pulled himself to his feet. He stood for only a moment and in that time he received the reassurance that he was taking the right step.

Crossing the aisle, Tom gently touched the young man on the shoulder. As the fellow looked up, Tom began to quietly tell him about the mistake he had made as a young man in waiting to accept Christ. He was making a spectacle of himself. Others would be wondering what Thomas Jeffries was saying to the young fellow, when he himself didn't have a personal relationship with Christ. But it didn't matter to Tom. He knew what God would have him do. If somehow he could begin to make up for lost time in winning souls for God by taking this young man with him to make his decision for Christ, it would be more important than Jeffries Chemical Company, his reputation, or anything in the world.

"I want you to know the joy of a life of serving Christ that I missed," Tom finished. "I'm going to give Him what ever time I have left. Will you go with me?" He waited tensely, all emotion suddenly drained from his body.

The young man clenched and unclenched his fists, then swiftly stood to his feet. Leading the way, Tom moved to the front of the church. There was a conspicuous contrast—a company owner and founder next to a society dropout. But in God's sight we are equal, Tom thought, and we have the privilege of becoming His children.—Gospel Herald.

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Through the ages no nation has had a better friend than the mother who taught her child to pray.

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Love is not love at all until it has paid the price; and after one has paid the price, a peace comes that only love can give.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. E. H. Fordham announces that he is available for half-time services to any church desiring his services. He is a member of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and is in good standing. He may be contacted at his home, 821 Chattauka Lane, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, telephone 637-9420.

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The Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. Anyone interested in this pastorate should contact either Mr. Kinchen Walston, Route 3, Box 98, Elm City; telephone 237-0909, or Mr. William P. Bailey, Route 1, Stantonsburg, North Carolina; telephone 243-6916.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What did Jesus mean when said, "I can of mine own self do noth-g: . . ." (John 5:30)?

Answer: "Ryle's Expository Thoughts the Gospels," Page 306, has the fol-wing to say on this verse: "This verse perhaps one of the most difficult in ripture. It is so because the subject it is that great mystery, the unity of d the Father and God the Son. Man s no language to express adequately e idea that has to be conveyed. The neral thought of the verse seems to be follows:

" 'In consequences of the close relation tween me and the Father, I cannot do ything independently and separately m Him. I judge, and decide, and eak on all points, in entire harmony th the Father, as though I **heard** Him ntinually at my side; and so judging d speaking, my judgment on all points always right. It is right now, and ll be seen right at the great account the last day. For in all that I do I ek not to do my own will only, but the ll of Him that sent me, since there is entire harmony between my will and s.' "

When wishing to arrive at the correct terpretation of such a passage we need remember that the incarnation rough which Jesus was made perfect an detracted nothing from the fact that is the eternal God. "For in him dwell-n all the fulness of the Godhead bod-" (Colossians 2:9). (See Romans 1:20; ts 17:29.) "And without controversy eat is the mystery of godliness: God s manifest in the flesh, justified in the irit, seen of angels, preached unto the ntiles, believed on in the world, re-ived up into glory" (1 Timothy 3:16); o wit, that God was in Christ, reconcil-g the world unto himself, not imputing eir trespasses unto them; and hath mmitted unto us the word of recon-iation" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Then there is to be seen in Scripture e fact that God the Father, Christ the n, and our present Comforter, the Holy Spirit (three distinct persons) manifested, each in His own time performing a particular function of the Godhead, and yet in their omnipresent attribute. They have all been three persons always, everywhere, and at all times.

When the Holy Spirit came upon Mary causing the miraculous conception of Jesus, the Father was there, and in that presence caused Jesus to be the only begotten of the Father. When the Holy Spirit was manifested descending upon Him at the scene of His baptism, the Father was there and said, ". . . This is my beloved Son, . . ." (Matthew 3:17). The Father's local abode then as now, was in heaven, but being present everywhere at all times, as is true of the Spirit and of the Son. So even though we are much limited in our understanding of this mystery, each member of the Godhead has perfect and complete understanding of this divine attribute, and of their limitless activities in manifesting themselves as one God through it.

There is a sense also in which none of us, God's creatures, does anything apart from Him. From this point of view, neither could Jesus' assailants have apprehended Him in the Garden of Gethsemane on the perilous night of His arrest; nor could Pilate, under false charges, have committed Him in judgment to the soldiers and the Jews to be crucified. (See Matthew 26:52-56.) "Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin" (John 19:10, 11).

All life and all energy is from God, who created all things; and God, at His own discretion, grants a life span of existence to every living thing and activities that suits His purpose. We are created in His image; we live, move, and have our being in Him; and as He gives us certain choices, we act as we please and reap the consequences of our choices.

Christ's will was always the divine will in which He acted in the will of God. We, who are descendants of Adam, may disobey and reap the results. On the other hand, we may obey, reaping the results of obedience as He did. If we do, it is because we remain crucified with Christ. We keep what we put on the altar when we were saved there. It is both dangerous and damning to do otherwise; and if we do, this must be returned to by confession and forsaking our sins before we are acceptable (see Proverbs 28:13).

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Question: What were the chariots of iron mentioned in, "And the LORD was with Judah; and he drave out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron" (Judges 1:19)?

Answer: These chariots were some of the most efficient military equipment of that day, and there is no doubt in my mind that they were just what the word states, "chariots of iron." However some so-called liberalists try to explain such facts away and some science, so-called, would argue that iron implements came into use at a later date.

Joseph P. Free's, "Archaeology and Bible History," Pages 38, 39, makes the following interesting statement:

". . . In the Cainite civiiization, Tubalcain, is described as 'an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron' (Genesis 4:22). This reference reflects the early use of metal. It was formerly believed that the use of metal began very late, and it is certainly true that metal was probably not widely employed in early times. Recent discoveries, however, have shown that metal was known and used much earlier than previously supposed. The usual date given for the beginning of the iron age in the Near East was formerly given as 1200 B. C., and this date is still used for convenience in listing the metal ages (e.g., cf. Barton, G. A., **Archaeology and the Bible,** 183). Modern archaeology, however, shows that there was a knowledge of iron long before 1200 B.C. At a site in Mesopotamia about fifty miles northeast of Baghdad, called Tell Aswar today, but known in ancient times as Eshnunna, Henri Frankfort of the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago found evidence of an iron blade from the level of 2700 B.C. A small steel axe from Ur

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STORIES

for our youth



FINDING IS FUN!

NEAL NEITZEL

AT first when George saw the crumpled green paper on the classroom floor beneath his desk that morning, he just looked at it, then glanced up to watch Miss Carter, the teacher, while she wrote out a sentence on the blackboard.

Later that morning, George leaned over to tie his shoe. He was always having trouble keeping his shoes properly tied. George had lots of troubles. He knew that his dad was displeased with him.

George had promised to put his bike and his wagon away when he finished playing with them. Instead, George had left both the small blue bike and the bright red wagon in the driveway while he went next door to play a game of catch with Sally. So George knew that his dad had stopped the car in the drive way to move the bike and wagon so that the car could be driven into the garage.

As punishment for not keeping promises, George was told that his weekly allowance of twenty-five cents would be stopped.

"No more quarters for you, young man," Dad said, sighing unhappily. "Not until you learn to keep your promises—and to put your toys away when you finish playing with them!"

"And, no allowance until you stop being selfish when the other boys and girls want to play with your toys and games," Mother added. "And not until you decide that you will eat the peas and carrots I cook for you!"

George remembered his troubles as he tied his shoelace. Without his allowance, he couldn't buy candy or peanuts. He couldn't have the marble game he had looked at in the department store window. Worst of all, George felt sad because he knew that he hadn't been a good boy.

Mother and Dad were disappointed and unhappy. George knew that the Lord Jesus expected him to be a good boy, too. However, being good meant work. To be good, George would have to pick up his toys and games when he finished playing with them, and he would have to let Frank and Billy and Sally and Carol play with his trucks, his soldiers, and his games.

It was too hard to be good. Promises were too hard to keep. George was thinking about his problems when he looked again at the small crumpled piece of green paper. This time George picked up the paper. His blue eyes brightened and widened as he looked at the dollar bill in his hand!

George quickly glanced around the classroom. None of the other boys and girls had seen him find the money. As Miss Carter turned away from the blackboard and looked at the class, George stuffed the green dollar bill into his pocket. He felt guilty as he pretended to be reading the writing on the blackboard.

In Sunday school, at home, and in school, George had been taught that being good also means being honest. George knew that the money wasn't his—not really his, even though he had found it. He should have raised his hand and told the teacher and the other children about what he had found.

Instead, George stayed completely by himself all day. At recess time, George hid around the side of the school building. He saw gray-haired Mr. Oakes, the school janitor, raking leaves. George had been looking at the dollar bill. When he saw Mr. Oakes walking toward him George quickly turned and walked awa

That day after school, George stoppe at the drugstore. He bought candy an peanuts. Then, carrying the large whit bag filled with delicious treats, Georg walked into the department store an bought the marble game. He had onl two pennies left from the dollar as h hurried toward home.

George frowned as he neared hi house. Mother and Dad would certainl question him if they saw the game an the paper sack filled with goodie George hid his new purchases in th garage, pushing them far back on on of the shelves above the workbench.

At school the next day, Miss Carte asked the class if anyone had found dollar bill. "The money belongs to M Oakes, our janitor," the teacher explai ed. "He thinks that the dollar may hav fallen from his pocket while he wa sweeping the floor."

George felt his face growing red. H stared at the floor. He was certain tha everyone in the schoolroom was lookin at him. It was terrible to feel so guilt and ashamed, George thought. He wis ed that he hadn't kept the money an spent it.

At home, George crept into the garag He thought that a piece of chocolate ca dy and a few peanuts might make hi feel better, but while he munched on th candy, George felt more unhappy tha ever.

Sunday came. George listened car fully to the Sunday school lesson. H learned how God forgives mistakes an how praying helps people to becon good and also guides boys and girls alon the right path of life. For the first tim George really listened and really praye

When he walked home from Sunda school, George knew what he had to d Later George told his mother and dad a about the dollar bill he had found an how he had spent it.

"I—I want to give Mr. Oakes his do lar," George said. "If you will give m a dollar for Mr. Oakes, I will do my be to earn it!"

Mother smiled, placing her hand o George's shoulder. Dad grinned, reac ing for his billfold. "This will be yo allowance money for the next fo weeks," George's mother and dad to him.

George happily thanked them. Th next day, George gave the dollar bill Mr. Oakes. George told Mr. Oakes th he was glad that he had found the mis

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IBLE WORK OPENING UP IN OMMUNIST-DOMINATED COUNTRIES

New York—New openings for Bible ork in Eastern Europe make work in mmunist-dominated countries more ncouraging" than in many years, the v. Sverre Smaadahl of Geneva, Swit-rland, regional secretary consultant for stern Europe for the United Bible So-ties, declared here.

Mr. Smaadahl, a Norwegian national o received his Master of Sacred The-gy degree from Yale Divinity School, s in this country for administrative etings of the United Bible Societies ld at the American Bible Society, 1865 oadway. The United Bible Societies a worldwide fellowship of 50 national ble societies.

While the extent of Bible work varies, . Smaadahl said that it is carried on all Eastern European countries, with e exception of Albania, where "religion forbidden."

Because there have been no fresh sup-es of Scriptures for decades in the jority of the countries and churches ve lost many of their privileges, he id, "Christians in Eastern Europe have perienced what it is to live under the oss." Christianity "has survived."

In a "most realistic way" churches ve been thrown back to the biblical essage as the final basis for Christian ith and life. "A deep love for the Bi-e has emerged, which has made the ep and uncovered needs for holy Scrip-res even greater," he continued.

Enumerating new openings last year, r. Smaadahl said that the United Bible cieties has contact with 13 translation ojects, including: four in Yugoslavia; ree in the Soviet Union; two in Czecho-ovakia; and one each in Bulgaria, Hun-ry, Poland, and Rumania.

(Some countries have more than one anslation project because several lan-ages are spoken there.)

Contacts are made in several ways. anslation literature is sent eastward ith scholarly editions of the Bible. ropean secretary-consultants and trans-tion specialists visit the various com-unist countries. Eastern European anslators take part in training courses the West, and training courses and nsultations for translators are held in e East, he told.

Scriptures are made available in coun-ies where the churches have requested em, either by having them published in e requesting country or by having them inted elsewhere and imported.

In East Germany Scriptures have been published to meet the needs there since 1945, and some German Bibles have been exported. Annual production now totals 350,000 copies.

Scriptures have been produced regularly in the past 20 years in Hungary, although the total of 295,000 Scriptures produced between 1949-1970 has not been adequate, he said.

A total of 120,000 Bibles and New Testaments were produced in Russia since 1956.

While he termed production in Czechoslovakia "very limited and irregular" up until 1968, a total of 122,000 Scriptures were produced in Prague and Bratislava during the last two years.

There was no production in Rumania prior to 1967, but since then 100,000 Bibles were printed in Bucharest. Currently 40,000 New Testaments are under production in Rumania.

A production of 50,000 New Testaments is expected in Bulgaria when new translation is finished in the foreseeable future, the United Bible Societies secretary said.

He added that because of standing license, Bibles have been going to Poland and Yugoslavia since 1945 at the annual rate of 120,000 Scriptures to Poland and 25,000 to Yugoslavia.

For the first time under communism Bibles were imported into Czechoslovakia and Rumania, 41,000 to the former country in 1970, and 10,000 to a Protestant church in Rumania this year.

Mr. Smaadahl said that the 750,000 copies of the Scriptures which were made available, in different ways, in Eastern European countries in 1969 might seem slight in light of the 350 million inhabitants. However, compared to the situation five years ago, it is a real "breakthrough for Bible work in the communist countries."

The distribution secretary also explained that the Bible work in Eastern Europe opens up the opportunity for interconfessional cooperation there. "Because it is considered a central concern in every church and yet neutral in politics," it fosters cooperation between the churches.

Labeling the opportunities to do Bible work in Eastern Europe a "task of highest priority," Secretary Smaadahl said: "Only when we use the existing opportunities, will we be able to see new ones. With full awareness of the deep and uncovered need there still is in most of the Eastern European countries for the holy Scriptures, we are thankful and glad for the doors which the Lord has opened for us."

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LENTEN EASTER SEASON

(May Be Purchased from the Press)

PLAYS AND PROGRAMS

EASTER PROGRAMS FOR THE CHURCH NO. 2 ..... $1.75

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(Seven Lenten dramas, simple to stage and easy to grasp.)

EASTER PROGRAM BUILDER NO. 13—Grace Ramquist ..... 75¢

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A RISEN SAVIOUR—Jane Fader ..... 50¢
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BLESSED IS HE!—Vena Wright ..... 35¢
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DAYBREAK—Dorothy Wills Jenks ..... 35¢
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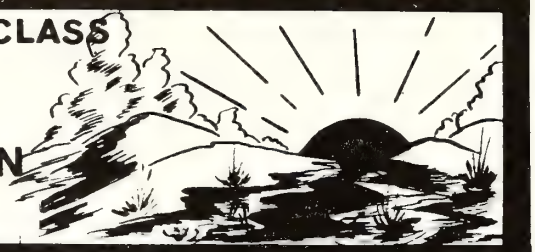
NEW LIFE IN HIM—Garald Pugh ..... 75¢
(One hour Easter drama using ten characters.)

THE DISCOVERY OF EASTER—Kay Beam ..... 85¢
(An Easter play requiring three characters and a choir.)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 4



Christ Acclaimed and Rejected

Lesson Text: Matthew 21:9-11, 33-45

Memory Verse: Matthew 21:42

I. INTRODUCTION

Today's lesson is a continuation of the parables of Jesus. This lesson has teachings in it that point out the hypocrisy of people. Those who are members of the organized church, but who do not really have faith in the living God and in His Son, Jesus Christ, are truly hypocrites. Besides this condition, there are all around us very obvious examples of hypocrisy that are distasteful and displeasing to God and man. Most all Christians at one time or another find themselves practicing hypocrisy. This is not to say that we should regard it lightly, but that we should learn to recognize it in ourselves and with God's help to control and minimize it.

Just what is hypocrisy? Hypocrisy is pretending to be what one is not. It is pretending to feel what one does not feel. It is giving an appearance of Christianity that is not there. It is pretending to be good when one is not. It could be pretending to be bad when one is not.

Why do Christians and non-Christians practice hypocrisy? Maybe it is because at the time one is practicing hypocrisy, he thinks that he will gain prestige or good fortune or that he will attain something that he does not have. Hypocrisy, when practiced, seems very necessary and excusable; but often later on the one who has practiced it sees the foolishness and emptiness in what he has done.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Our lesson contrasts the triumphal entry with His rejection.
2. This was the beginning of holy week, and the time of the Passover.
3. The parable of the husbandmen was given on Tuesday of holy week.

B. Praise to the King (Matthew 21:9-11)

1. They shouted praises as He rode toward Jerusalem.
2. When He reached the city, they asked, "Who is this?"
3. The answer was "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."

C. The Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Matthew 21:33-41)

1. This parable is recorded in all three of the Synoptic Gospels.
2. Jesus is the Householder and Israel is the vineyard.
3. Israel was not producing fruit that the Householder had a right to expect.

D. The Parable Applied (Matthew 21:42-45)

1. Jesus is the Stone which the builders rejected.
2. The kingdom was to be taken away from the Jews and given to others.
3. The Jewish leaders understood what Jesus was talking about.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Jesus rode into Jerusalem amid the plaudits of crowds who hailed Him as the one who came in the name of the Lord. The excitement agitated the whole city, and the reason for it was sought.

Ever since Jesus came into our world, our world has been challenged by His presence. When one sees the mighty historical movements, the changing cultural patterns, the worldwide outreach of His influence, the art, literature, and music that have been changed by His life, it must be asked, "Who is this?"

The sad truth is, however, that many in our day, just as in ancient Jerusalem, answer that He is only "the prophet . . . of Galilee."

Jesus came into our world, as the son came to the vineyard his father had planted and leased out, to seek fruit for His father's glory; but He was slain. The crowds welcomed Him with shouts of admiration and joy; but soon afterward the crowds condemned Him to death with cries of hatred and denial. We can answer aright the question as to w Jesus was, and this makes all the mo horrible the denial and murder of t Son of God.—Standard Commentary.

B. "We read somewhere the story a minister and a barber walking throu the poverty and filth of a city slum. T minister looked on the people in tho slums through the eyes of compassi and Christian indignation; the barb looked on them through the eyes of skeptic.

" 'Why,' he asked the minister, 'do God permit this? If there is a God, ar if He loves us, as you say, why doesn He do something about such degrad tion?'

"The minister was trying to frame good answer to the question—and ju then a filthy, unshaven, drunken huma derelict shuffled past them. The preac er turned to the barber: 'Did you see tha man? He hasn't had a shave for a wee or a haircut in six months. And her you are, a good barber. Why didn't yo stop him and take him to your shop an clean him up?'

"The barber blushed: 'Is it my fau that he hasn't gone to a barber long ago Is that my fault? I never saw him be fore. If I had, and if he'd given me chance, I'd have been glad to give him shave and a haircut.'

" 'Exactly!' said the minister. 'That the way God feels about that man, an about all this poverty, and about us. only we'd give Him a chance He coul change us, and change our ways of living But we don't. We reject Him. We pas Him by, just as you just passed tha bum!' "—Tarbell's Teacher's Guide, 1969

C. Jesus had no earthly possessions. A His birth He was placed in a borrowe manger; He preached a sermon from borrowed boat; He rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed beast; He ate His last sup per with His disciples in a borrowe room; and was buried in a borrowe grave. Yet, He stands, the living, rise Son of God, the Foundation of the onl true religion the world has ever known the Cornerstone of all our hopes, an declares: "All authority hath been give unto me in heaven and on earth."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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The number of foreign missionaries throughout the world is no more than the full maintenance crew of six aircraft carriers. No wonder the job of converting the world is scarcely begun.—Bookworm.

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Questions & Answers

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e could not be ruled out. This, like many other things that are mentioned in the Bible, with little or no definite detail given, we must resort to other sources, few of which may be relied upon without question.

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Death is just a swinging door; that same God is on both sides.

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Is the gospel relevant to these times? Read the editorial and decide whether or not you agree.

THE GOSPEL IS NOT RELEVANT!

The gospel is not relevant to these times? Well, there is a sense in which it never has been relevant, though proponents of it have been championing it for centuries. And what is more, it never will be relevant—to the scoffers, to the unredeemed, and to the pseudointellectuals who expound above its simple message.

"Make the gospel relevant" has been the cry for years; and many attempts have been made to do so, with few real, lasting results. Should the idea of trying to make it relevant be a real concern? Is it necessary for us "do wellers" to tamper with the gospel to make it appealing?

Some preachers have become hippies in order to relate to and to reach their audiences. They have let their hair and beards grow; they have donned Levi's and bared their feet; they have perfected "soul" walks and talks; and it's really difficult to know where the hippie ends and the preacher begins. Far be it from us to censure those who feel that this is a real way of serving the Master. We just wonder if it is necessary and if it is the best way of serving Him.

Some of us who would rebuke their behavior have flavored our own lives with jargon and activities typical of the "now"; and while we realize that many young people of today have been reached by those who are willing to "identify" with them, we wonder if perhaps we have not underestimated the Word—to think that it must be dressed up to current fashion in order to be pertinent. None of us is immune to this. Even the most conservative Christian will find himself using mundane terms to project the divine.

We alibi this action by pointing out that Christ used parables to reach the people—that He related to them by speaking on a level that they could readily understand. With this in mind, it does not seem so bad to speak the hippie's language in order to "bring him in," but if we compromise our convictions and partake of his evil in order to claim him as a convert, then woe be unto us! Christ sat down with sinners, but He didn't "act like them."

Mark it well. The gospel is just as strong as it was when the apostles proclaimed it—and it's just as pure. It cannot be diluted for anybody's sake. We might tell the hippie that he must "get with it" and "turn on to Christ," but if we, in order to be relevant, allow him to "turn on to Christ" in any manner other than that prescribed by biblical standards, then we need help ourselves—and badly! No, we would not be so narrow as to say that all hippies are lost, but indications are that few of them who are saved remain hippies.

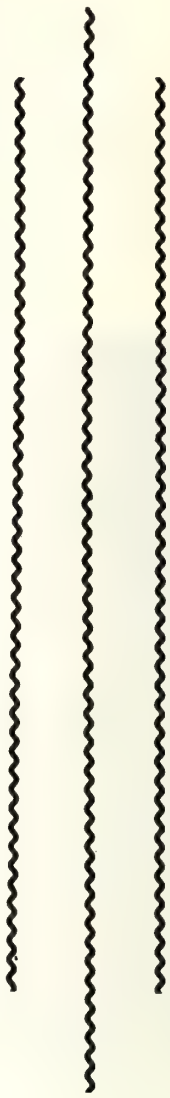
Churches have strained so much at being relevant that the gospel message has become something of a tea party conversation. Preachers stand in their pulpits and politely discuss this and that of current interest, afraid of distressing or offending some prominent member. To say that the gospel has been watered down is putting it too mildly. In many instances it has been replaced by discourses on unity, ecology, social justice, civil liberties, international affairs, and many other subjects that are considered "appropriate to the times." If the gospel isn't appropriate to the times, there isn't any sin in the world, and there isn't a God in heaven or a literal hell for unregenerate men!

Mark it well again. No pretty social talk can ever be received as an equivalent for the gospel. Social messages might make us more sociable or cause us to be more sociably acceptable, but they can never cleanse a heart. That comes only with a saving knowledge of Christ. It takes more than shaking our brother's hand or helping him plow his ground. Certainly, with Christ in our hearts we will take joy in shaking our brother's hand and helping him plow his ground, but this is not the way we get Christ in our hearts. He is the cause, not the effect. He takes abode first, then other things fall into place. Doing good makes a good impression, sure; but without the right motivation, it is like chaff in the wind.

A deleted or diluted gospel might cause some to find their way to heaven, but it is doubtful. Repentance is still a good word, and sin is still sin. To say that one has **"erred"** might make him feel better, but telling him that he has **sinned** will put things in the front yard where they belong.

The gospel will never benefit those who don't want it. One can gaze long and hard at a food laden table; but unless he eats, no nourishment will be realized. And, until preachers, teachers, and would-be reachers disinvolve themselves from the world and reinvolve themselves with the Lord, little can be done to make this good news of Christ really relevant.

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The Model Church

by Mrs. Betty R. Strickland
Palmer Memorial Church
Raleigh, N. C.

(The following article is a talk given by s. Strickland at the Wednesday night ıyer service, March 10, 1971, at the Pal- r Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, leigh, North Carolina, and sent in for blication at the request of her pastor, the v. R. W. Allman.)

HEN had the churches rest, through- out all Judaea and Galilee and maria, and were edified; and walking the fear of the Lord, and in the com- t of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied" cts 9:31).

We have in the above verse of Scrip- re an accurate description of a thriv- g church. It might well be a modern urch or a model church. Below are ven characteristics of a model church vould like for us to think about.

It Was Peaceful

"Then had the churches rest (or peace) roughout all Judaea and Galilee and maria, . . ." How many churches can u think of tonight where everything peaceful and without problems? They e very few. This is the house of God d He is here. He said, "I am the urch!" In God's sanctuary there is ace for tired minds, rest for weary bodies, compassion for suffering humanity, forgiveness for our sins, and Christ for those who seek Him.

The real unity of the church must not be organized but exercised. We must exercise this unity and prove our relationship with all men in order to have a peaceful church. Today people in our churches have become jealous of each other and I might add, our ministers are jealous. Surely God is not pleased with such an attitude as this. I don't believe we can have a peaceful church with jealousy in our hearts.

2. **The Church Was Edified** (Built up in faith, strengthened through the Word, and rooted in love.)

Note the meaning of the word "edify": To improve morally; benefit spiritually.

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another" (Romans 14:19). The church to me is a family of Christian people seeking to be God's ministers for His purpose in the world. To me one of the most discouraging things in life is to lose faith in someone whom you thought was a real, true Christian. I've had that experience.

My father was a very dedicated Free Will Baptist minister. I remember in one church that he pastored many years ago, we had a very good Sunday school teacher. I really looked forward to the Sunday we went to that church because of this Sunday school teacher. But one day in a church conference this person had something to say and later on did some things that were not very becoming to a Christian and caused a lot of people to lose faith in her. So faith in the church depends in our faith in its members. We should always try to be careful as church members if we expect to influence others.

The success of a Christian church is in proportion to its effectiveness in making Jesus Christ known to a perishing world. If we have this faith and our lives are based on the Word of God, then we will be rooted in love and we'll have love one for another.

3. **It Was Active** (Walking, not sleeping: walking in faith and in the fear of the Lord.)

The model church will always be busy doing something for the Lord. Every member will be carrying his load and using his talents to make it a better place to worship.

Thurman Douglass has suggested that many churchmen spend so much time doing "church work" that they give little thought and effort to doing "the work of the church." The true work of the church is evangelism: bearing witness to Christ in the world.

4. **It Was Humble** (Not in the fear of man, not after the fashion of the world, and not with the ungodly.)

I think the church should be entirely different and set apart from the world. So many of our churches today are recognizing and holding up things of the world.

Jesus teaches humility in the following Scriptures: "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 10:4); "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:11); "Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, . . ." (Acts 20: 19).

I think many times we have to suffer, shed tears, and are faced with great temptations, so that we can become humble. We must humble ourselves before the Lord and become even as a little child. I like that word "whosoever." It doesn't mean a certain person or group, but everybody.

5. **It Was Happy** ("In the fear of the Lord," in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and not in the comfort of material things.)

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17). We should not be concerned with material things, but be satisfied with spiritual things. We can only be happy when we give ourselves completely to God and then He will supply the necessities for this life.

6. **It Was Holy** (In the Holy Ghost.)

A model church should be in fellowship with God, always seeking to please Him—not to please or amuse ourselves or the people of the world. So many times we do things for the praise of man or for people to see our works. But we can only please God when we do things for His honor and His glory.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1); "According as he

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SUNDAY, APRIL 4

BETTER THAN LITTLE GIFTS

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 7:7

A beautiful incident of his visit to a state convention in Minnesota is related by Mr. Ralph Wells. After one of the sessions a little girl stepped forward and presented him a small bouquet of ordinary flowers, doubtless the only one she could well procure at that season. He inquired why she gave him the bouquet. "Because I love you," the child answered. "Do you bring any little gift to Jesus?" said Mr. Wells. "Oh," said the little child, "I give myself to Him."—*Biblical Museum.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The greatest gift anyone can make to Jesus is the gift of himself. When we give ourself, we give all.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

NO ONE TO TELL ABOUT IT

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 11:19

How true to life! Children with their parents now living little realize what it will mean to them when they can no longer tell Father and Mother of their triumphs. Somewhere we read of a boy away at school who in midterm was summoned home by the terrible news that both his parents had been killed in an auto accident. After the funeral he returned to school. At commencement, when honors were read, he received one of the most coveted. For a moment his face flushed with pride, then he put his head on his desk and sobbed. He had just remembered that he had no parents to whom to tell the good news. Someone has well said, "Fame is worthless except as an offering of homage to those whom we love."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How precious indeed to have a living father and mother! One is better than neither; and if neither is alive, memories of them must compensate for their absence.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

PROPERTY NOT SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 16:8

A tax collector one day came to a poor minister in order to assess the value of his property and to determine the amount of his taxes.

"I am a rich man," said the minister.

The official quickly sharpened his pencil and asked intently, "Well, what do you own?"

The pastor replied, "I am the possessor of a Saviour who earned for me everlasting life and who has prepared a place for me in the eternal city."

"What else?"

"I have a brave, pious wife, and Solomon says, 'Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.'"

"What else?"

"Healthy and obedient children."

"What else?"

"A merry heart which enables me to pass through life joyfully."

"What else?"

"That is all," replied the minister.

The official closed his book, took his hat and said, "You are indeed a rich man, sir, but your property is not subject to taxation."—*The King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The greatest riches are not houses, lands, and treasures. Reread the above article; then thank God if you have similar blessings.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

"THE PATH OF THE JUST"

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:1

A little boy walked along a country lane one dark night, with his father, and carried the lantern. The black silence all about frightened him. He said, "Father, this light reaches such a little way, I am afraid." His father answered, "True, my boy, but if you walk on, the light will shine to the end of your journey." There are night times in the Christian's experience when God gives His followers only enough light to take the next step. And that is all that is needed. We may be sure of one thing,—the light will never go out. If we walk on, it will shine to the end of the journey.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The leadership of God is the only thing we need to guarantee a successful journey and a pleasant end.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

WHY SHE WAS POPULAR

Scripture Reading—Leviticus 19:16

A decent and honest old woman, who had for more than forty years earned a livelihood by taking in washing, was asked how it was she was so well liked by those who came in contact with her. She replied: "I make it a practice never to say in one house what I hear in another."—"Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale bearer among thy people."—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Repeated gossip only serves to make enemies of friends, break hearts, and torment minds. None of us should want to be responsible for such.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

BELIEVE HIS WORD

Scripture Reading—Luke 14:14

Mary wept because the Lord was longer in the tomb. Ah, she should h wept if He had been there. Had He mained in the grave, we would have b without a Saviour. Does it not show t we often weep senselessly? Jacob s "All these things are against me," when reality they were working together for most wonderful blessing. Mary's unbe was responsible for her tears. Had not Lord told her and the others repeatec that He was to rise from the dead third day? Oh, how much sorrow we br upon ourselves because we do not beli His word.—*A. V. R.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Belief, yea even faith would rem many of the causes for our tears.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

AN EASTER POEM

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:31

Should saints fear death since Christ ar
And took away its sting and woes,
And broke its sway and power?
Can death bear off on pinioned wing,
The spirit of the saints will sing?
Or, can it knowledge take away,
And leave them in oblivion's sway
For e'en one passing hour?
Nay, death can only ope the door
That points the way to heaven's shore,
To glory and to power.

But, o'er our bodies which decay
Does death hold unremittent sway
Forever and forever?
Nay, disembodied though we be,
Our bodies shall from dust be free;
The sun goes down to rise again,
The parched ground revives with rain,
And shall we rise, no, never?
Lo, Jesus rose, we too shall rise
And raptured mount the vaulted skies
Where naught from Him shall sever.
—*R. E. Neighbour, D.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Because Christ arose, so shall we w have received Him and have kept Him our hearts!

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Sing While You Drive

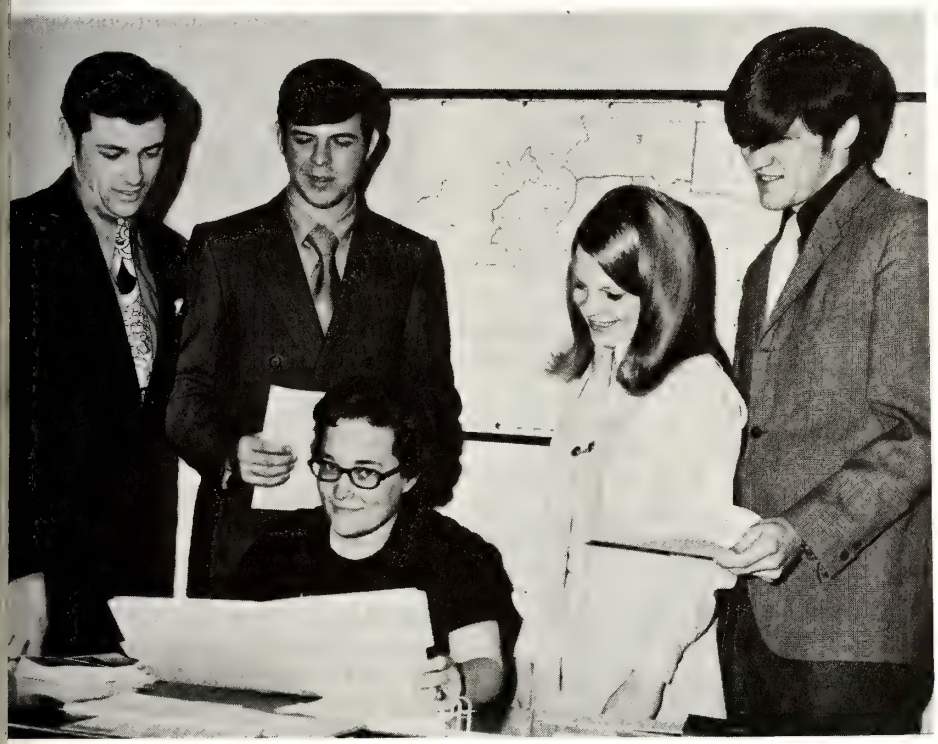
At 45 miles per hour, sing, "Highwa
Are Happy Ways."
At 60 miles per hour, sing, "I'm a Strar
er Here, Heaven Is My Home."
At 70 miles per hour, sing, "Nearer
God to Thee."
At 80 miles per hour, sing, "When t
Roll Is Called up Yonder, I'll Be There
At 85 miles per hour, sing, "Lord, I
Coming Home."

—Copie

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Students Involved in Admissions Program



Seated: Miss Hilda Owens, director of counseling services; standing: Mr. Thomas Smith, ssistant director of admissions; Eddie Morris; Ann Hinnant; and Eddie Dutton.

One of the greatest assets of Mount)live College is the quality of its stu-ents and their willingness to help the ollege continue to grow and provide ven better services. Last summer Aount Olive College began a new pro-ram when it used three students to elp with its admissions program. This ear three work-study students are again vorking with the admissions program. he program is under the direction of Aiss Hilda Owens, director of counsel-ng services, and Thomas Smith, assistant irector of admissions.

Miss Ann Hinnant of Selma, Eddie Morris of Wilson, and Eddie Dutton of Peachland are providing a variety of ser-ices including assisting with campus ours when prospective students visit the ampus, visiting guidance counselors, nd visiting prospective students to dis-uss the College with them. They are lso available to tell the Mount Olive College story from a student's point of view to youth groups and civic groups. Student-to-student visitation allows the College to present details about curricu-lum, student life, religious life, and aca-demic requirements on a more personal level than afforded simply by printed literature.

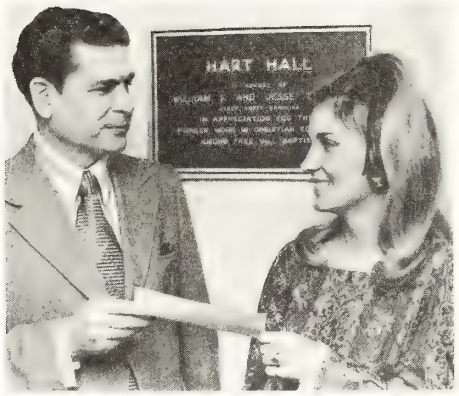
The response to the prgoram from prospective students and high school guidance counselors has been positive. In part it is believed that the increase in enrollment for this year and in appli-cations for next fall is directly related to the effective communication job that has been done by the work-study stu-dents. The soundness of the student-to-student approach and the caliber of students who are working on the pro-ject are considered as basic causes of the successful program.

Miss Hinnant is a graduate of Selma, North Carolina, High School and a mem-ber of the Selma Free Will Baptist Church. She is editor of the 1971 **Olive Leaves**, a member of the Free Will Bap-tist Fellowship and Women's Dormitory Council, vice-president of the College chorus, and she has been selected as an "Outstanding Sophomore." After grad-uation in May, she plans to continue her education at East Carolina University and plans to major in Vocational Rehabilita-tion Counseling.

Mr. Morris is a graduate of Rock Ridge High School and a member of Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina. He is president of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, a Bryan Scholar, and has been selected as an "Outstanding Sophomore." He plans to graduate in May and transfer to Camp-bell College where he will prepare for a profession in the social sciences.

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$10,000 BEQUEST TO COLLEGE



The late Frank Hart (January 8, 1898—November 7, 1970) made a bequest to Mount Olive College in the amount of $10,000. Shown presenting the check to President W. Burkette Raper is Miss Deborah Hart, a granddaughter of Mr. Hart and a student at Mount Olive College.

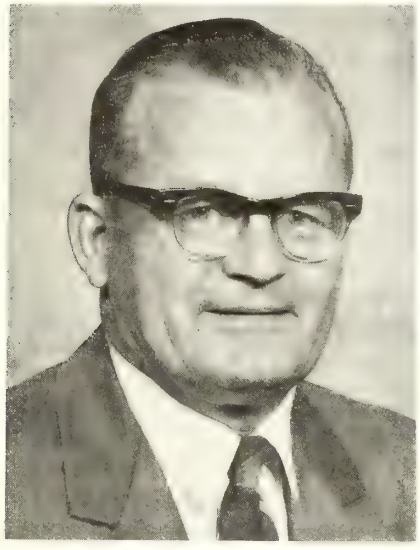
The Hart Dormitory at Mount Olive College is named in memory of the members of the Hart family for their pioneer work in Christian Education among Free Will Baptists, including their generous support of Mount Olive College.

Frank Hart was the grandson of William Franklin Hart, a leader in establishing the Ayden Free Will Baptist Seminary which opened in 1898 and operated as a comprehensive educational institution until it was merged with Eureka College in the late 1920's.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Wooten's Chapel Church Announces Revival

Revival services are scheduled for the Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Raleigh, North Carolina, the week of April 4-10, with the Rev.



C. C. Burris, pastor of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesboro, North Carolina, as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Jesse B. Caton, will assist in the services which will begin nightly at 7:30. Special music will be featured. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services and be in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Leon Grubbs to Conduct Long Ridge Revival

Revival services will be held at Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, nine miles east of Mount Olive, North Carolina, beginning Monday evening, April 5, and continuing through Friday evening, April 9. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Leon Grubbs as the evangelist. Mr. Grubbs is the son of the church's pastor, the Rev. Herman A. Grubbs. The messages for the week will deal with the last week of Christ's life on earth and the agony of the Cross. The church invites all friends to attend all services possible during the week.

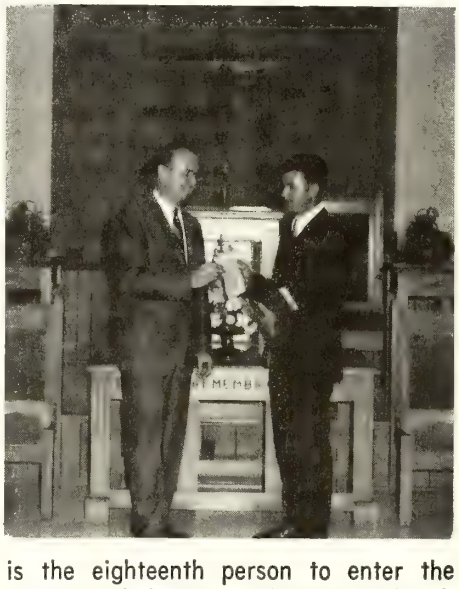
Revival Services At Piney Grove, Kenly

Revival services will be held at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, April 12-16, with the Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:45, with the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Pittman assisting in the services. Special music will be featured each evening. The public is urged to be much in prayer for the success of this revival and is cordially invited to attend.

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Fred Bates Presented Certificate to Preach

In the Sunday evening service, March 21, at the Virginia Beach, Virginia, Free Will Baptist Church, the pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, presented a certificate to preach the gospel to another licensed minister, Fred Bates. Mr. Bates



is the eighteenth person to enter the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church under the ministry of Mr. Rivenbark. Another young man, the Rev. Freddie James Johnson, has gone into the ministry from the Virginia Beach church during the pastorate of Mr. Rivenbark. Mr. Johnson is now pastoring the West Clinton, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church.

Mr. Rivenbark states, "I believe Fr Bates will persevere and make us a go minister."

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Little Rock Revival In Progress

The spring revival at Little Rock Fr Will Baptist Church, Lucama, Nor Carolina, is in progress, with the Re Robert May of Ahoskie, North Caroli



as the visiting evangelist. Services b gan Monday evening, March 29, and w continue through Saturday evening, Ap 3. Services are beginning at 7:30 ea evening with the pastor, the Rev. I Wayne Eakes, assisting the evangeli You are cordially invited to attend t remainder of these services.

Coming Events

April 3—Cape Fear District Youth Ralli Tee's Chapel Church, Smithfield, Nor Carolina, 7 p.m.

April 3—Pee Dee Association Woman Auxiliary Convention, White Oak Fr Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, Nor Carolina

April 7—Western Conference Woman Auxiliary Convention, First Free Wi Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolir

April 14—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliar Convention, Powhatan Free Will Ba tist Church, Clayton, North Carolina

April 17—North Carolina State Sunda School Convention, Mount Olive Co lege, Mount Olive, North Carolina

May 6—North Carolina State Woman Auxiliary Convention, Shady Grov Free Will Baptist Church, Route Dunn (Cape Fear District Host)

st Church, Greenville
nounces Revival



The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of e Virginia Beach, Virginia, Free Will ptist Church, will be the evangelist r revival services at the First Free Will ptist Church, Greenville, North Caro-a, beginning Sunday night, April 4, d continuing through Thursday night, ril 8. Services will begin each even-g at 7:30. There will be special sing-g each night by the church choir and siting singers. The pastor, the Rev. B. Cherry, and the congregation of the urch extend a cordial invitation to the blic to attend these services.

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se Hill Church
nounces Revival

The spring revival of the Rose Hill ee Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Win-rville, North Carolina, will be held the eek of April 5-10. The visiting evange-st will be the Rev. N. B. Barrow Sr. of ow Hill, North Carolina. Services will gin at 7:45 each evening. Everyone is rdially invited to attend these ser-ces. The pastor of the church is the v. N. D. Beaman.

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ck Springs Church
nounces Revival

The Rock Springs Free Will Baptist urch, one mile west of Bailey, North rolina, on Highway 264, will have re-val services beginning Sunday evening, ril 4, and continuing through Satur-y evening, April 10. Services will be-n each evening at 7:30. The guest vangelist will be the Rev. John D. Swain. here will be special music each even-g. The pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald, nd the members of the church extend cordial invitation to the public to at-nd these services.

Mount Tabor Church to Host
Albemarle Youth Conference

The Spring Youth Conference of the Albemarle Conference will convene with Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, Saturday morning, April 3, beginning at 10 o'clock. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and all YFAs, AFCs, and CAs of the district are urged to be represented. A good and entertaining program has been planned. Following the morning session, lunch will be served by the host church.

During the afternoon session special music will be presented. Sharon Whitley, outreach secretary, states: "We are hoping for each and every person to have a good time of fellowship with young people as well as with the older ones."

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Goldsboro Youth Selected
As Morehead Scholar

Edison Thurman Hudson Jr., a senior of Goldsboro, North Carolina, High School has been named winner of a Morehead Scholarship for four years of study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is eighteen years old and plans to major in physics and engineering.



His selection as a winner of the scholarship was announced by Fred Parker Jr., chairman of the Wayne Scholarship Committee.

Hudson has been extremely active in academic, church, and community affairs. He is a member of the National Honor Society, a student marshal, is co-president of the student association at Goldsboro High School this year, and was president of his junior class last year.

He has also been active in sports and dramatics at the school. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro. His pastor is the Rev. Earl Glenn.

This scholarship will pay Hudson's tuition, room and board, books, student fees and laundry, and other incidentials for his four years of study, amounting to a total of $8,800 for the four years.

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Faith Church Revival
April 5-10

Revival services will be held at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina, beginning Monday evening, April 5, and continuing through Saturday evening, April 10. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Eddie Edwards, pastor of Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the pastor, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley, assisting. Special music will be featured each evening. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend.

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Study Course at
First Church, Kinston

A study course on the book, "This Is Your Church," by the Rev. C. F. Bowen, will be conducted on Monday night, April 5, at 8 p.m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Lenoir Avenue and College Street, Kinston, North Carolina. The course will be taught by the Rev. Ralph Sumner, pastor of Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston. Everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend the course.

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Kemery Ard to Hold
Winterville Revival

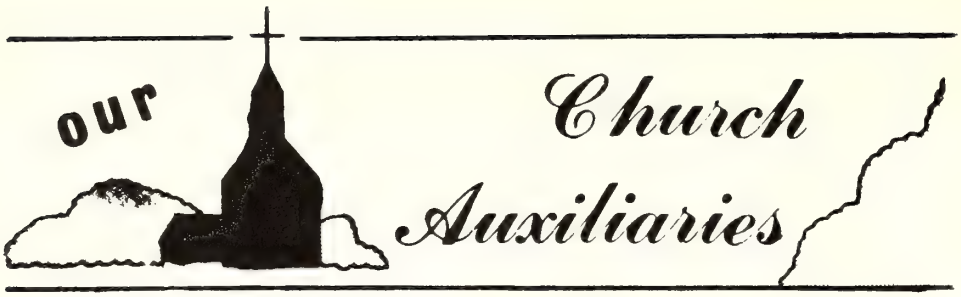
The Rev. Kemery Ard, pastor of the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, will conduct a series of revival services to be held April 5-10 at the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The services will begin each evening at 7:45, with a prayer room being open at 7:30. Assisting in the services will be the pastor of the Winterville church, the Rev. James Lupton. Special music will be featured each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend this series of services.

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Willis Wilson to Conduct
Milbournie Revival

The spring revival at the Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Wilson, North Carolina, will be held the week of April 5-11. The Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist.

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Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Cape Fear Conference will convene Friday, April 14, with the Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina. The theme will be "Take Up Thy Cross." The Scripture text is Matthew 16:24: ". . . If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Glory to His Name"
—Devotions, Mrs. Earl Glenn
10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Melvin Moore
—Response, Mrs. Barbara Parrish
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. Dola Dudley
10:30—Business Session
—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Appointment of Committees
11:00—Children's Home Report
11:15—Hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"
—Offering
—Special Music, Palmer Memorial Church
—Convention Message, the Rev. R. W. Allman
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee"
1:05—Memorial Service, Mrs. Walter Uzzell
1:20—Youth Chairman Report, Mrs. Francis Garner
—Essays and Declamations Winners
—Mission Report
—Mount Olive College Report
—Cragmont Assembly Report
—Superannuation Report
1:45—Business
—Installation of Officers, Mrs. W. B. Raper
—Hymn, "Near the Cross"
2:30—Benediction

Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Conference will be held Thursday, April 15, with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina. The theme will be "Watch and Be Ready" (Matthew 25:1-13). The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Hymn, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?"
—Devotions, Mrs. Wade Hardison Jr.
10:15—Welcome, Local Resident
—Response, Mrs. Ruth Ambrose
10:20—President's Message, Mrs. Alice Webster
—Recognition Time
—Appointment of Committees
10:30—Reading of Minutes, Mrs. Margaret Woolard
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Mission Offering
10:45—Special Music, Local Auxiliary
10:50—News of the Children's Home, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
11:15—Offering for Adopted Child's Clothing
11:20—Hymn, "Is Thy Heart Right with God?"
11:30—Message, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "Ready"
1:05—Devotions, Mrs. Mary Miller
1:15—News of Mount Olive College, Miss Sarah Willoughby
1:25—Mission News, the Rev. Joe Ingram
1:40—Report of Youth Work, Mrs. Matthew Parker
1:50—News of Other Denominational Enterprises
2:00—Business
2:30—Report of Committees
2:45—Closing Hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
—Benediction

Teen-Ager Applauds YFA Program Book

The following is a portion of a let which was received recently in rega to the 1971 YFA Program Book.

"Dear Sir:

"I have just returned home from meeting of the YFA at Lee's Cha church, Dunn, North Carolina. I h not attended too many meetings in most a year because of work, but I t my managers that I wanted Mond off; and I am thankful to God that I We used the 1971 play form books night (March 1), and I enjoyed it m than I ever have before. I feel tha have been drawn much closer to G because of this one meeting, and I h to be drawn even closer to Him as t goes on. . . .

"Most of all, we need to thank G for life itself, and for protecting us t far in our lives, sheltering us from storms, comforting us in sorrow, a making us rejoice when souls are w to Him. I thank God for my eighte years of life and hope that He will bl me with a long, happy, prosperous l and that He will make me a strong Christian witness for Him. . . .

"Sincerely in Christ,
"(Miss) Emily Harper."

(Editor's Note: Thank you, Emily, for yo most sincere letter. We appreciate yo comments. We are thankful that God h given us the ability to communicate w young people and to relate to their nee It is rewarding indeed to know that o efforts with the 1971 YFA Program Bo have reaped benefits; and to know th one soul has been uplifted by the p gram book is worth all the effort p forth in producing it. Your letter spea well of your own character, and it is o prayer that God will continue to bl you as you follow Him daily. It is gra fying to receive such letters from you people like you in an age when the m jority of youth is taking a definite star but often for the wrong thing. You a standing for Christ, and we salute yo —T. M.)

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A breath of prayer in our weakne means the clasp of the mighty hand one who will understand.—Selected.

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Divine love is a sacred flower, whi in its early bud is happiness and in i full bloom is heaven.—Selected.

LET'S GO! LEAGUES!

by the Rev. Raymond Jones
President, State League Convention

All signals are on "go" for the North arolina State Convention of Free Will aptist Leagues! A renewed interest in is phase of our denominational work apparent. It is believed that the raining branch of our church" is defitely on the move and is experiencing revival of effort as well as growth. rough questionnaires which were sent all our churches earlier in this year, is hoped a closer contact and relationip can be maintained with the district nd local leagues. A study of the replies eceived is now under way.

Leaguers attending the March 13 conention had a wonderful time and enyed the program of the day. Highghts of the convention included the alk-talk by Mrs. Vance Link, the Sword rill, and the showing of the film, "Without Onion." Each contained very pertient and meaningful messages for not nly the young people of today, but also ersons of every age. The league of iney Grove Free Will Baptist Church ery graciously hosted the convention nd served a very delicious lunch of barecue. The attendance for this session as the best for recent years. The exectations for the future are very enouraging.

The project of the convention for this ear is to continue to completion the 1,000 for a chapel at Cragmont. This housand dollar project is the second uch project for the chapel. A previous housand dollars has already been given. Ve are sure many of you possess the deire for a chapel at Cragmont and would ke to make your contribution for this orthwhile project. You are also reminded that ten percent of your offerngs for the quarter should be sent to he state treasurer for use in league romotion at the state level. Many of ur leagues have become slack in sending heir offerings. You are encouraged to end these offerings quarterly.

The officers of the convention which vill serve you for the next two years re: President, the Rev. Raymond E. ones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham 7703; vice-president, Mr. James McGhee, 2716 Rochelle Street, Durham 7703; treasurer, Miss Leah McGhohon, . O. Box 2, Winterville 28509; promotional secretary, Mrs. Judy Conner, Route , Deep Run 28535; corresponding secetary, Mrs. Mary Sweat, 1140 Jefferson Street, Roanoke Rapids 27870; recording secretary, Mrs. Betty Ard, Route 1, Ayden 28513. Cragmont representations are: the Rev. Jerry Rowe, Mr. Oscar Webster, and Mr. Clyde Hines. If these officers may aid or assist you at any time and in any place, please contact them.

The league again sponsors the Christian Cadet Conference at Cragmont. The conference will begin June 28 and end July 3, 1971. Everyone is urged to get his registrations in early so as not to miss out as some did last summer. An interesting program for the Christian Cadet Conference is being planned. The director for the conference is the Rev. Raymond E. Jones with the Rev. Jack Mayo as assistant director. A staff of dedicated Christian workers has been secured. Working with Mr. Jones and Mr. Mayo will be Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Mayo, the Rev. and Mrs. De Wayne Eakes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bordeaux, Mrs. Mollie Tart, and Mrs. Bobbie Holland. Your registration fee of $7 should be sent to the Rev. Raymond E. Jones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

So with the doors of opportunity and service opened before us, may we resolve to make this a wonderful year for the Free Will Baptist Leagues. **Let's Go! Leagues!**

No room for Him.
We grieve that it was so;
And then we go,
Busy on our way,
With no more courtesy than they.

Our rooms are full;
There is so much to do,
Each day so new.
I wonder if the Lord of all
Is sad we grant Him space so small,
Less than a cattle stall?

—Selected.

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(One hour Easter drama using ten characters.)

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(An Easter play requiring three characters and a choir.)

NEWS NOTES

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The pastor, the Rev. Harry Grubbs, will assist in the services. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with special prayer periods prior to the services. Prayers are requested for the success of these services, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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Spring Revival Announced For Tee's Chapel Church

The spring revival at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located on Brogden Road, five miles east of Smithfield, North Carolina, will be held the week of April 4-10. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Taylor Hill as the guest evangelist. The theme for the services will be based on the last week of Christ's life here on earth. Each service will feature good preaching and special music—songs that tell the story of His life.

The church membership extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend. Especially are singers invited to attend and participate in the song service.

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David W. Hansley To Conduct Angola Revival

Revival services are scheduled for the Angola Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Maple Hill, North Carolina, the week of April 12-16. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. David W. Hansley, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Everett. Services will begin each evening at 7:45. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

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Gray Branch Revival Now in Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Roy Cauley as the evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Norman Ard, is assisting in the services which feature special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Youth Fellowship to Sponsor Drug Abuse Meeting

The Youth Fellowship of the Third Union District of the Eastern Conference will sponsor a drug abuse meeting Saturday, April 3. At this meeting there will be qualified speakers who can give facts and information about drug abuse in this area.

The meeting will be held at the Free Will Baptist Assembly Building located near the Ramblewood Country Club on the Beulaville-Pink Hill, North Carolina, highway, and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Calvin R. Mercer Jr., Youth Fellowship president, states: "Drug abuse is a major problem today, and all ages could benefit from this badly needed meeting. If you are really concerned about this serious problem, then do something about it. Your presence at this meeting is a good way to start."

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NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity, through THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, to thank the many auxiliaries and individuals who remembered me with cards and gifts on my birthday. I would like to be able to thank each one individually, but it is impossible; so by this means I am saying "Thanks" to all.

Mrs. Vedia S. Reynolds
Columbia, North Carolina

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No position is so desperate that prayer cannot conquer.—Selected.

Churches and Minister Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, wh needed, for any church that is seeking pastor and for any minister who is seeki a church to serve and would like to gi such notice. Please send the necessary i formation to the editor of "The Free W Baptist." Each notice will run for two i sues only.)

The Owen's Chapel Free Will Bapti Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolin is seeking a full-time pastor. Anyone i terested in this pastorate should conta either Mr. Kinchen Walston, Route Box 98, Elm City; telephone 237-090 or Mr. William P. Bailey, Route 1, Sta tonsburg, North Carolina; telephone 24 6916.

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The First Free Will Baptist Church Williamston, North Carolina, is seeking pastor. Any ordained minister interes ed in making a change and seeking ful time work, and who would live in th church parsonage, should contact Mr. W J. Boyette, by calling 792-4963 after fiv o'clock.

ATTENTION BIBLE QUIZZERS

The time is just about here to choose three teams to represent the state of Nort Carolina at the General Conference of Free Will Baptists to be held in Spartanburg South Carolina, in July. Are **you** ready for the run-offs? The run-offs will be as fo lows:

PLACE: Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina
Pastor, the Rev. J. B. Starnes

TIME: 10 A.M. (Dinner Will Be Served)

DATE: May 15, 1971

The form below should be filled out and mailed to: Mrs. Jean Brown, Route 1 Box 103, Bahama, North Carolina 27503. **DEADLINE: ENTRIES OF CONTESTANTS MUS BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 1971.** Remember only one team per church

1. _____
Name and Address

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Name and Address

These three contestants will represent _____
Name of Church

at the run-offs on May 15. _____
Name of Pastor

_____
Name of Youth Director

Come and expect to have a wonderful time in the Lord. We look forward to see ing you on May 15.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: If it is true that more people e lost than saved, what do you sup- se is the reason since Christ died for e sins of men so long ago?

Answer: Christ himself tells us the ason: "He that believeth on him is not ndemned: but he that believeth not is ndemned already, because he hath not lieved in the name of the only begot- n Son of God. And this is the con- mnation, that light is come into the rld, and men loved darkness rather an light, because their deeds were il. For every one that doeth evil hat- h the light, neither cometh to the light, st his deeds should be reproved. . . . that believeth on the Son hath ever- sting life: and he that believeth not e Son shall not see life; but the wrath God abideth on him" (John 3:18-20,).

Jesus further said: ". . . him that meth to me I will in no wise cast t" (John 6:37). "Come unto me, all that labour and are heavy laden, and will give you rest. Take my yoke upon u, and learn of me; for I am meek and wly in heart: and ye shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is easy, d my burden is light" (Matthew 11: -30).

On the part of many Americans and hers that have access to the gospel, ose who hear and read and also those o know of it and may have heard or ad the message of salvation from the ble and have not been saved, but will- lly neglected it, they will be held re- onsible for not responding to or ac- pting that which they have had offer- . These will spend eternity apart m God and the glories of His eternal esence, also from the presence of those o are saved. Note here the situation which the saints of God came as they ter the eternal city, the new Jerusa- m: "And they shall bring the glory and nour of the nations into it. And ere shall in no wise enter into it any ing that defileth, neither whatsoever rketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:26, 27); "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" (Revelation 22:15).

Now when it comes to the fact of our responsibility, we are commissioned and made responsible to take the gospel to all that we are able, using all the talents, opportunities, and other facilities we have access to. This includes our ability to persuade the authorities that be, to correctly use all the money and other means available to win souls to Christ rather than spending it to create mammoth institutions, organizations, buildings, and whatever else may enhance the structural appearance of our professional religious monstrosity that the so-called church of today maintains and fosters. If Jesus denounced the strictest religious sect in His day, as Matthew 23 indicates He did, we might profit by reading and comparing that religious society with that we claim to be a part of today. He accused them of: ". . . ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: . . ." (Matthew 23:13); "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, . . . That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar" (Matthew 23:29, 35); "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (Matthew 24:1, 2); "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21); "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33); "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20); "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

I do not deny the fact that buildings are sometimes needed to foster the kind of benevolent activities the Bible teaches us to carry on, that they are not convenient in worship assemblies, nor that they may not be useful in training soul winners, evangelists, and pastors; but the organized church groups such as denominations are letting these things get out of hand. Jesus, as did all the New Testament writers, put soul winning first and made us, the members of the church, responsible to evangelize the whole world; take the gospel in a form they would understand to all the creatures of the world in our generation. Instead of that, we are playing games, trying to see who can surpass whom in the best, most modern set of building while a lost generation slips slowly into a sinner's grave and finally going into a doomed Christless eternity; saying nothing of a heathen world for whom we are responsible, while we stand idly by seeing the Lord's tithe go into millions of dollars worth of bricks and mortar and other senseless materials that play little, if any part at all, in the winning of souls to Christ. Just as Princeton, Harvard, and Yale turned from God and the Christian training of workers nearly a century ago, so are many of the church-related schools doing today. Those that are not training soul winners are preparing students to win people for the devil. There are no "half and halfs" in this category of activities. "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matthew 12:30).

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STORIES

for our youth



ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER

ELZENA A. SCOTT

JIMMY DAVIS felt miserable all over. His head ached, his whole body was covered with an itchy rash, and he even hurt inside. The misery on the outside was just plain old measles, but the inside ache was disappointment, for now he and his parents couldn't leave for South America in the morning. "What will we do, Mom?" he asked. "Dad already paid for the tickets."

His mother smoothed the covers on the bed and placed a cool hand on his forehead. "Your father is on the phone now, canceling the flight," she replied. "It doesn't matter. We'll go when you get well."

"Poor Aunt Mary and Uncle Ned. They thought we were leaving tomorrow. Now they're stuck with a sick nephew," remarked Jimmy.

"They don't appear to be upset," his mother replied. "Anyway, there's nothing we can do about it. And don't forget, son, that 'all things work together for good' " (Romans 8:28).

Jimmy didn't answer, because he wasn't sure that he agreed with his mother, but after she left the room, the thought kept troubling him. How could getting the measles be called "good," he wondered, especially when it caused his missionary parents to delay their trip to South America?

But that was only one of the problems. They had come to Miami four days before, planning to remain only long enough to buy a few last-minute items before taking the plane. Uncle Ned, his mother's oldest brother, who was retired, had invited the family to stay with them. Their house was small and, more than that, they weren't Christians and they actually thought that missionaries weren't very bright. This was the first time that they had tried to be friendly, and Jimmy's parents had prayed that God would use the visit to bring them to Christ. Then I had to blow it all, thought Jimmy. I had to get the measles and make a lot of extra work, and Mom calls it "good."

Mr. Davis thrust his head in the door, and Jimmy was relieved to notice that he didn't appear to be too perturbed. "Did you cancel the flight, Dad?" he asked.

"Yes; no airline wants to carry a passenger with the measles," replied his father, smiling. "Don't look so worried, son. We're in God's hands."

"That's what Mom said, too, but how can this work out for good?" asked Jimmy.

"Would you call a broken leg a blessing?" asked his father. "I read of a minister who, many years ago, was on his way to London to be tried for preaching the gospel. He fell, broke his leg, and was unable to go on. Before he was well enough to travel again, the wicked queen died, the charges against him were dropped, and he returned to his parish, free to preach again. God worked things out for the minister's good, and He can do the same with the measles! We won't be delayed long, Jimmy, and the mission field can get along without us for a few more weeks."

Jimmy's measles was a mild type that didn't last long. After two uncomfortable days in bed, he began to feel better, and it wasn't long until he felt like his old self again.

As soon as the spots had disappeared, Jimmy's father again made plane reservations. This time Uncle Ned and Aunt Mary seemed genuinely sorry to s them go. "We've gotten sort of used having you around," Uncle Ned told h nephew the night before they were leave. "Maybe we'll fly down and p you a visit next year."

"I'll admit that I have a new respe for religion," added Aunt Mary. "Wh Jimmy got sick, all three of you to your disappointment so calmly. Y didn't get upset, although I knew y were eager to get back to your work."

"We don't call that religion, for the are many religions, Mary," Mr. Da told her. "It's Christ living in us th makes the difference."

"Well, whatever it is, I'd like to ha it, too," declared Aunt Mary.

"Do you, Aunt Mary? That's great exclaimed Jimmy. "Say, I'm glad n that I got the measles. God knew wh He was doing, didn't He?"—My Pleasu

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Last Night I Dreamed

by Elsie Meads
St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Last night I dreamed that Jesus came
And took the Christians home;
And I was left upon this earth,
Confused and so alone.

I looked around for a friendly face,
And not one could I find;
For only hate and bitterness
Were all He'd left behind.

I heard a mother screaming
For a child she could not find;
And all the places that I went
The people were unkind.

I went into the nearest church;
I thought I'd stop and pray,
But Reverend John came not to help;
They said he'd gone away.

I heard no music, saw no smiles,
No children were at play;
Dark clouds of doom had settled o'er
To last 'til judgment day.

When I awoke and looked around
And found it but a dream,
I prayed and talked to God above
'Til I heard the angels sing!

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If God wills the evangelization of t world, and we refuse to support m sions, then we are opposed to the w of God.—Selected.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

TEM'S FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME

ecial Children's Home Project

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home s been informed that the Piney Grove ee Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North rolina, is undertaking a special project help the Home. The senior and young ult Sunday school classes are sponsor- g two ball games to be played on Mon- y night, April 5, 1971, at the North hnston High School gym (located on ghway 301 between Micro and Kenly). e first game will be played at 7 p. m. tween the senior class boys and the X Men of Music of WKIX radio station, leigh. The second, featuring the ung adult men versus the young adult omen and the senior girls, will start 8 p. m.

Admission to see these games is set 75¢ for children and $1 for adults. l proceeds will go to the Free Will ptist Children's Home to help purchase uch needed recreation equipment. eryone is invited and urged to attend ese games. Anyone who wishes to ake an additional contribution to the roject may send funds earmarked to the ome.

The Home expresses its gratitude to s Piney Grove friends and supporters r launching this project, and also en- urages other churches or organizations undertake similar support projects.

oard of Trustees Will Meet

The Board of Trustees of the Free Will aptist Children's Home will meet at the ome on Thursday, April 8, 1971, at 7 . m. One of the several items of busi- ess will be to formulate plans for the ounders' Day celebration on May 22, 971. The Children's Home will be 51 ears old on May 23.

outheastern Child Care Association

The superintendent of the Home, the ev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., will attend the eeting of the Southeastern Child Care Association in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on March 30, 31, and April 1. The Children's Home is a member of this organization.

Superintendent's Plans

Unless providentially hindered, the superintendent plans to attend each of the upcoming denominational conferences and convention meetings throughout the state. Those who have questions about the Children's Home are encouraged to see him at one of these meetings or to contact or visit him at the Home. It should be noted that he can meet with church or organizational groups on weekdays or nights **now** and on Sundays **after June 1.** You are urged to extend him an invitation to visit with you!

Mount Olive News

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Mr. Dutton is a graduate of Forest Hills High School and a member of Peachland, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. A freshman, he is treasurer of the Student Government Association, vice-president of the Science Club, vice-president of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, a Bryan Scholar, and a member of the **Olive Leaves** staff. After graduation from Mount Olive College in 1972, he plans to continue his education in preparation for a career in business administration.

Dutton, Morris, and Miss Hinnant all believe in the College and all wanted very much to be involved in the recruitment work. They have a keen insight into the aspirations and needs of youth and are able to communicate with them. Youth rallies, youth conventions, YFAs, or other church groups that would like to have Dutton, Morris, Hinnant, Mr. Smith, or Miss Owens to present a program or participate in a discussion are asked to contact Miss Owens at the College.

CRAGMONT ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE 1971

June 7-12: **Youth Frontier Conference** (YFA Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

June 14-19: **General Youth Conference**—Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Manning, Directors; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834

June 21-25: **Ministers' Conference**—The Rev. David C. Hansley, Director, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina 28560

June 28—July 3: **Christian Cadets' Conference**—The Rev. Raymond Jones, Director, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703

July 5-10: **Youth Frontier Conference** (YFA Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

July 12-17: **Youth Frontier Conference** (AFC Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551.

August 2-7: **Young People's Bible Conference**—The Rev. L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834

August 16-21: **Woman's Auxiliary Conference**—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Director; Mrs. Carl Dudley, Registrar, 202 Aiken Street, Fuquay Varina, North Carolina 27526

August 23-28: **Family Week**—The Rev. H. A. Grubbs, Director-Registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

Open Periods

May 15—June 7
July 18—August 1
August 7-15
August 29—October 14

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 11



IS DEATH THE END?

Lesson Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 35-45

Memory Verse: John 11:25, 26

I. INTRODUCTION

Man's hope to be more than dead antedates history. Job gave expression to it many years ago when he asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" We may be sure that Job, though living many years before the coming of Christ to earth, had the faith to convince him that his Redeemer did live, and that though death came upon him and corruption destroyed his mortal body, yet in his flesh should he see God. The doctrine of the resurrection of the dead, though not clearly set forth in the teachings of the Old Testament, was nevertheless accepted by many of that dispensation as being clearly implied. During the time of Christ the Pharisees, though often at variance with the teachings of Christ on many subjects, were in agreement with Him on this while the Sadducees strongly rejected it.

The teachings of Christ not only gave credence to man's belief in a resurrection from the dead, but it also furnished by example (the resurrection of Christ) a perfect demonstration of how and by what power it would be accomplished. The doctrine of the resurrection was very strongly proclaimed by the Early Church; for they knew that if men could be convinced that Christ had literally broken the bonds of death by emerging from the grave, it would then be a very simple matter to get them to accept Him as Messiah and Saviour. The resurrection of Christ is of the greatest importance to the Christian church; for it furnishes it with undeniable evidence that the sacrifice which He made for man's redemption was acceptable to the Father.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The doctrine of the resurrection of Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 15:20).

B. Jesus provided justification by His death; He imparted life by His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:21, 22; cf. Romans 5:10).

C. There are always doubters who ask questions about our Lord's resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:35).

D. Although an analogy from nature does not prove the resurrection, it reveals the possibility (vv. 36, 37).

E. The resurrection body will have a glory all its own (vv. 38-40).

F. There will be a relationship between the body that is raised and the body that died (vv. 41, 42).

G. As the body of flesh and blood is suited for a temporal earthly existence, so the spiritual body will be suited for eternal glory (vv. 43, 44).

H. The soul of man does not cease to exist, but it must be regenerated in order to enter God's presence (v. 45).

—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Because we cannot understand the resurrection of Jesus Christ is no reason why we should doubt it. We do not understand the power of gravitation, the process by which the food becomes energy, nor how thought is translated into action. We do not understand our own motives; how can we understand the purposes of God? Only if we accept the resurrection as a fact do we understand its significance. The dictum of science (first see and then believe) does not work in the realm of the spirit. In the realm of the spirit we first be—and then we understand. If necessary, we believe by an act of the will. If we so exercise the will, God rewards us with immeasurable spiritual blessings."—Selected.

B. Let us use a flower to represent the various stages of a person's life. This will help us grasp the great truth of the resurrection.

The first stage of a person's life is like this tender bud. The child grow and develops until he shows signs of a proaching maturity.

The second stage of the flower similar to that of an adult. The flow is now at the height of its developmen The mature person, strong and vigorou radiates the bloom of health and vitalit

Now the flower has begun to fade. is no longer so vital and lovely as befor Persons experience infirmity, age, an sickness, which take away the vigor an strength of full maturity.

Now the bloom is gone, as a person when death comes to him. But in th faded form is the seed of a new plan

This illustration cannot fully reve the great promise God has given of ou resurrection through the power of Chris but it helps us to see that a new an beautiful form is to be found after th death of this earthly body.—Standar Commentary.

C. A workman accidentally knocked silver cup into a solution of acid. was immediately dissolved, eaten up b the acid. The workman was terribly di turbed by the accident. A chemist cam in and put a certain chemical into th jar, and in a moment every particle c silver settled to the bottom of the cor tainer. The shapeless mass was lifte out and sent to the silversmith, and th cup was restored to its original shape If a human genius can do a thing lik this, why should we doubt that God ca raise the dead?—The Advanced Quarterl (F.W.B.).

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HE MODEL CHURCH

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h chosen us in him before the founda- of the world, that we should be holy without blame before him in love" hesians 1:4). We see from the above iptures that we must be holy.

. It Was Multiplied (The church grows increases because the Holy Spirit or Holy One is in the midst.)

lis name must be honored, His Word eved, and His will done. Surely if other six characteristics are carried , this seventh one will take care of lf.

f we have a church that is peaceful built in faith through the Word of , we have a church that is active, nble, happy, and holy. Then surely church's membership will increase multiply. If these things are car- out, then we will have a "model rch"—one that people will notice and want to join in with a group in a rch like this.

f we honor His name, believe His rd, and always do His will, then we have a better church.

n closing, I would like to share this m with you.

GOD'S CHURCH

hat the world again might see
hurch united, true to thee!
hurch for all, rich or oppressed,
ose every work by thee is blessed.
hurch beloved in every way
ere Christians work and praise and pray.
hurch whose program is not bare—
e Holy Spirit's working there.
on whose altars gifts are poured
t thy great Gift should be ignored.
hurch that in all things would be
e to His call, "Come, follow me."

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Questions & Answers

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t looked like a slow process some rs ago, and many Christians through n like Torrey, Gray, Fitzwater, Page, others were making too much of it; we can look back more than a half ntury and compare the so-called Chris- n institutions before 1920 with those today have just cause to see why se saints of God spent sleepless hts and devoted their energies to re- ing the modernistic view that so well ntrols the big denominations and their titutions. They warned us of a com- false church that would come from s move, preparing the way for the tichrist and the great tribulation. What a false church we may expect to merge in the union of all the great denominations with all the hellish heathen religions, the cults, and all else that comes from such a union!

Then in short, it is because that when Jesus sows the good seed, the Word of God, the enemy in the form of false religion sows tares in the world which is the field. This could not be done so successfully if we that claim to be Christians were as energetic to propagate the truth as these our enemies are to propagate falsehood.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Huldah Mills

(In Loving Memory)

On Monday morning, March 15, 1971, God called a dear relative and loving member of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, away. She was Mrs. Huldah Mills and was 78 years old at the time of her death. Mrs. Mills made her home in the Black Jack Community and was a lifetime resident of Pitt County, North Carolina. She had been in declining health for some time.

As long as Mrs. Mills was able, she was a regular attender of the Black Jack church. We know that she will be missed, and her place in the pew can never be filled. However, we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

As we walk through this life, we know that one day we will take one step too far. Then we will be closer to our heavenly home than to our earthly home. And there we will meet our loved ones who have gone on before us.

Mrs. Mills is survived by her husband, Glenn Mills; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Bright of Ayden, North Carolina, and Mrs. Annie Biggs of Tarboro, North Carolina; a number of nieces and nephews; and a host of loving friends.

Written by a niece,
Huldah Mills

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Mrs. Callie Bynum

Mrs. Callie Bynum passed away while visiting the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden on March 2, 1971. Born and reared in Greene County, North Carolina, she made her home at the time of her death with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Wade of Snow Hill, North Carolina.

To know her was to love her, and to remember her is to recall a life of love. She loved the outdoors—the fields of her farm, her garden, her yard, the woodlands. She saw beauty and joy in all of nature.

She loved people. With genuine interest and concern she always forgot self to make others happy. Many people who were no kin called her "Mamma Bynum" or "Granny." Especially was she devoted to her children: Ashby, Gordon, and Laura; and also to her grandchildren.

She loved God. This was exemplified not only by her devotion to her church, Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hlil; and her "adopted" church, Jerusalem Methodist Church, also of Snow Hill; but also because she truly lived a life of godly character and ideal—a life of love.

To remember her is to recall the words of our Maker, ". . . That ye love one another, . . ." (John 15:12). To remember her is to recall the promise, and to prepare for the promise of Jesus, when He said, ". . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; . . ." (John 14:3); and she will be there too.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Proctor Beaman

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I Thank Thee, Father

I thank Thee, Father, for the way
Thy hand has guided me today.
I woke at morning's dawn, afraid
To face my problems. But I prayed,
And one by one each need was met;
For Thou hast never failed me yet.
Dear God, henceforth my prayer shall be
For strong, abiding faith in Thee.

—Florence Taylor.

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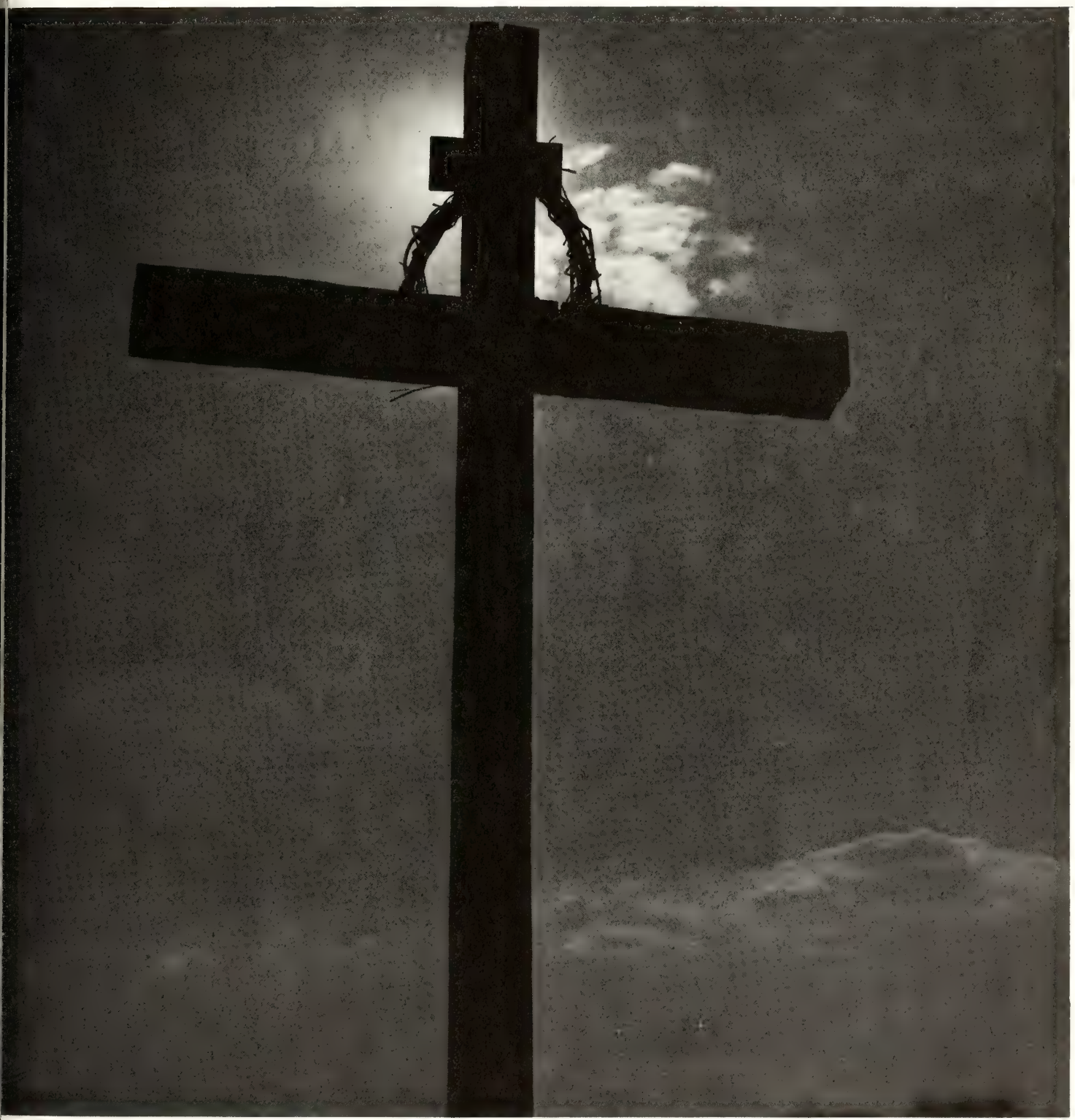
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HAVE WE HIDDEN THE LORD?

Editorial...

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HAVE WE HIDDEN THE LORD?

Where is the Lord? Has He been seen lately? Have men looked for Him everyday only to sigh defeatedly at their lack of success? Where have they looked? Have they searched the little hills of Galilee? Have they visited His grave and expected to find Him there? Have they climbed Mount Calvary and hoped to find some sign of Him? Have they looked for His footsteps upon the seashore where He had walked so often? If so, they have wasted their time.

They didn't really expect to be able to find the Lord, did they? Did they not know that He was gone? Did they not know that He was crucified and laid in a guarded tomb? Did they not know that the tomb was sealed to prevent the stealing of His body? Did they really expect to find Him?

Christ was crucified, certainly. He suffered the cruelest and most humiliating death possible in His day. He died, but God raised Him from the dead. His critics said that it would never happen—that He would never be able to raise His dead body; and even His most devoted followers had some doubt. And, the story is old—almost to the point of becoming boring when reheard; and this is our fault. We have told the resurrection story numerous times, but somehow we have not made it to be the glorious event it really was.

But Christ **really** arose, we say. Sin had put Him where He was—not His sin, but the sin of mankind. Sin caused His suffering, His death; but He overcame the powers of sin, death, and the grave. We say these things to the people repeatedly, concentrating more especially upon them during the Easter season, but we have not convinced the people of the truth of the resurrection—probably because we have not really convinced ourselves. We profess to be believers, but we have believed with our minds instead of our hearts. Minds don't reach hearts; hearts do.

Those who killed the Lord thought that they had destroyed His kingdom and dispersed His followers, but He had bound His community of believers together by a spiritual force. They had formed a holy union. They had shared experiences with Him, and they had been commissioned by Him to make the kingdom of God known throughout the world. They tried to keep this commission. Have we? If not, no wonder men have difficulty finding Him.

If Christ is truly alive today—and He is—men should not need to look for Him anymore in the hills of Galilee. They need not visit His tomb and pray at its entrance. Mount Calvary, though a revered spot, cannot boast anymore of the Lord of heaven. And the valley trails, though enjoyed by Him while He was on His earthly journey, can give no visible sign of Him. His footprints have long since been washed from the seashore.

Is it really necessary to look for the Lord in these places? No, it is not; but men have, and they still do. They look for a tangible representation of the Lord. They fight for relics of the Cross; they kiss the stones that bruised His feet; they hover at the entrance of the tomb, crying and praying; they walk where Jesus walked and think that they have grown closer to Him by doing so.

Oh, but our Lord is not restricted to any one area. Neither time nor place can claim full possession of Him. He is found everywhere—physically, never; but spiritually, always! He can be found in the life of a Christian friend. He can be found in the meadows, in the rivers, in the woods. He can be found in the churches, but sometimes not so much at Easter when He is hidden by the finery that supersedes the real reason for the day.

The Lord is real today, yes. He should be seen, and He can be seen; but He can be seen best as He is revealed in the lives of those who profess knowledge of Him. Have men looked in our direction and found no evidence of Him? We must hold Him high; we must open His presence to the world, lest the sons of men have the right to say of us, "They have hidden our Lord."

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Resurrection: Myth or Reality

by
HARRY GRUBBS

(Note: Although realizing it is a literary sin to write in the first person, I do so because these are personal beliefs derived from a personal encounter with the risen Christ who is Lord.)

N college and seminary I have come in contact with some of the writings the noted German professor of theogy, Dr. Rudolf Bultmann, with his deand for demythologizing the New Testment. I quote him:

"Christ meets us in preaching as one ucified and risen. He meets us in the ord of preaching, and nowhere else. e faith of Easter is just this—faith in e word of preaching. . . . The real ster faith is faith in the word of eaching which brings illumination. The surrection itself is not the event of st history. All that historical criticism n establish is the fact that the first sciples came to believe in the resurction. . . . But the historical problem scarcely relevant to the Christian bef in the resurrection."[1]

Professor Bultmann does not believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ as an tual historical event. To him, it is a yth which was dreamed up by the early ristians with the aid of Hellenistic nosticism and the Jewish apocalyptic.

Before you write Professor Bultmann f as an atheist or agnostic, let me exain that he is not an agnostic—and he definitely not an atheist. He beeves in God, and he believes in Jesus the Christ. To him Jesus actually ved, and Jesus' teachings are as real nd valid today as they were when He ught. Furthermore, the real Christian rives to be Christlike—loving as Jesus ved, both God and neighbor. (If everyne who called himself "Christian" ould love as Jesus did, would not this e a wonderful, peaceful world? Yet, nce explaining that Bultmann does not elieve in the historical resurrection, any "Christians" have begun to look him through eyes of hate.) But to m, our faith in the resurrection is a faith in early Christian preaching. A man such as Jesus just had to live on, so the early preachers dreamed up the resurrection story. Therefore, Christ meets us only in the word of preaching.

Now, even though I respect Dr. Bultmann as a much learned scholar and love him as a fellow human being under the Fatherhood of God, I disagree with much of his theology.

If the resurrection is myth—if Jesus were not really raised from the dead—then our belief in the preaching of the resurrection is false. Is this not how pagans believe? "The attempt to rest on ultimate beliefs which are untouched by the events of history is characteristic of ancient paganism."[2] Is not the resurrection of Jesus Christ the focal point of the Christian faith? Surely the suffering and death of Jesus are important to the Christian faith, but the resurrection is more important. If Jesus Christ were not raised from the grave in history, then Satan really won the battle; the high priest was triumphant over this rabble rouser who was merely a carpenter from Galilee whose name was Jesus. I cannot center my whole Christian perspective on a myth. The resurrection is **The Event** which sets Jesus apart in history. It is the final proclamation that this man Jesus is truly the Son of God. This, my friends, cannot, in my thinking, be a myth.

Although the Gospels differ on minor details, which are insignificant to my mind to the whole truth conveyed in the gospel, all four Gospels recorded in the New Testament do record the resurrection (in their own faith perspective) and go to great extremes to prove that Jesus was raised. Paul points out proofs of the resurrection of our Lord. Mark, whom most scholars believe wrote his Gospel first, probably received his information from Simon Peter who was an eye witness to Jesus after the resurrection. Luke most likely followed Mark's outline, but he also had access to materials or oral traditions which Mark did not use. John saw Jesus after the resurrection. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15, declares the resurrection of Jesus Christ and tells of hundreds who saw Jesus after He was raised. "And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time" (1 Corinthians 15:8).

Does Professor Bultmann know something that these eye witnesses did not know? Can he really look back in history and study the Scriptures and still maintain that Jesus was not really raised from the dead? I submit that he cannot honestly assert that historically Jesus did come alive out of the grave even with the aid of the greatest historical-critical method. Logically speaking, it seems impossible for anyone to live again once he dies. But God does not always use human logic; He sometimes uses divine miracles to do His work. Isn't our omnipotent God powerful enough to raise His own Son from death? Isn't the Giver of life, who created us and who gives eternal life to those who believe in Him, great enough to restore life to His Son? I submit that He is and He did!

To say, as Bultmann does, that Christ meets us nowhere but in preaching is a lie of unmentionable degree. This is not something which I read in a book or heard from the pulpit; it is something I have experienced—namely, a personal experience with the Lord who not only was historically raised from the dead, but who still lives today.

Ever since Jesus' resurrection, there have been skeptics. Thomas was one. He told the other disciples that unless he saw the nail prints in the hands of Jesus and even put his finger in the print, and unless he put his hand in Jesus' side, he would not believe. But

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11

CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:31

Tomb, thou shalt hold Him no longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

While the patient earth lies waking,
Till the morning shall be breaking,
Shivering 'neath the burden dread
Of her Master cold and dead,
Hark! she hears the angels say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And the countless voices say
Christ has risen on Easter Day.

—Phillips Brooks, Reprinted from Moody Monthly.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Nothing could keep Christ in the grave. Nothing could hinder His redemptive work. He lives!

MONDAY, APRIL 12

THORNY CHRISTIANS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 41:9

You have all heard of Luther Burbank, who worked such wonderful changes in fruits and flowers, getting rid of their objectionable features and developing whatever is useful and beautiful; and if fruits and flowers can be so modified that they hardly seem the same thing, how foolish it is for anyone to say that he has to be blunt and tackless because he was "made that way!" If a cactus can get rid of its thorns, surely you can dispense with the traits that are likely to wound your friend! —*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Perhaps we cannot do a great deal to change the way we look, but with God's help we can make a favorable change in the way we act.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

HIS WILLING OFFER

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:1

M. Lockert (of the McAll Mission) preached on a January evening on "Such as I have I give thee" (see Acts 3:6). The audience of Parisian poor had nothing to give,—rather were they in need of everything. When the meeting was over all but one went home. This was a poor man who came forward to ask what he could give. He had nothing, absolutely nothing, except a card for a night's lodging. But this he surrendered to an older man, even poorer than himself, who was shivering on the steps of a church. Then he led him to his lodging house, where he would be warm for the night while he himself went out into the snow.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

True love forgoes personal comfort for the sake of another. God help us to possess such!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

JOHN'S ATTAR OF ROSES

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 4:37

I read of a minister who was invited to go and see a garden of roses. The garden was an extensive one, covering broad acres. There was nothing but roses: roses of every fragrance, roses of every color. When he was leaving the garden the owner presented him with a little phial, a bottle containing what he called attar of roses. As far as fragrance was concerned, that little bottle contained the garden in miniature, and in its tiny globe he had the sweetness of all those broad acres. Now, the Apostle John, who leaned on the bosom of Christ, who knew Him better than any of the disciples, gives us the attar of roses, so far as this subject is concerned. He takes all the words of the Lord Jesus Christ; he presses them; he distills them, and gives us in one simple sentence the essence, the quintessence, of the all: "God is love."—*Dr. Crawford Johnson.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Christ is the fullest measure of love. He gave His life. What greater love is there?

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

IS IT OUR TROUBLE, TOO?

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:16

In a certain well-known Bible school the instructor was talking to a pupil, a young man in his twenties, who had difficulty in remembering Bible verses and references. He had come to the instructor for advice. "What do you read in the morning?" asked the instructor. The student replied that, after his quiet time, he had been in the habit of reading the newspaper. "How much time do you give to the reading of the newspaper?" continued the instructor. "About an hour, I guess," answered the student, "including the time that I read it on my way to work. Then I read the evening paper for about an hour at night." "And you are asking me why it is that you cannot remember your Bible verses?" asked the instructor significantly. — *Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If each of us were as intent upon knowing as much about the Bible as about current events, what wonderful knowledge could be obtained!

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

THE UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

Scripture Reading—Mark 11:25

Nothing will hinder prevailing prayer more than an unforgiving spirit. A child was walking along a street and a large dog came out barking. She stood terrified. Soon a stranger came to her and said, "Come on, little girl, the dog has stopped barking." "Yes," she said, "but the bark is on the inside." She saw in the eyes of the dog an unfriendly spirit. We Christians are too civilized today to quarrel outwardly, but is there not sometimes a bark inside—an unforgiving spirit?—*Robert I. Wilder.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The unforgiving spirit stands in the way of peace. An outward truce never lasts unless an inward treaty has been "signed."

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

BEFORE THE LITTLE GIRL'S OPERATION

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4:16

Mary, aged nine, was taken sick and grew rapidly worse; with her father and the family physician she was taken to a city hospital. When examined, the surgeon said an operation was necessary to save her life. Her mother was sick at home; her father was not a Christian. The surgeon said to the girl: "My dear, a light operation is necessary, and before I perform that, I must put you to sleep." The nurse removed her clothing, put on her little white nightdress, and the child said, "I am ready, but if I am going to sleep I must first say my prayers." The surgeon said, 'Do just as you please, my dear.' Then she knelt down, clasped her tiny hands, and prayed: "O Jesus, you know where I am, and that Mamma is sick at home. Bless dear Papa, my Sunday school teacher, this surgeon, and all for Jesus' sake." It was too much for the father. He begged to be excused, went to his room, and falling on his knees, surrendered to God, and became an earnest Christian. The great surgeon said, "I had not prayed for thirty years, but that night I went to my knees and begged for mercy." The child rapidly recovered.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A little child shall lead them indeed. How often do the sincere prayers of little children put us who recite our daily pleas to shame!

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STILL CRUCIFIED

SAMUEL H. COX

Every monstrous, brutal act
By mortal man conceived,
Was by Christ, the Son of God,
On that dark day, received.

A cruel crown of thorns was made
And pressed down on His head;
The flesh upon His back was torn
By whip thongs tipped with lead.

Weak and tortured—spit upon,
He answered not, though long
He stood and bore the brunt of shame
From all that cruel throng!

"Crucify Him!" Oft they cried,
With bestial savagery.
(Crucify the Son of God!)—
Their madness, all could see!

Then with heavy, saddened heart,
That monstrous cross He bore.
Repeatedly the whiplash fell,
To draw the blood yet more!

The cross, the spikes, the tearing flesh:
Each savage, filthy trait—
Of man—was spent on Christ that day.
Each evil, men create,

Was there revealed—sadistically—
Upon that bloody hill,
When every lust fulfilled itself
Within the lust to kill!

The men who claimed such love for God,
Revealed their hate for man:
The very Man who died for them,
According to God's plan.

He died, forgiving them, that they,
Who killed Him might believe
That "all have sinned," and Jesus died
For all—who would receive!

He suffered, bled and died for all,
And still we pierce His side.
He rose again and lives for all:
And still He's crucified!



News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Pre-Easter Revival Services in Progress

A three-night pre-Easter revival is in progress at Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, with the Rev. Jack Mayo as the guest evangelist. The services are being held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, April 7-9. The pastor, the Rev. Larry Barbour, is assisting in these services which is featuring special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services.

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Ormondsville Church Announces Spring Revival April 12-17

The Rev. David Charles Hansley, pastor of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North



Carolina, the week of April 12-17. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice, assisting Mr. Hansley. Special music will be rendered each evening by the church choir with Ralph A. Bowen as director and organist. Also there will be visiting musicians throughout the week. Mrs. Clovis S. Bowen will again be in charge of choruses by the youth of the church and visiting young people. Truly this promises to be a great week in the service of the Lord.

Mr. Hansley is one of the outstanding ministers of the denomination, having once been named the Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year. Beside being an outstanding minister, he is a talented musician and youth leader.

The church membership, along with the pastor, extends to everyone a cordial invitation to attend all these services possible.

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Beulaville Church Was Host To Eastern Youth Convention

On Saturday, March 20, the Beulaville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church was host to the Youth Convention of the Eastern Conference. Eighteen churches were represented.

The convention opened with the group repeating the motto and the singing of the theme song, "If You Know the Lord." The welcome address was given by Janet Brown of the host church. Following this everyone joined together in a Sing-Along. Then the group was reverently led in prayer.

During the business session the various reports of the convention were given. New officers were elected as follows: President, Billie Jarman of the Beulaville church; vice-president, John White of Moseley's Creek church; secretary, Joyce Williams of Christian Chapel church; and reporter, Beverly Kennedy of Sandy Plain church.

There were several guests at the convention which gave valuable information about the denomination's various enterprises. A very interesting report was given of Mount Olive College, and the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr. gave information of the Children's Home. There were also representatives from Camp Vandemere and Cragmont Assembly. A detail discussion was held on the two camps and the convention came up with the following quota for each: Vandemere, $77; and the state project for Cragmont, $70. The convention then enjoyed special music, followed with the convention offering.

This year's essay and declamation w
ners were then declared. The essay s
ject is, "The Greatest Need of C
Church." The YFA essay winner w
Tommy Evans of St. Mary's church, w
Beverly Kennedy of Sandy Plain chur
as runner-up. The AFC essay winner w
Denise Miller of St. Mary's church, w
Michael White of Moseley's Creek chur
as runner-up. There was only o
declamation on the subject, "Is Old Ti
Religion for Modern Youth?" Th
declamation by Donna Hart Powell
Moseley's Creek church was very go
and well organized. Donna was thus
clared the winner in this category.

Following the presentation of awar
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and a closing statement and benedictio
lunch was served by the host churc
Each one left the convention with
bright smile on his face and a hap
heart.

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Revival Services At Johnston Union Church

The Rev. J. Walter Stanley will be t
guest evangelist for revival services
the Johnston Union Free Will Bapti
Church, Route 2, Clayton, North Carolin
the week of April 11-16. The pastor, t
Rev. Eddie Edwards, will assist in t
services which will begin each evening
7:30. The public is cordially invited
attend.

Coming Events

April 14—Cape Fear Woman's Auxilia
Convention, Powhatan Free Will Ba
tist Church, Clayton, North Carolina

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School Convention, Mount Olive Co
lege, Mount Olive, North Carolina

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First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilso
North Carolina, 7:30 p. m.

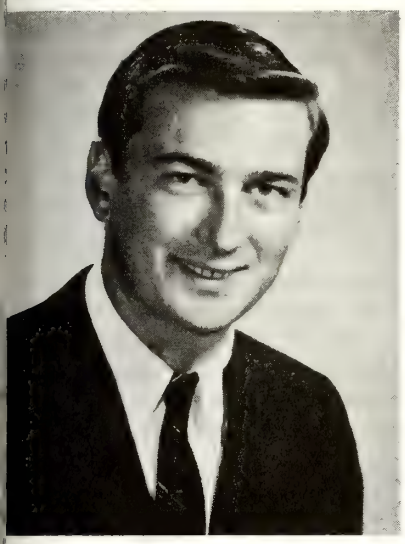
April 22—Showing of DVBS material
St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church
New Bern, North Carolina, 7:30 p. m

May 1—Daily Vacation Bible School Work
shop (places to be designated), Ayde
North Carolina

May 6—North Carolina State Woman'
Auxiliary Convention, Shady Grov
Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5
Dunn (Cape Fear District Host)

rginia Beach Church
nounces Spring Revival

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of e Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist urch, 210 South Witchduck Road, Virnia Beach, Virginia, announces revival rvices to begin Wednesday evening, ril 14, and continue through Sunday ening, April 18. The visiting minister ll be the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace of rham, North Carolina. Along with od gospel preaching, special music will rendered each evening.



Mr. Wallace is pastor of Sherron res church in Durham and is a grad- te of Mount Olive College. He will so graduate from Duke University this ar. The church membership extends warm welcome to its many friends to tend this series of services and to pray r the success of the revival.

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e-Easter Revival
Vanceboro Church

The First Free Will Baptist Church of nceboro, North Carolina, has scheduled pre-Easter revival beginning Wednesy evening, April 7, and continuing rough Saturday evening, April 10. Serces will begin each evening at 7:30 ith a different speaker each evening. ne speakers will be: The Rev. Preston ddock, Vanceboro, Wednesday evenig; the Rev. Walter Sutton, Ernul, Thursay evening; the Rev. Clyde Cox, New ern, Friday evening; and the Rev. Jerry nglish, Antioch community, Saturday vening. There will be special music ch evening.

The Easter morning service, April 11, ill be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. mo Truitt. The public is cordially inted to attend all these services.

Bobby Harrell to Conduct
Woodington Revival

The Woodington Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of April 12-17. The evangelist for these



services will be the Rev. Bobby Harrell of the Liddell Community, Duplin County, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. A. G. Smith, assisting Mr. Harrell. Also special music will be rendered each evening.

The pastor states: "We, the people of Woodington church, extend a cordial invitation to everyone to come and hear this man of God during this meeting, and pray that souls may be replenished. Also pray that those who are lost may be won to Christ and the fields be set on fire for Jesus Christ."

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Christian Chapel YFA
To Present "The Trip Back"

"The Trip Back," a film depicting the exciting story of a real life drug addict as she tells the heartache of addiction to a group of high school students, will be sponsored by the YFA of the Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, and will be shown at the Free Will Baptist Assembly Building, Pink Hill, North Carolina, Friday night, April 23, at 7:30 p. m.

The public is invited to see this hard-hitting, tell-it-like-it-is, color film which deals with the prevalent drug abuse problem. The addict, Florrie Fisher, describes her 23 wasted years (17½ of these behind bars) which resulted from her addiction. She, a college graduate, resorted to shoplifting, prostitution, and other evils to support her $185-a-day habit. The story is not a pretty one, but one that needs to be told and needs to be seen. Juvenile Officer Paul Trimboli of the Kinston Police Department will be present to discuss drugs and their effect. This is expected to be a most informative program. Today's youth will profit from this true-life experience, and the discussion period is expected to be most enlightening.

The film will also be shown at the Saints' Delight Free Will Baptist Church in the Ormondsville community near Ayden, North Carolina, Saturday night, April 24, at 7:30 p. m., and interested persons in this area are urged to attend.

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Cabin Church Revival
In Progress

Revival services are in progress at Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beulaville, North Carolina, with the Rev. Wayne King serving as guest evangelist. Services began Sunday evening, April 4, and will continue through Friday evening, April 9, beginning each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson, is assisting in the services. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend the remainder of these services and prayers are requested that this will truly be a soul-saving revival.

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People's Chapel Church
Announces Revival

Revival Services will be held at People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina, beginning Monday evening, April 12, and continuing through Saturday evening, April 17. The services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry as the evangelist. The Rev. Carey Cheshire is the pastor of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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Vance Link to Conduct
Bridgeton Revival

The Rev. Vance Link of Weldon, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist for revival services at the Bridgeton, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church the week of April 12-17. The pastor, the Rev. Cecil Rose, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. Each service will also feature special music. The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend.

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Bobby Bazen Conducting
West Clinton Revival

Revival services are underway at the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina, this week with

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THREE-PRONGED EFFORT FOR FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY

In what is probably a first in fund raising for an overseas radio project, three veteran broadcasters are joining in an effort to help the Far East Broadcasting Company launch a new gospel station for proclaiming the gospel message to mainland China, Japan, and many other parts of the Far East.

For this significant missionary effort, "The Chapel of the Air," "Back to the Bible Broadcast," and "The Haven of Rest" have joined in encouraging listeners to have a financial part in this exciting new missionary endeavor by radio.

"The Cheju Island venture continues to move ahead with rapid progress. There are still many important needs that call for the prayers and interest of God's people." So stated President Robert Bowman as he returned to the United States after his recent trip to Korea and the many studios and transmitter facilities of the Far East Broadcasting Company in the Orient.

The Cheju property is located five miles from the city of Cheju in South Korea. It is near the waterfront at an ideal location. Situated just 250 miles from Shanghai, the 250,000 watt facility will beam over water directly to the China Mainland. There is also a clear signal path to Japan and North Korea.



Melvin Jones, "Back To The Bible"; Paul Evans, "The Haven of Rest"; Robert Bowman, FEBC; and John D. Jess, "The Chapel of the Air."

"Seeing God work out the many details of this 'Open Door' venture is a thrilling experience," said Bowman. "This seems to be God's time for sending the gospel to China on a major scale. We hope every Christian in America will be involved."

CAPITALIZING ON INCOMPATIBILITIES

by Paul T. Culbertson

Conflict is inevitable in life, but it need not necessarily be undesirable. It may be destructive, motivated by ill will, and have for its purpose the destruction of persons and personal values, or it may be creative, motivated by goodwill, and have for its objective the "blessing rather than the blasting of the beloved enemy." Consider Studdert-Kennedy's provocative definition of love in terms of creative conflict: "Love is the joyous conflict of two or more free, self-conscious persons who have no desire to destroy, dominate, or possess one another, but who, through the clash of mind on mind and will on will work out an ever-increasing but never finally completed unity."

There has been a great deal of cloudy thinking about the relationship of "incompatibility" to success or failure in marriage. When recently married couples emerge from the romantic aura of the honeymoon, they may be shocked to discover certain incompatibilities. Differences in temperament, clashing habit patterns, contrasting interests, tastes, and values may make them wonder whether or not their marriage will succeed. They may too readily reach the conclusion that failure is inevitable, or that they must settle for a level of satisfaction sadly below their hopes and dreams. But should this be so? Is it not possible that the healthiest marriages are those in which there are two growing persons who together learn how to meet problems of conflict and adjustment creatively, patiently, and optimistically?

This does not mean that we should forget that in a successful marriage "like attracts like," rather than "like attracts unlike." In other words, a growing number of commonly shared interests, values and ideals or the capacity and willingness to build such a group of shared values is statistically predictive of m tal success.

But differences in temperament a patterns of behavior and conflicting p ceptions and ideas may be genu stimulants to healthy growth. Confl can be an expression of goodwill a concern for the growth of another p son.

Much has been written about the i portance of open and honest communi tion in a marriage. To be able to sha not only ideas, but also life's sorro and joys, its hopes and its disillusi ments—this makes for understandi growth, and marital health. But co munication or relatedness represents ly one side of the coin in a success personal relationship. The other is t necessity for strong, healthy individu ity, and the right and need for privac

Many times incompatibility may but a healthy expression of the need every person to be himself, to have "bu ness of his own," and to enjoy witho interruption times of unbroken co munion with his own soul and his Go

One facet of a practical Christi philosophy of life is summed up in t expression "problems equal opportu ties." Viewed in this way, problems marriage may become means of gra God may be glorified, the grace a power of His Son released in a through our lives, and our own perso growth enhanced. With His help, t people who start out in marriage w important differences may, through lifetime of creative, loving effort, bu a strength in their marriage which no ing can take away. Some of the be marriages are made of very improbab combinations. Consider, then, the p sibilities of capitalizing on incompa bilities!—Gospel Herald.

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MY RISEN LORD

My risen Lord, I feel Thy strong prot
tion;
I see Thee stand among the grav
today.
"I am the way, the life, the resurr
tion," I hear Thee say,
And all the burdens I have carried sac
Grow light as blossoms on an Ap
day.
My cross becomes a staff, I journ
gladly, this Easter Day.

—Author Unknow

ATTENTION YOUTH WORKERS!

If your youth groups have any ideas or a "Fund-Raising" program, please share them with others. Please write these ideas in full detail and send them to Mrs. J. B. Starnes, P. O. Box 326, Pikeville, North Carolina 27863. Thank you.

Mrs. Norman Ard

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WITH YOU ALWAYS

by Bernard R. DeRemer

"By your side, satisfied, my whole life through; 'cause I was made to be with you."

This rather maudlin popular song of some years ago suggests a great subject, that of human companionship. It also recalls quite vividly a poignant personal experience that occurred about the time the song was widely heard.

During my student days at Moody Bible Institute, I came to know the dean of men, A. F. Broman, well enough to respect and admire him, even though our acquaintanceship was not intimate.

However, a few years later, I returned to the school as an employee. In the providence of God, I was led through some very deep waters, almost from the beginning of my service there.

Only then did I really get to **know** Mr. Broman. During many a midnight hour, figuratively if not literally, his wise counsel, earnest intercession, and sympathetic understanding helped to sustain me. The Lord greatly blessed his ministry, and I learned to know him as I never could have otherwise.

"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel" (Proverbs 27:9).

I still recall him with deep gratitude. Our paths have long since parted; we have been called to different areas, hundreds of miles apart, so no longer can we have personal fellowship, which I greatly miss.

But the glorious truth to which this experience points is that every born-again child of God has ". . . a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

Indeed, the Lord Jesus Christ himself promised ". . . lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. . . ." (Matthew 28:20).

This, of course, is the greatest promise: the greatest Person and the greatest Presence of all! Earthly friends may prove untrue or be separated by distance or other factors, but the Lord Jesus Christ is **always** with us.

He appeared that day on the Emmaus road to two downhearted disciples. Soon their hearts were burning within them as He opened their eyes to His glorious Person and Word.

That same presence can be ours through His Holy Spirit, who indwells us, sealing, sanctifying, and strengthening us for all of life's experiences.

". . . he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

Bookstore Hours

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* **The Free Will Baptist Press Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:**

* **Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

* **Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.**

SHOWING OF

1971 DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIALS

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Monday Night, April 19, 7:30 P. M.

at

The First Free Will Baptist Church

SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA

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Tuesday Night, April 20, 7:30 P. M.

at

The First Free Will Baptist Church

WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA

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Thursday Night, April 22, 7:30 P. M.

at

Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church

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ANNUAL WORKSHOP TO BE HELD

in

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

SATURDAY, MAY 1

NEWS NOTES

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the Rev. Bobby Bazen of Dunn, North Carolina, as the visiting minister. The services are beginning each evening at 7:30 and will continue through Saturday evening, April 10. The pastor, the Rev. James F. Johnson, is assisting in the services, and he and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend the remainder of the services.

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State Sunday School Convention Mount Olive College

The North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention will be hosted by Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, April 17, 1971. Registration will begin at 9 a. m. The convention this year is to be an "open convention," which means that the entire assembly will have voting privileges; but all churches represented are asked to be registered for informational purposes. All churches are reminded not to forget to bring or send their convention offering.

The theme of the convention is "Visions Unlimited," with the theme Scripture taken from Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: . . ." The convention hymn is "To the Work." Mr. Tommy Manning will serve the convention at the organ and Mrs. Joyce Manning will serve at the piano. Music will be under the direction of the president, the Rev. Clyde Cox. The program of the convention is as follows:

Morning Session

9:00—Registration and Officers' Conference
10:00—Opening of Convention, Convention Secretary
—Singing of Theme Hymn
—Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Billy Wayne Dilday
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. Sheldon Howard
—Response, Mr. Loomis Crocker
10:25—President's Remarks and Appointment of Committees
10:40—Presentation of Convention Theme, "Visions Unlimited":
Visions of the Past: "Where Have We Been? the Rev. Raymond Sasser
Visions of the Present: "Where Are We Now?" the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
Visions of the Future: "Where Are We Going?" the Rev. Harry Jones and the Executive Board
12:10—Lunch and Fellowship Time

(Lunch Will Be Catered)

Afternoon Session

1:15—Singing of Theme Hymn and Prayer
1:20—Special Program, "Youth Takes a Stand," Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Manning
2:20—General Business Session
3:00—Closing of Convention

All denominational enterprises will be welcome to present displays of their activities and interests. Please contact our field secretary, the Rev. L. E. Ballard, for space.

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Otter's Creek Church Announces Spring Revival

Revival services are scheduled for Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, the week of April 11-17. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Robert Rollins as the guest speaker. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. C. R. Etheridge. A nursery will be provided for the small children each evening. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

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Norman Ard to Hold Bethlehem Revival

The Rev. Norman Ard of Pink Hill, North Carolina, will serve as guest evangelist at a series of revival services to be held at the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Fountaintown, Duplin County, North Carolina, beginning Monday night, April 12, and continuing through Saturday night, April 17. The public is cordially invited to attend these services which begin at 7:30 nightly.

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Kenly Church Announces Spring Revival

The spring revival at Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, with the Rev. J. B. Starnes, Pikeville, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist, will be in held April 12-17. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Good gospel preaching and singing are in store for each one attending. The Rev. James V. Joyner, pastor of the church, and the congregation invite all friends of the church to attend and to pray for a spirit-filled revival.

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Revival in Progress At Moseley's Creek

The Rev. Rudy Shepard is conducting revival services which are in progress at the Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dover, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, April 10. The time of the services is 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Bobby Harrell, pastor of the church, is assisting Mr. Shepard. Special singing is being featured each evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services and is asked to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Williamston, North Carolina, is seeking a pastor. Any ordained minister interested in making a change and seeking full-time work, and who would live in the church parsonage, should contact Mr. W. J. Boyette, by calling 792-4963 after five o'clock.

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St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, in Wilson County, is seeking a full-time pastor as of July 1. Anyone interested in this pastorate should contact either Mr. Odell Howell, Route 1, Lucama, North Carolina 27851; telephone 284-3564; Mr. Lee Moore, Route 2, Lucama; telephone 239-2576; or Mr. Lloyd Edwards, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; telephone 284-4549.

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The Rev. Ralph Aycock announces that he is available for half-time or full-time pastoral work. He is a member of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the following address: Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by telephoning, 284-4254 after 4 p.m.

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The Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church located 5 miles west of Morehead City, North Carolina, is in need of a pastor for Sunday morning services. Anyone interested in serving this church should contact Mrs. Rachel Avery, P. O. Box 154, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557; or telephone 726-4676.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Who are the "angels of the ittle ones"? (See Matthew 18:10.)

Answer: These are, I think, incorporeal eings, personal spirits who were creat- d good and were obedient to the will f God until Lucifer, the shining one of eaven, sinned and led other angels to ebel with him. This caused God to set n order His means of judgment. From he time of Lucifer's fall he has been alled the devil, and those that rebelled vith him, his angels. These later, to- ether with Satan, are sometimes refer- ed to as demons, evil spirits, wolves in heep's clothing, etc. "And the angels vhich kept not their first estate, but left heir own habitation, he hath reserved n everlasting chains under darkness nto the judgment of the great day" Jude 6); "For if God spared not the an- els that sinned, but cast them down to ell, and delivered them into chains of arkness, to be reserved unto judgment" 2 Peter 2:4); "And he said unto them, beheld Satan as lightning fall from eaven" (Luke 10:18); "How art thou allen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the norning! how art thou cut down to the round, which didst weaken the nations! or thou hast said in thine heart, I will scend into heaven, I will exalt my hrone above the stars of God: I will sit lso upon the mount of the congregation, n the sides of the north: I will ascend bove the heights of the clouds; I will e like the most High. Yet thou shalt e brought down to hell, to the sides of he pit" (Isaiah 14:12-15).

Note here what is to be the end of atan and those who fell with him and hose that remain on his side from the allen human race. "And the devil that eceived them was cast into the lake of re and brimstone, where the beast and he false prophet are, and shall be tor- ented day and night for ever and ever" evelation 20:10); "Then shall he say so unto them on the left hand, Depart om me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, repared for the devil and his angels" Matthew 25:41); "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

I think the devil's evil angels, evil spirits, and all of whatever such spirits may be called or referred to in the Bible are all those who fell when Lucifer led them in a rebellion against God; which means, made them enemies of God and therefore of us who are saved because we belong to God, being the members of Christ's spiritual body. I think that when Michael fought against this rebellion and he and his angels expelled them from heaven, these angels all secured their place of honor and recognition before God, and they will forever maintain their standing as His obedient servants, serving Him day and night.

It was an angel (Gabriel) who brought the information of the coming virgin birth of Christ to Mary who was then betrothed to Joseph, and to Joseph who was thinking of putting her away, or as we might say now, of breaking the engagement because of unwed pending motherhood. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:18-21); "But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John" (Luke 1:13); "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Angels attended the birth of Christ and directed the shepherds to the place of His birth. He said He could summon them at the time of His arrest. They visited the garden where His tomb was and He spoke of them and their ministry several times, including this one.

Albert Barnes gives a helpful comment on the verse from which this question is inspired on Page 186 of his volume on Matthew: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones, &c. That is, one who has become like a little child, or a Christian. 'For I say unto you,' &c. Jesus then proceeds to state the reason why we should not despise his feeblest and obscurest follower. That reason is drawn from the 'care' which God exercises over them. The first instance of the 'care' is, that 'in heaven their angels do always behold his face.' He does not mean, I suppose, to state that every good man has his guardian angel, as many of the Jews believed; but that the angels were, 'in general,' the guards of his followers, and aided them and watched over them. 'Do always behold the face of God.' This is taken from the practice of earthly courts. To be admitted to the presence of a king; to be allowed to see his face continually; to have free access to him at all times, was deemed a mark of peculiar favour (1 Kings 10:8; Esther 1:14), and was esteemed a security for his protection. So, says our Saviour, we should not despise the obscurest Christian, for he is ministered to by the highest and noblest of beings—by beings who are always enjoying the favour and friendship of God."

Then R. C. H. Lenski in his book "St. Matthew's Gospel," Pages 692, 693, says:

"Here Jesus mentions two classes of ministrants for each of these little ones: the disciples who are still on earth, and these heavenly angels; the disciples who have not yet attained perfection and the 'visio dei,' and the angels who always see the countenance of the Father. God appoints both classes of ministrants to carry out his gracious will (v. 14) regarding each of these little ones. Let the disciples always remember with whom they are associated in this blessed task. If these angels delight in it (He-

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STORIES

for our youth



THE NEW MEANING OF EASTER TO LAURA

ANNA L. MEISINGER

EASTER was a day that was looked forward to with great anticipation and joy in the M—— family. It was spent at home with all of the family, and its long-established custom was continued—even when the majority of the family was grown up.

It was just a day of fun and surprises—the coloring of eggs and the making of nests for each individual in the family (even Father and Mother were included). Father, who was an artist by trade, painted something beautiful on an egg for each one in the family. Then a large placard was made with the name of the owner of each nest.

On the eve before Easter, the parents made up these nests, placing the child's name in each one. They searched for a place in the house to hide each nest.

Easter morning came! There was great excitement and wonderment on the part of the children. They wanted to know what surprise awaited the one who found his nest first. These nests were hidden somewhere in the house, and each person had to find his own nest. The placard was so placed that on first sight each could tell if it were his own; and if it were not, he slipped by, not letting anyone else know that a nest was there. Each one was anxious to find his own nest first in order to receive the surprise.

After the first nest was found, each person could help the others if he wanted to do so; but very seldom did anyone receive help, for each one wanted to watch the others hunt.

This was really the only meaning that Laura had of Easter—colored eggs, nests, surprises, and outbursts of laughter over the length of time it took some to find their nests.

It may seem to many that this is an account of the observance of Easter in a faraway heathen land; but, no, this actually occurred in a Pennsylvania town in our own United States. Laura had never attended Sunday school nor church to learn the real meaning of Easter until she had gone to public school for quite some time. Once a playmate asked her to go along to Sunday school. Laura did not have any shoes for the occasion, so the playmate said that she would take Laura barefooted if she would only go along to hear about the Lord Jesus.

One can imagine Laura's surprise when she was told that **Easter Sunday** was the day when **the Lord Jesus,** the Son of God, arose from the dead and won the victory over sin and death; yes, and that Easter came to us through th resurrected Christ.

To Laura it actually seemed that th folks at church were mistaken. To he it just seemed impossible. "Isn't it day of fun and egg-coloring?" She poi dered these things in her heart.

However, Laura's mind was enlighte ed after she had attended Sunday scho for some time and had continued t hear about Jesus, the Son of God, an about His death on the Cross of Calva for sin. She became awakened to th fact that Christ died for her, as well a for others; that she herself was a si ner; and that she knew nothing of re joy and contentment. But was it for poor girl like me, she would ask hersel

Revival services were being held in little church near Laura's home. Sh thought that she would go and listen t a service, wondering what these peopl thought about the Lord Jesus. What surprise when she again heard abou Jesus who died on the Cross for the sin of the whole world, and that **Jesus aros** from the dead to give us victory ove sin and death. The message of God love was so portrayed that Laura fe her great need of a Saviour to save he from sin and give her the hope of eterna life. She soon accepted the Lord Jesu Christ as her own personal Saviour an Friend.

Oh, the new meaning of Easter t Laura! There was no more thought onl of the joy and fun in hunting nests an in getting prizes and surprises on Easte morning, but a real joy in knowing tha **Jesus arose from the dead** on that firs Easter Day to give eternal life to a who believe on Him.

Have you found this real joy? It ca be yours, too. Then you can sing, a Laura sang: "You ask me how I kno He lives? He lives within my heart."

Though years have elapsed since thi new meaning of Easter came to Laur today she is still rejoicing in the life gi en to her through the **resurrected Chris** She is also telling others that Jesus **die** for our sins, and that He **rose** again t give eternal life to all who believe o Him—a wondrous hope that reaches b yond the grave.—My Pleasure.

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There are no tranquilizers to compar with good books, good music, goo works, and good worship.—Joseph Krim sky.

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day when Christ arose,
Triumphant from the dead;
Why should I keep my eyelids closed
And waste my hours in bed?

This is the day when Jesus broke
The powers of death and hell;
And shall I still wear Satan's yoke,
And love my sins so well?

Today with pleasure Christians meet
To pray and hear Thy Word;
And I would go with cheerful feet
To learn Thy will, Oh Lord!

—Author Unknown.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Attention, Cragmont Campers, 1971!

We have some important news for all gmont Campers for 1971! Due to the reases in the cost of living and the t of operations of Cragmont As- nbly, the total cost for the week this r will be $37. The additional $2 r last year's cost is to be paid as part the registration fee. When you send your registration fee this year, just nember that it will be $7 instead of usual $5. The remaining $30 will due as usual when you board the gmont bus.

Don't forget—registration fee this year l be $7!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
Publicity Director

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egister for General outh Conference

The following facts should be inter- ing to young people who are consider- attending the General Youth Confer- e at Cragmont Assembly, June 14-19, 71:

1. This conference is for young peo- of all ages and from all parts of rth Carolina. It offers instruction in phases of youth opportunity in the e Will Baptist denomination.

2. The conference is being planned in this year by Tommy and Joyce nning who did an outstanding job of nning and directing last year's con- ence. This talented couple is putting th every effort to make the confer- e even better than last year's confer- e. Their chosen theme this year is, anding for Christ to Save America." promises to be exciting.

3. Planned recreation, hikes, and nt-seeing trips will make the week a l and enjoyable vacation for the young ple.

4. Evening religious services, Christian s, and fellowship will make it of rich itual value.

The overall fee for the conference this year is $37 per person, and the deposit to be sent in with application is $7. The overall fee covers transportation, room and board, and all expenses except the pay for a group picture, the admission to places visited where required, and personal spending money.

Register as soon as possible. To register, simply send names, full mailing addresses, and ages (this is important) to the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, and enclose the $7 deposit. Please make checks payable to General Youth Conference or to Mr. Ballard (not to Cragmont Assembly since this complicates handling of the funds). All fees due the assembly are paid by the conference treasurer out of the funds collected from campers.

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The Joyful Day Has Dawned for Us

Joyful the day that dawned for us,
The day for which we longed and prayed;
Death died when Christ arose this morn.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He broke the reign of death and sin,
Redeemed our souls from Satan's might,
And overcame the gates of hell,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

An angel now in love He sends,
To give the message to His friends:
The Lord is risen, Jesus lives!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

—Author Unknown.

CRAGMONT ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE 1971

June 7-12: **Youth Frontier Conference** (YFA Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

June 14-19: **General Youth Conference**—Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Manning, Directors; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834

June 21-25: **Ministers' Conference**—The Rev. David C. Hansley, Director, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina 28560

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July 12-17: **Youth Frontier Conference** (AFC Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551.

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August 16-21: **Woman's Auxiliary Conference**—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Director; Mrs. Carl Dudley, Registrar, 202 Aiken Street, Fuquay Varina, North Carolina 27526

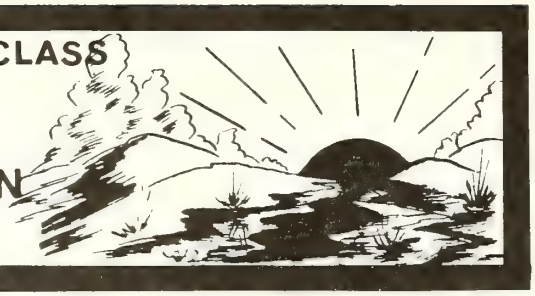
August 23-28: **Family Week**—The Rev. H. A. Grubbs, Director-Registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 18



WHO IS A PROPHET?

Lesson Text: Amos 3:1, 2; Hosea 8:1-3; Isaiah 6:8; Micah 3:5-8

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1, 2

I. INTRODUCTION

Beginning with this lesson we have eleven studies on the "Prophets of Righteousness and Mercy," taken from the writings of four eighth century prophets —Amos and Hosea, prophets of Israel, the Northern Kingdom; and Isaiah and Micah, prophets of Judah, the Southern Kingdom. In these lessons we will see how the prophets "set the plumb line of God's righteousness in the midst of the life of the two kingdoms."

The same messages these ancient men of God delivered to the people are intended for us today. Human nature being the same in any and every age, we also need God's warnings and instructions, and need to be constantly reminded of His grace and mercy which He extends to His people, none of whom deserves them. In each study we can see the divine finger of God's Word pointing to the coming Redeemer, the One who would manifest in His words and in His life the grace and mercy of God, ever seeking to draw man to them.

Our lesson today is an introduction to the series, and defines the role of the Hebrew prophet. We will observe that he is God's spokesman, God's herald of good tidings, and God's reprover of man's evil ways. We will also observe how timeless and deathless are the messages of the prophets, for after 2,700 years they are still our messages.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Define a prophet.
2. Why do we study the Old Testament prophets?
3. This is an introductory lesson on a series on Old Testament prophets.

B. God Speaks Through Amos (Amos 3: 1, 2)
1. Who was Amos?
2. What was the message of Amos?
3. How does Amos' message apply to us today?

C. God Speaks Through Hosea (Hosea 8: 1-3)
1. Who was Hosea?
2. What was the nature of his message?
3. How does this message apply to us today?

D. God Speaks Through Isaiah (Isaiah 6: 8)
1. Tell about the call of Isaiah.
2. Discuss the conviction of Isaiah.
3. Tell about the conversion of Isaiah.
4. Discuss the consecration of Isaiah.

E. God Speaks Through Micah (Micah 3: 5-8)
1. Who was Micah?
2. Who were the false prophets?
3. What were the results of false prophets?

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. At a gay beach party some reckless swimmers began to go beyond the safety rope. Soon others joined them. The lifeguards waved for them to return, but they only laughed and swam farther out to sea. Finally the entire party was swimming recklessly in deep and dangerous waters beyond the safety line. The lifeguards rowed along the line, whistling and shouting for the swimmers to return to safety, but the crowd upset the boat and pushed the lifeguards under water.

Too late the reckless swimmers found that they were in the grip of a powerful current. Their laughter and fun were over. Struggling helplessly, they were swept out to sea and drowned.

The lifeline is like God's law, marking out the limits of a safe and happy life for Israel. But the people of Israel ignored the law, pushing out recklessly into wicked ways.

The lifeguards are like God's prophe urging the people to return to goodne and safety. The people of Israel n only ignored the call, but persecut and killed the prophets.

Too late the people of Israel fou themselves helpless in the flood of i vading armies. They were swept aw into captivity in foreign lands. To ke our nation safe, let's obey God!—Stan ard Commentary.

B. The prophets were God's X ray f the nation and the individual. Note t following thoughts:

1. An X-ray machine is of no valu without connection to the electric cu rent. God's men, the prophets, coul not reveal the hidden secrets of t hearts of men until they themselves wer in tune with God's Spirit. Until we ar ready to let God look into our hear with His cleansing power we are unabl to speak to the needs of others.

2. An X-ray machine shows the ver basic structure of man. Israel and Juda looked strong and healthy on the ou side, but were broken and dislocated o the inside. It was the task of God's pro phets to "turn on the light" of God' picture of man.

3. X rays are used to heal as well a reveal. Some tumorous growths can b helped and even healed by the use o X-ray treatments. This is a very pre cise treatment and is never adminis tered by an amateur. Given withou concern for the patient it can be ver injurious. God's prophets were full o compassion for the ones to whom the spoke. No such X-ray treatment is with out some discomfort. The growth of sin cannot be stopped and removed withou repentance. God cannot forgive you sin if you are not willing to forsake it!

4. X rays are kept on file to be used as a reference for future help. It would aid all of us greatly to read the words of the prophets. Even if we have read them before, we need to read them again. Reading some passage from Isaiah, perhaps we will remember how it spoke to our hearts in some other time or place. What has happened since that early revelation of God's truth to your heart? It will do you good to re member.—Selected.

C. When the announcement is made that the President of the United States will speak to the nation, millions of peo ple turn their attention to television and radio sets to pick up eagerly every word that falls from the President's lips. Peo ple are interested in a word from Wash-

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Questions & Answers

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lews 1:14), shall they not? If the an-ls never think of despising one of ese little ones, dare the disciples ever nk of such a thing?

"With the possessive 'my' Father Jesus ts himself in the fullest accord with at Father in this matter. By adding e phrase 'in heaven' by means of a cond article he indicates the greatness God even more emphatically than hen he adds this phrase to the angels thout such an article. We know too tle about the dwellers in the heavenly rld to explain how these angels al-ys see the Father's face even while ey execute their mission in behalf of ese little ones. The human term here ed with reference to the Father who s no body of any kind, can have in nd only his glory and his glorious pres-ce—at least, we are able to say no re."

Since the name in the Greek trans-ed angels here is translated mes-ngers in other places, Lenski's com-nt suggests that not only is it true at Christians of any class are included re as well as those that are young cause of their recent birth or imma-re age. Also it is true as he suggests at the disciples, as God's messengers, ere called upon to minister to Chris-ns who were in need. You recall that t long after He was crucified Jesus d Peter, the spokesman of the apos-s, to feed His sheep? "So when they d dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, non, son of Jonas, lovest thou me re than these? He saith unto him, a, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. saith unto him, Feed my lambs" (John :15); "Jesus answered and said unto n, If a man love me, he will keep my rds: and my Father will love him, and will come unto him, and make our ode with him" (John 14:23); "But ye all receive power, after that the Holy ost is come upon you: and ye shall be tnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, d in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth" cts 1:8); also, "And Jesus came and ake unto them, saying, All power is en unto me in heaven and in earth. ye therefore, and teach all nations, ptizing them in the name of the Fath-and of the Son, and of the Holy ost: Teaching them to observe all ngs whatsoever I have commanded u: and, lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world. . . ." (Mat-w 28:18-20). In reality these commandments or directions given by our Lord are to be observed or obeyed by all Christians. In a real sense this would brand all of us as followers of Christ as being His messengers with orders to protect and enlighten all with the gospel, or by placing it before them in a way they are able to understand it. But there is no doubt to me that this indicates first of all that the angels, such as Gabriel, Michael, etc., are furnishing protection to the saints of God.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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ington, or a word from any other great city of the world.

But what people need today more than anything else is to listen to the Word of the Lord. The word that comes from Washington may or may not be important; but when our Lord says something, we can be assured that it is vital and important, and we would do well to listen. Read God's Word, hear God, and respond to Him.

Ours is a power-conscious age. We all but worship power. The rockets that launch the space capsules that travel to the moon have more power than a million new automobiles with their engines throttled wide open. But such power is not comparable to the power of God—the power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. No power is comparable to the power of Jesus Christ in transforming human life.—Ray O. Jones.

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RESURRECTION: Myth or Reality

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Thomas never touched Jesus' scars, for when he saw Jesus and heard Him speak, he proclaimed Jesus as Lord and God. Jesus then spoke words to Thomas that still live today for all skeptics everywhere, ". . . Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

[1]Rudolph Bultmann, *Kerugma and Myth*, pp. 41, 42.

[2]Lesslie Newbigin, *Honest Religion for Secular Man*, p. 49.

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The Lord loves a cheerful giver. He gave no evidence that He loves any other kind!—Selected.

AN EASTER THOUGHT

by Joyce Proctor Beaman

Stretch forth thy hands
To the left, to the right;
Look now at thy body—
It is, alas, a cross.

Study thou your great symbol
For a moment, just awhile;
Wherever you go, you take it—
Your body, the shape of the Cross.

Look thou at the creation
Willingly, look that way;
From Alpha to Omega
Your body, the symbol of the Cross.

Notice thou thy form,
Think now, remember;
From His day to our day—
Your body, the mark of the Cross.

Move thou gently forward,
Carefully, prayerfully;
Remember thou art to thy brother
The sign of the Cross.

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The empty tomb proves Christianity, while the empty church denies ti.—Selected.

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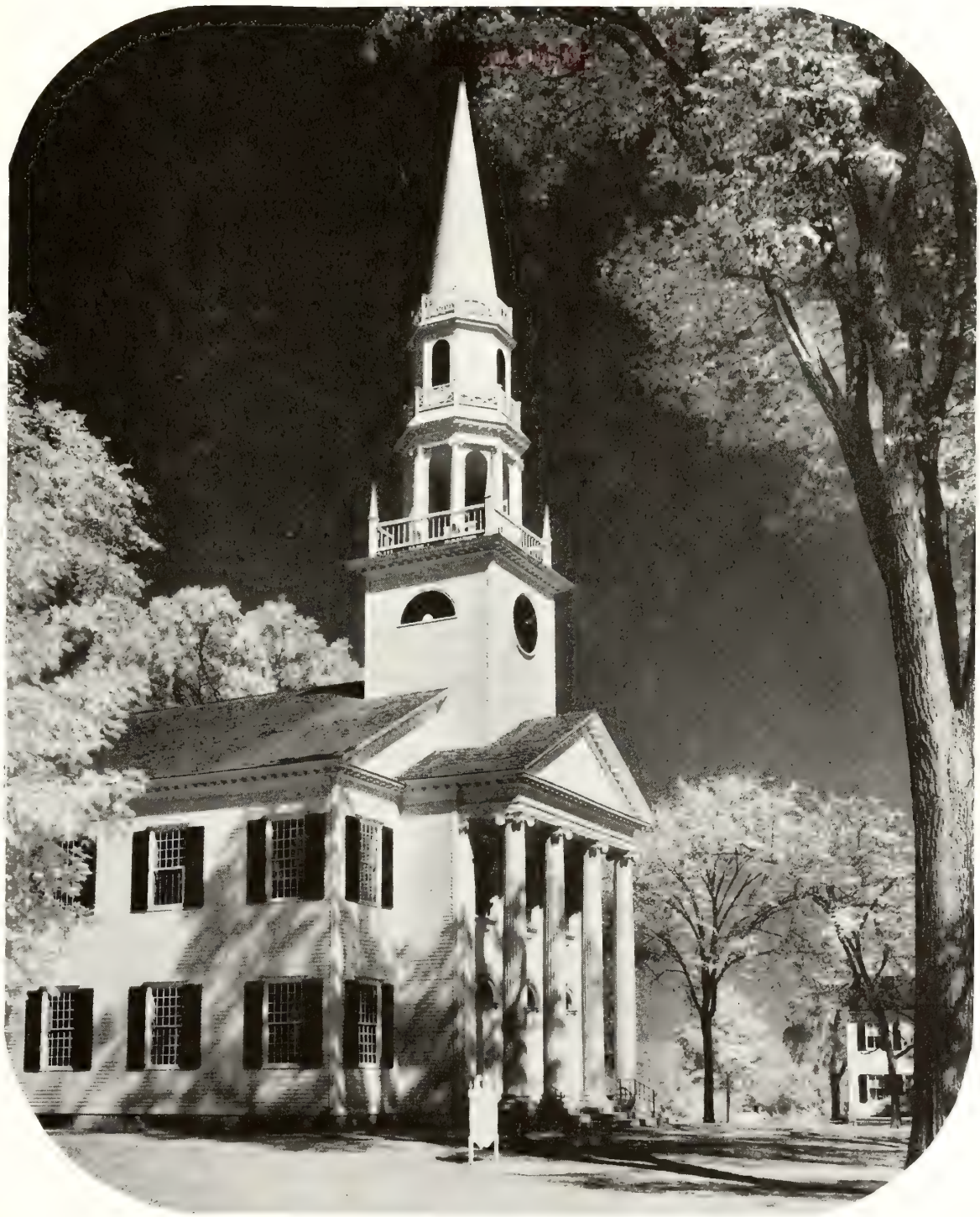
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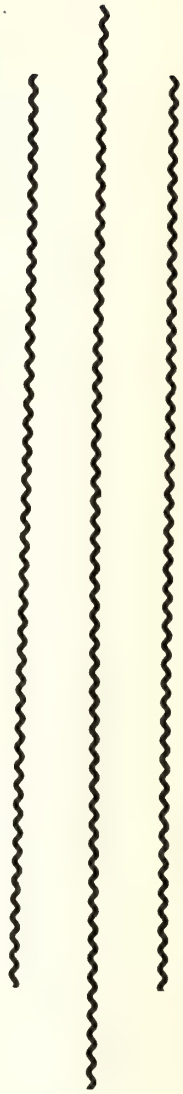


WHERE WILL YOU BE WEDNESDAY AFTER EASTER?

Editorial...

WEDNESDAY AFTER EASTER

Cover Photo by Gene Ay



It's the Wednesday after Easter.
The sun is setting.
The hour is seven o'clock.
Nearly time for Prayer Meeting.

The churchyard is empty, except for a little bird or two that twitter in the budding branches of one of the trees.

Sunday had been quite an occasion—an exciting time. The parking lot had been full. Cars sporting a Saturday polish gleamed in the sunlight, and one door slammed after another as children and grown-ups alike had hurriedly left their vehicles to make their way into the sanctuary.

People were dressed to the hilt: big bonnets, fine dresses, suits of the newest fashion—mamas and daddies, proud of themselves and their children.

Easter Sunday it had been, a time of awakening, putting on newness of apparel, representing the newness of life. Perhaps, and perhaps not . . .

The church had been full. Spring was in the air. Everyone was laughing and exchanging the friendliest of greetings.

The pastor had welcomed his flock. Some, he had never seen before and probably would never see again, but they were part of his flock nonetheless.

The people had left after a good sermon. Everyone had seen everyone else and his finery. Jane had seen that Alice's hat was prettier than hers and hated herself for passing that one up while shopping. Bob had seen that his suit was more expensive than Jack's and prided himself in his good taste.

It had been Easter, a time for scrutinizing friends and their flair for dressing. The preacher had said something about Jesus' resurrection, but it hadn't made too much of an impression . . .

Now it was Wednesday, and night was falling.
7:30—Prayer Meeting time.
The church waits—it and the little birds that still twitter in the treetop.
But no one comes. Why?

It isn't Easter Sunday, that's why. Everyone has seen Jane's new hat and Bob's new suit. There's no need for them to come out on Wednesday night.

Prayer meetings are obsolete anyhow. Who needs them? Not us, surely.
Sunday worship is more than enough.
There are so many things to encumber us, to keep us from attending.
So the church waits—empty.

It's the Wednesday after Easter.
And it's Prayer Meeting time.
And no one comes.
It sort of makes you want to cry, doesn't it?

Think what it must do to God . . .

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Saint Mary's "Woman of the Year"

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: ıt a woman that feareth the LORD, she all be praised. Give her the fruit of her ınds; and let her own works praise her in e gates" (Proverbs 31:30, 31).

T is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that we, the Woman's Auxiliary St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, ominate Mrs. Make P. Miller as our Woman of the Year." Mrs. Miller has en an active member of St. Mary's urch, New Bern, North Carolina, for years. Mary, as she is affectionately own to her co-workers, is faithful in r attendance at all the services held the church or services sponsored by r church. She is always with her fam-, her husband and two children, as ey worship together. What a great ample of a happy family!

Although small in stature, our nomi-e is dynamic in her Christian endeavors d gets things done in a big way. She s held almost every office in the wom-'s auxiliary—president, vice-president, cording secretary, corresponding secre-ry, chairman of the sick and cheer com-ittee, chairman of the bereaved homes mmittee, YFA, AFC, and Cherub Band onsors, and also served as circle chair-an for several years. Our auxiliary quite fortunate to have a member like ary, always ready and willing to help rry the load. It was under her able adership as president that St. Mary's as host to the State Woman's Auxiliary nvention with over 300 people being rved for lunch.

She has helped many times with pre-ster, pre-Thanksgiving, and pre-Christ-as week of prayer services—always de-nding on the Holy Spirit to lead her. e has helped plan and serve luncheons r the auxiliary to bring in new members. Her sincere joy and humbleness in doing things for Christ is an inspiration to all.

Our nominee has held many offices in our Sunday school. She has taught in the nursery department, serving as superintendent for three years. She also taught in the beginners' department and served as superintendent for two years there. She grew in wisdom and knowledge of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and was called to be associate teacher for the senior class. For the past two years she has taught the intermediate class, along with her husband as associate teacher. They make a good team working and witnessing with these young people. They all love her for her sincere devotion to her Lord.

Mary is interested in all phases of our church and has taught in Bible school, working with all ages, almost every year since coming to St. Mary's. Last year she taught the intermediates, who chose for their project redecorating one of the little folk's Sunday school classrooms They painted the table and chairs in bright colors and made draperies to blend in with the color scheme. It was a job well done and they enjoyed every minute of it. Another year, they painted a Sunday school room and made draperies to match. One of the best compliments we can pay her is to say she is true blue.

Mary has planned and helped with many Christmas programs and has even made the props, including a donkey which made it much more authentic and brought in a little humor. At the young adults class anniversary party one year she wrote a skit about "Lulu and Junior." It was so funny! You can see that her talents are many and varied.

"She stretched out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hand to the needy" (Proverbs 31:20). Mary has a compassionate heart and a lot of patience and love for the aged. She was an inspiration to all as she loved and cared for her husband's mother in the last years of her life. She did all she could to make her comfortable and happy. While her mother-in-law was a patient at Cherry Hospital, Mary and Make visited her often. On one occasion, Mary noticed a shortage of rocking chairs at the hospital, so she purchased one and gave it to the hospital in memory of Mrs. Miller.

Speaking of her love for older people, Mary and her family nearly always bring an older member of our church to the services with them. She is truly concerned about their welfare and when they are shut-ins, she makes it a point to visit them often.

Mary also loves little children and has a special place in her heart for them. Many times during the week she hears a knock on the door and a tiny voice will say, "Mrs. Mary, may I have a cookie?" or "Mrs. Mary, will you read me a story?" She greets them with a cheery smile and a warm welcome. They know she is never too busy or tired to listen to their needs. Her home is a haven for children. She serves as a counselor to all the youth of the neighborhood. Naturally, the neighbors love her as well as the children.

Her home is always open to entertain our children from the Children's Home or our students from the college when they visit our church.

During her time as sponsor of the AFC, she carried a group of young people to the Children's Home. They thoroughly enjoyed it.

Mary is an asset to her community. She always helps with the various fund drives; such as, the Heart Fund, Cancer Crusade, Muscular Dystrophy, and Mental Health. She has worked for the Salvation Army in taking applications for needy families and dressing dolls to be used at Christmas. Because of this some little girls get lovely dolls that otherwise might not have received one. She has served as grade mother for her children for eight years.

Mary is a talented seamstress and sews beautifully for her family. Many times she has made mothers and daughters outfits which are so attractive. She even makes coats for her husband and son. This talent here really helps out tremendously with the family budget. On several occasions she has sewn for needy families.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18

How Carry the Package?

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:2

The late Henry Moorhouse, a noble evangelist, was once in very "trying circumstances." His little daughter, who was paralyzed, was sitting in her chair as he entered the house with a package for his wife. Going up to her and kissing her, he said, "Where is Mother?" "Mother is upstairs." "Well, I have a package for her." "Let me carry the package to Mother." "Why, Minnie dear, how can you carry the package? You cannot carry yourself." With a smile on her face, Minnie said, "Oh, no, Papa; but you give me the package, and I will carry the package, and you will carry me." Taking her up in his arms, he carried her upstairs—little Minnie and the package, too. And then "the word of the Lord came" to him that this was just his position in the work in which he was engaged. He was carrying his burden, but was not God carrying him?—*Christian Herald* (London).

Prayer Thought

No burden is too large for us to carry if we will only let the Lord carry us. However, we must carry our share of the burden.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

Prayer Controls Fire

Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:22

The restraining hand of the Lord was felt recently in Pohang, Korea, during a terrible fire where twenty houses were burned to the ground. One of the believers from the church, and a faithful Christian from a Presbyterian church lived in that district, and the fire came right up to both of their houses and then stopped, so that they were unharmed in any way. This incident has had a remarkable effect, for not only do the Christians feel that this was the hand of the Lord, but the unsaved have also been made to say that it was the Lord, the God of the Christians!—*Oriental Missionary Standard.*

Prayer Thought

The Bible states in no uncertain terms that Jesus cares for His own. Do we not see His hand of protection in our midst today?

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

"I Want You"

Scripture Reading—Exodus 29:22

A touching incident has been told of a sixteen-year-old girl who was a chronic invalid and whose mother was a pleasure-loving woman who could not endure the idea of being so much with her shut-in daughter. While the mother was traveling abroad in Italy, she remembered the coming birthday of her daughter, and sent her a rare and beautiful Italian vase. The trained nurse brought it to the girl, saying that her mother had sent it so carefully that it came right on her birthday. After looking at its beauty for a moment, the girl turned to the nurse and said: "Take it away, take it away. O Mother, Mother, do not send me anything more; no books, no flowers, no vases, no pictures. Send me no more. I want you!"

Don't give Christ things—only things. He wants you. "Son, daughter, give me thy heart." That daughter wanted her mother. She wanted her presence, her companionship, her love. Christ wants you. He wants you first of all. He wants your yielded heart, your confidence, your trust, your union with Him. He want your love, prompting you to the best possibilities you have. He says, "I want you, you." Your heart fully given, He knows all else will follow.—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

No gift can compare to "self." God gave of Hisself; have you given yourself to Him?"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

The "Satisfied" Man

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:17

A Quaker, in order to impress a lesson upon his neighbors, put up a sign on a vacant piece of ground next to his house, which read, "I will give this lot to anyone who is really satisfied." A wealthy farmer, as he rode by, read it. Stopping he said: "Since my Quaker friend is going to give that piece away, I may as well have it as anyone else. I am rich. I have all I need, so I am able to qualify." He went up to the door, and when the aged friend appeared, explained why he had come. "And is thee really satisfied?" asked the owner of the lot. "I surely am," was the reply. "I have all I need, and am well satisfied." "Friend," said the other, "if thee is satisfied, what does thee want with my lot?" The question revealed the covetousness that was hidden in the heart.—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

No one can truly be satisfied until he receives Christ as his Saviour. Worldly good never produces satisfaction.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Barking Doesn't Disturb the Moo

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:32

A judge who was on curcuit at a cert town was always sure of being annoyed some sneering remarks from a concei lawyer. After one such occasion, some asked the judge at dinner, why he dic come down strong on the fellow. T judge dropped his knife and fork, pla his chin on his hands, and his elbows the table as he gave emphasis to his sto "Up in our town," he said "there live widow who has a dog which, whenever moon shines, goes out and barks and ba at it all night." Stopping short he quie began eating again. One of the compa asked, "Well, Judge, what about the and the moon?" "Oh, the moon kept shining," he said.—*Sunday School Chroni*

Prayer Thought

Is our bark worse than our bite? Reme ber, barking gets you nowhere. The o person it hurts is you.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

True Friendship

Scripture Reading—James 4:4

Gold cannot buy it,
Poverty try it;
Thrift may not cheapen it,
Sorrow must deepen it;
Joy cannot lose it,
Malice abuse it;
Wit cannot choke it,
Folly provoke it;
Age can but strengthen it,
Time only lengthens it;
Death cannot sever
Friendship forever;
Heaven's the true place of it,
God is the grace of it.

—*Presbyterian Standard.*

Prayer Thought

True friendship cannot be bought. Go deeds unto our fellowman will produce lasting friendship.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

We "Can't Beat God Giving"

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:2

Captain Levy of Philadelphia was ask how he was able to give so much and st have so much left. "Oh," said he, "as shovel out, He shovels in; and the Lo has a bigger shovel than I have."—*Sund School Times.*

Prayer Thought

Remember you cannot out-give God. H storehouse is much larger than ours, a all we have belongs to Him.

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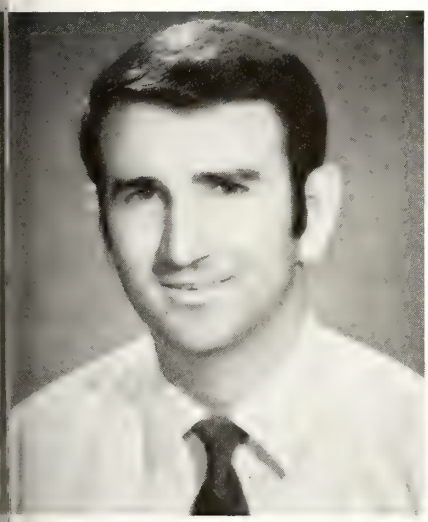
God needs you in His church, but n nearly so much as you need His churc in you.—Selected.

The Rev. Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer
P. O. Box 979
Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

MISSIONS

URE OF GOD'S WILL

Recently I had a verse from 1 Thessa-nians impressed upon my mind. "In erything give thanks: for this is the ll of God in Christ Jesus concerning u" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). This is per-ps one of the most difficult things for e to do: to be thankful in every situa-n and circumstance of life. I thank d that He is teaching me a lesson rough this verse. Sandra and I know at God's will for us is to be directly volved in evangelism. We had never eamed of being pioneer missionaries, t we are sure through a series of ents that the Lord has opened a door r us to enter into this type of evange-m. Through these events He has also ught us some important lessons in love d patience.



Harold Jones

In about two months we will be leav-g Davao for Manila. We will live in nila one year and study "Tagalog" e national language). After language dy we plan to move to the island of lawan to work. We have been pray-g about this for some time and believe s is where the Lord would have us ve.

Palawan is an island off from the main oup of islands, and in many ways has t felt the great impact of the mission-



Sandra Jones

ary movement. There are only two denominational groups working on Palawan. This is quite different from Mindanao where many groups are working.

I talked with a man who has lived on Palawan for thirty years. He told me that there is a great need for an evangelistic effort there. I will explain the approach we will use in another article.

We are thankful that the Lord has promised to be our guide and our stay if we trust in Him. Therefore, we make this move rejoicing in the perfect will of God.

We request you to join us in praise and prayer for the following items:

Praise

1. The great and wonderful faithfulness of our Lord. He supplies all our needs above our worthiness.
2. For good health.
3. For God's revealed will in our lives.
4. For near completion of a Christian radio station in Davao.
5. For an understanding director and mission board.

Prayer

1. Pray that the Lord will give us an easy adjustment in Manila, a city of several million people.
2. Pray for our children (Wendy and Misty); the change will be hardest on them.
3. Pray that the Lord would give us His wisdom in learning the language. Our future work depends on it.
4. Pray that the Lord will provide in his own time the right Filipino workers to work with us.
5. Pray that the Lord would prepare the right place for us to begin the work on Palawan.
6. Pray that we may have health to be able to carry out the task set before us.
7. Pray for the continued supply of our physical and spiritual needs.

We thank you, the Free Will Baptist people, for sending us here to work. We know your main desire is to see souls won to the Lord. This is also our main desire. Let us pray that the Lord would keep this supreme in our minds and our labor.

God bless each of you is our daily prayer.

Your Missionaries to the Philippines,
Harold, Sandra, Wendy, and Misty Jones

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AN OPEN LETTER TO FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

For some time now I have been planning to write to you to express my deep appreciation for the fine support that you have given to our work. It is with a thankful heart that I report to you that as of this date we have received $68,-878.11. This is because of your generosity and love for Christ.

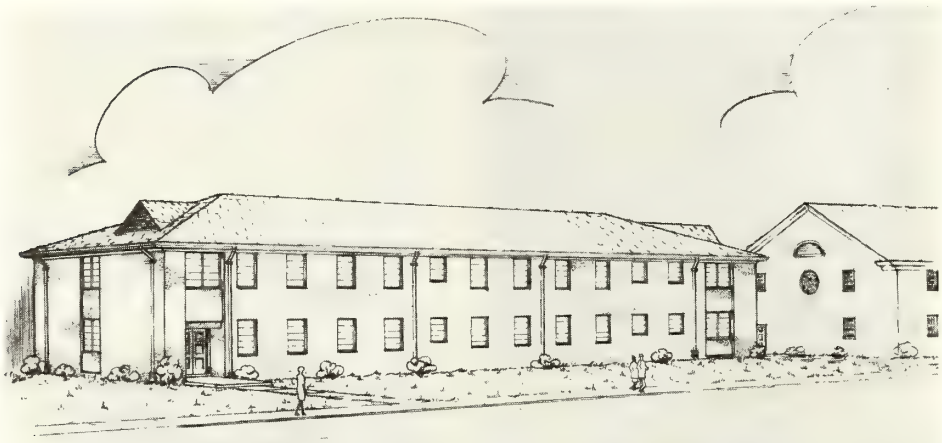
In the meeting of the State Convention at New Bern, North Carolina, you as churches adopted a budget for the year 1970-71 of $90,000. This is a budget that is easily within reach of our churches. If you will subtract the amount listed above from the budget, you will find that this leaves a total of $21,121.89. This will have to be raised during the remainder of April, May, and June, if we reach our budget for this year.

We certainly need to reach this budget, for with the moving of Harold Jones to the city of Manila, it will cost about $2,000. We must purchase some household furniture. For three rooms of furniture, a refrigerator, and a stove, we can depend on about $800. This is the amount estimated by Harold. The cost of tuition for language school for him and Sandra will be another $900. This, along with the cost of moving, will be

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Wilson Church Realizes New Educational Plant



The results of a $180,000 church bond program have been realized in a new educational plant at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. The unit is scheduled to be opened Easter Sunday.

There are twenty-eight classrooms, assemblies, and departments in the new facility. Other features include a wall-to-wall carpeted conference room, a carpeted church secretary's office, a Sunday school staff area, a director of music office, and a carpeted pastor's study.

There are also four beautifully tiled rest rooms and one adapted for children in the nursery and beginner departments.

The plant is air-conditioned throughout, the floors tiled, and the walls beautifully colored.

Areas around the building are landscaped and joined to a new parking area to accommodate scores of cars. The new building is connected to the existing structure by a lighted arcade.

The old educational building will be enlarged to provide better facilities for fellowship as well as an adult assembly. It is the plan of the congregation to demolish this building later and erect a new one on the site.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen is pastor of this church and Lewis Daniel is chairman of the building committee. Other members are Alton Dickerson, J. D. Skinner, Mrs. Jean Wiggs, and Shirley Rose Davis.

Open house will be announced later and friends are invited to attend.

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Sneads Ferry Church Announces Revival

The Rev. Carol B. Hansley will be the visiting minister for revival services at the Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church the week of April 19-25. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Taylor, assisting Mr. Hansley. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Unity Church Organizes Boy Scout Troop

Troop No. 430 of the Boy Scouts of America was chartered at the Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Purvis Road, Durham, North Carolina, on March 16, 1971, with the church as the sponsoring organization. In its second meeting the troop had increased from five boy[s] ten, and from one patrol to two. patrols have selected as their names: Wolf Patrol and the Crow Patrol. troop has for its scoutmaster, Mr. Powell, with Mr. M. A. Mims as as[s]ant scoutmaster. Mr. Dolphus Borde[aux] serves as institutional chairman, Randy McGhee as troop chairman, the Rev. Raymond Jones, Mr. Frank deaux, and Mr. Billy Peele as troop c mitteemen. The additional duties treasurer has been given to Mr. M and the duties of transportation c mitteeman to Mr. Frank Bordeaux.

At the present the troop is meetin[g] Tuesday evenings at the church; bu is hoped that in the near future, a s[c]hut can be erected on the church perty. Both the adult leaders and boys are very enthusiastic concerning activities of this new phase of un taking of the church. The troop c mittee began training at the "Lazy Ranch on April 2 for both indoor outdoor leadership.

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Revival Services At New Sandy Hill Church

The Rev. Dewey C. Boling of of vary Free Will Baptist Church, Wil North Carolina, will hold revival vices at the New Sandy Hill Free Baptist Church, Bailey, North Carol beginning Monday evening, April 19, continuing through Saturday even April 24. Services will begin at 7 each evening.

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Coming Event

April 17—North Carolina State Sun School Convention, Mount Olive lege, Mount Olive, North Carolina

April 19—Showing of DVBS materi First Free Will Baptist Church, Sm field, North Carolina, 7:30 p. m.

April 20—Showing of DVBS materi First Free Will Baptist Church, Wil North Carolina, 7:30 p. m.

April 22—Showing of DVBS materi St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Chu New Bern, North Carolina, 7:30 p.

May 1—Daily Vacation Bible School W shop (places to be designated), Ayc North Carolina

May 6—North Carolina State Woma Auxiliary Convention, Shady Gr Free Will Baptist Church, Route Dunn (Cape Fear District Host)

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS



The Executive Committee of the Mount ve College Alumni Association met on urday, April 3, in the Moye Library to ke final plans for the annual Alumni nquet and business session. Shown the picture above is Mrs. Diane Brown ey of Fremont, treasurer; Dr. Robert rk, dean of students of the College; ss Hilda Owens, director of counseling vices and alumni affairs of the Col- e; Hugh Barnett of Winterville, chair- n of the nominating committee; How- l F. Bryan of Statesville, president of Alumni Association; Mrs. Anna Garris l of Ayden, member at large; Miss tty Lou McLamb of Newton Grove, sec- ary; and the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Snow Hill, alumni representative of Board of Trustees of the College. Of- ers of the executive committee who not shown are Johnny M. Turnage of ldsboro, vice-president; Jimmie San- rs of Hope Mills, member at large; and Rev. Harold M. Wallace of Durham, mber at large.

The executive committee has been a ong voice for each alumnus in shaping the direction of the College. Significant business transacted at the April 3 meeting included the finalization of plans for the annual Alumni Banquet and business session which will be held on May 1 in conjunction with the traditional May Day activities. The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the College auditorium and the program will include entertainment from the music department and from talented alumni. The executive committee expects this year's meeting to be the largest and best in the history of the association. Another significant action taken by the committee was the approval of a special campaign for alumni support during 1971-72 for funds to be used in the athletic and music departments of the College. All alumni whose contributions are received by the annual meeting will be included in the association's report which will be given at that time.

The executive committee expects to mail later this week the annual alumni issue of the "Newsletter" and other information for alumni.

Miss Jones' Gift to Library

Librarian Gary Barefoot has reported that an insulated lining has been installed for the draperies in the librarian's office of the Moye Library at Mount Olive College. This addition was made possible by a gift from Miss Nannie Jones, a member of Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Stantonsburg, North Carolina.

In the past Miss Jones had made gifts to the Moye Library for furniture in memory of her parents and has contributed various materials to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. Special appreciation is due Miss Jones and others who have given so generously to the support of the library through memorials in the form of books and equipment.

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Attention North Carolina Woman's Auxiliaries!

The 1971 session of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Thursday, May 6, with Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Sampson County, near Dunn. Each auxiliary should be represented with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, plus a registration fee of $5.

Many auxiliaries mail their fees in advance. This is a good thing to do as it saves the delegate the trouble of handling the money. Also, in the event something happens at the last minute to prohibit your representing in person, your auxiliary is registered as having represented.

Important: Please mail your fee before May 1, if possible, so that I will have time to get the list prepared and delivered to the convention registration committee for use on the morning of May 6. If you cannot possibly attend, please mail your fee as the convention needs your support.

Mail your fees to me at 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina 27886.

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser
State Treasurer

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Some folk expect to talk to the Lord on the Lord's Day in the Lord's house, yet haven't spoken to Him all week.—Selected.

NEWS NOTES

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The pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris, and the church membership extend a cordial welcome to the public. There will be special music each evening.

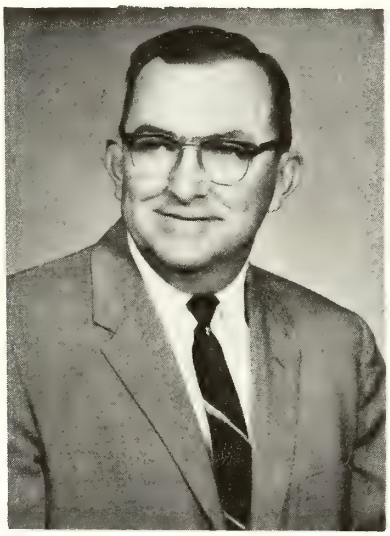
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Special Singing at Mount Zion Church, Roper, North Carolina

The Woolard Sisters from Belhaven, North Carolina, and the Assembly Quartet from Windsor, North Carolina, will render a musical program at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, Saturday evening, April 24, at 7:30. Both groups are talented singers and will bless your hearts as you hear them sing for God's glory. The pastor, the Rev. Charlie Overton, and the church membership invite everyone to come and hear spiritual messages in song.

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Floyd B. Cherry to Conduct Mount Zion Revival



The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of Greenville, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, the week of April 25—May 1. The pastor, the Rev. Charlie Overton, will assist in these services which will begin each evening at 7:30. There will be special singing each night. The pastor and the congregation of the church extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

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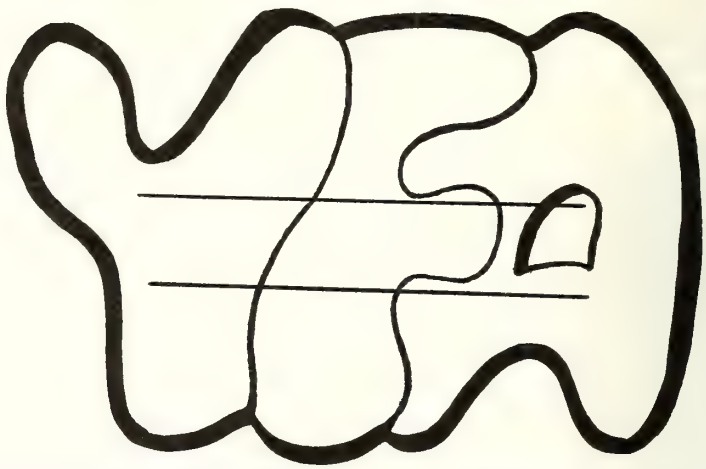
J. B. Starnes to Conduct Mt. Zion Revival

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week

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our Church Auxiliaries

ATTENTION YOUTH!



The State Youth Fellowship Convention will meet Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m., with the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Fleet Street, New Bern, North Carolina. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. You can help by having the names of those who come in your group and their addresses and church listed and ready to hand to those in charge of registration. Each district will wear a name tag (see pattern below) as follows:

Albemarle—Orange
Eastern—Royal Blue
Cape Fear—Light Blue
Central—Green
Pee Dee—Purple
Piedmont—Red
Western—Gold

We will be looking forward to seei you at the convention. Don't disappoi us!

Mrs. David W. Hansley
State Youth Chairman

EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

by Mrs. Nelson T. Simpson Sr.

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with Christi Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill, North Carolina, Thursday, March 25. Th theme of the convention was, "Take Christ," with Scripture taken from Colossia 1:28.

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. Norman Ard; followe with devotional remarks by Mrs. D. W. Hansley. She used for her Scripture text Joh 6:66-69, and closed her remarks with prayer.

Mrs. Laura Stroud extended a very warm welcome from the host church to ever one present. The response was given by Mrs. Rivers Winstead.

The president recognized the 14 ministers, 3 state officers, and 11 district off cers present. She also recognized the 54 delegates and 80 visitors who were presen Several visitors from other conventions were recognized. During her remarks, Mr Ard extended a welcome to each one and urged the local auxiliaries to support ou denominational enterprises and to remember that everything worthwhile will cos us something. She also stated that we must have patience.

Various reports and talks were given on our denominational enterprises, eac stressing the theme, "Take Christ."

An offering was received for our Children's Home and Mount Olive College i the amount of $94.75. The offertory prayer was offered by Mrs. Ard.

The oldest member present, Mrs. Sunie Hansley of Folkstone church, was pre

ented a lovely corsage in her honor; also a corsage was given to Mrs. Pat Arthur, the ungest mother present.

Special music was rendered by the Rev. Norman Ard family.

Mrs. Grace Sumner, youth chairman, presented the essay and declamation winers as follows: AFC essay winner, Denise Miller, St. Mary's church; YFA essay winer, Tommy Evans, also from St. Mary's church. They both read their essays on the ubject, "The Greatest Need of Our Church." Miss Donna Powell, YFA declamation inner from Moseley's Creek church, gave her declamation of the subject, "Old Time eligion in a Changing World."

The morning session adjourned with grace and the benediction by the Rev. Noah rown.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of a hymn and prayer by Mrs. J. . Griffin Sr.

The "Woman of the Year" presentation was by Mrs. Richard Bryan. Mrs. Nelson . Simpson Sr. from the Bridgeton church was the winner. She was presented a love corsage and a silver tray that was appropriately engraved. A song, "Woman of the ear" (in the tune of "Carolina Moon"), was sung in her honor.

The secretary's report and the minutes of the executive meetings were read and pproved.

The treasurer's report was given and by motion and vote was accepted.

The finance committee's report was given. Members of this committee recomended to the convention that we give $35 to each of the following: Cragmont, Chilren's Home, Mount Olive College's organ fund, missions (Faye Barrow), paint for East arolina Fellowship building, and kitchen equipment for Camp Vandemere. By motion nd vote which was carried, this amount will be sent to each of these enterprises.

During the business session a motion was made by Mrs. Mary Salter and seconded y Mrs. Bertha Thompson that we take as a project to give to Camp Vandemere $500 or kitchen furniture. This motion was carried. Each local auxiliary is asked to send 25 toward this project.

Mrs. Rivers Winstead made a motion which was seconded and carried that each ocal auxiliary please try to send $5 to the superannuation fund, $10 to Cragmont, nd $15 to the Children's Home each year.

A nominating committee was appointed to bring in a slate of officers for the nsuing year, 1972-73. Mrs. Rivers Winstead is chairman of this committee along vith Mrs. Verdie Davenport and Mrs. Rhoda Prescott.

The resolution committee proposed that each local auxiliary take as a project he repairs on the old buildings at the Children's Home. By motion and vote this vas carried.

The petition committee reported that the Folkstone church would like to enterain the fall convention in September. By motion and vote this petition was accepted.

The courtesy committee requested that we, the convention, give a rising vote of hanks to the host church for their warm hospitality, delicious lunch, the beautiful lowers, and everything they did to make the convention a very successful one. This equest was granted.

The convention adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

Treasurer's Report

alance Brought Forward	$ 71.43
alance in Child's Spending Money	50.00
otal Receipts from Auxiliaries	2,673.94
Total to Account For	$2,795.37

Disbursements

hristian Service Fund	$ 418.50
lice E. Lupton Scholarship Fund	219.00
he Rev. J. C. Griffin Scholarship Fund	80.00
ragmont Assembly	174.00
uperannuation	146.00
nna Phillips Loan Fund	32.00
Mount Olive College (General Fund)	138.15
Mount Olive College (Organ Fund)	20.00
hildren's Home	501.50
aye Barrow Fund	265.75
Missions (General Fund)	325.66
oreign Missions	121.00
ome Missions	101.00
ir-Conditioner for Barrows	5.00
Mexican Mission	20.50
Missions (Harold Jones Fund)	10.00
amp Vandemere	67.00

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MISSIONS

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an estimated $2,000 that must be spent in June of this year.

I realize that many of you have done your best in the support of missions, but there are others that need to check to see if you have given your people the opportunity to support their mission program.

March and April are missions months as declared by our State Convention. We were hoping that during these two months the support would increase so we would be closer to the completion of the budget.

During the remainder of this year we plan to publish through THE FREE WILL BAPTIST all gifts that are sent to missions, along with the remaining amount required to reach the budget. In this way you can see where we stand as we conclude these final days and months of our year.

Thanks again for your support and the help we know that you will be giving in the future. Please send all correspondence and support to: P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Joseph H. Ingram
Director-Treasurer

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Attention, Cragmont Campers, 1971!

We have some important news for all Cragmont Campers for 1971! Due to the increases in the cost of living and the cost of operations of Cragmont Assembly, the total cost for the week this year will be $37. The additional $2 over last year's cost is to be paid as part of the registration fee. When you send in your registration fee this year, just remember that it will be $7 instead of the usual $5. The remaining $30 will be due as usual when you board the Cragmont bus.

Don't forget—registration fee this year will be $7!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
Publicity Director

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Two schoolgirls were discussing their families.

"Why does your grandmother read the Bible so much?" asked one.

"I think," said the other, "that she is cramming for her finals."

—Selected.

Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Report

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Camp Vandemere (Kitchen Fund)	30.00	
Child's Spending Money	30.00	
Executive Board's Expenses	18.33	
Total Disbursements		2,723.39
Balance		$ 71.98

Financial Statement

Balance in Treasury	$ 21.98
Per Capita Dues	336.15
Contributions to Convention	290.00
Offering for Children's Home and Mount Olive College	94.76
Lunch Money (Chapel Fund)	131.50
Total to Account For	$ 874.39

Disbursements

Offering for Children's Home	$ 47.36	
Offering for Mount Olive College	47.36	
State Per Capita Dues	168.07	
Registration Fee for State Convention	5.00	
Child's Clothing (Children's Home)	75.00	
Declamation and Essay Awards	20.00	
Secretary's Salary and Expenses	26.63	
Treasurer's Expenses	7.00	
Lunch Money (Chapel Fund)	131.50	
Woman of the Year	25.00	
Tray and Engraving for Woman of the Year	13.50	
Total Disbursements		566.42
Balance to Account For		$ 307.97

Disbursed by Vote of Convention

Cragmont Assembly	$ 35.00	
Children's Home	35.00	
Mount Olive College (Organ Fund)	35.00	
Missions (Faye Barrow)	35.00	
East Carolina Fellowship (Paint)	35.00	
Camp Vandemere (Kitchen Equipment)	35.00	
Total Disbursed by Vote of Convention		210.00
Balance on Hand		$ 97.97

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, in Wilson County, is seeking a full-time pastor as of July 1. Anyone interested in this pastorate should contact either Mr. Odell Howell, Route 1, Lucama, North Carolina 27851; telephone 284-3564; Mr. Lee Moore, Route 2, Lucama; telephone 239-2576; or Mr. Lloyd Edwards, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; telephone 284-4549.

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The Rev. Ralph Aycock announces that he is available for half-time or full-time pastoral work. He is a member of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the following address: Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina 27542; or by telephoning, 284-4254 after 4 p.m.

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The Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church located 5 miles west of Morehead City, North Carolina, is in need of a pastor for Sunday morning services. Anyone interested in serving this church should contact Mrs. Rachel Avery, P. O. Box 154, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557; or telephone 726-4676.

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The Rev. Wilson Dowdy, 614-C Glenbrook Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610, announces that he is available for pastoral work. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the address above, or by telephoning 834-2670 after 6 p.m.

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The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work beginning the first Sunday in July. Any one desiring his services may write him at Route 2, Box 104, Columbia, North Carolina 27925, or telephoning 796-5076.

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The Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, is seeking a full-time pastor. Anyone interested in this pastorate should contact either Mr. Jasper Golden, Route 2, Box 333, Beaufort, telephone 728-3576; or Mr. Nelson Gillikin, Route 2, Beaufort, telephone 728-3864.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What is meant by ". . . the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: . . ." (Matthew 8:12)?

Answer: It seems here that Christ is sounding a crucial warning signal to the Jews who have forfeited their heritage as a nation. The race will remain a covenant people and the nation will be severely judged. This judgment will make a place for the Christian church; a people to have a closer relation with God than the national relationship Israel enjoyed with God at any time during her history. The church is to be composed of both Jews and Gentiles from all the nations and tribes of the earth. "All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee" (Psalm 22:27); "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

These Jews, many of which assumed that because they descended from Abraham and the other patriarchs, they would always enjoy special favors from God; but God teaches the contrary in many passages of the Scripture. So Jesus just simply says to some of these misguided Jews, "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 8:11, 12).

I would sound a warning to us, the professional church. There are many passages in the Bible that tell us, like the Jews were told, that when we go so far in sin and away from God, as His people in the past did, we like them will be cut off. "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).

Here is what God says to the church when it has become careless: "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, . . . And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee" (Romans 11:11-13, 17-21); "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15, 16).

It says in the Bible of Abraham, "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness" (Galatians 3:6).

God has given us in the Bible sufficient history of the Jewish nation to place before us illustrations of their disobedience and failures that resulted in judgment to encourage us to refrain from their mistakes; and thereby, from the judgments He assures us that will follow any disobedience to His precepts. Then He further encourages us into an obedient walk before Him by showing the blessings of obedience. Joseph honored God, refusing to be party to any activities that dishonored God and the good name of his godly ancestors. It required of him this faithfulness under trying circumstances from adolescence to full manhood, but he remained faithful, becoming the ruler and guardian of those who thought they had disposed of him permanently.

Daniel and his three Hebrew friends remained loyal to God, refusing to eat the diet prescribed by the king, which was too bold for anyone to venture except one who trusted in God. They came out right here, gaining favor, a feat that prepared the three Hebrew children for the test and the victory shown in God's delivering them from the flames of the king's fiery furnace and Daniel from the destruction of the lions' den.

Then Job remained faithful in spite of the great loss of wealth, family, and friends in the time of testing. He resolved that only God's will be done and received greater riches and blessings in the end.

Christ says to us the church: ". . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10); "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33); "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28); "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (1 Peter 5:8, 9).

G. H. Sandison makes this valid comment on Matthew 8:11, 12, on Page 257 in his book "1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered": "In this passage Christ was evidently referring to the Jews. His remark was called forth by a Roman officer exhibiting more faith in him than had ever been done by a Jew. He therefore warned his Jewish hearers that, although they prided themselves on being children of the kingdom of God, through their descent from Abraham, they might be excluded from the kingdom because of personal unfitness; while others, who could not claim that illustrious pedigree, would be admitted because of their personal fitness. The present application of his words appears to us to be not to converted persons, but to nominal Christians, who have never been converted, but expect to enter heaven because they belong to Christian families, have been baptized and admitted to membership in a Christian church, but have not the

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STORIES

for our youth



LATE SNOW

GENE ARNOLD WALTERS

JERRY half opened his eyes in the early morning light and struggled to get awake. He pulled his thoughts together. Today is Saturday. No school. How about target practice? No, I have to spade up the garden spot for Mom. He started to turn over for another forty winks when he noticed the white, furry windowpane.

"Snow?" he gasped and sat bolt upright. "Snow!"

He could hear the family in the dining room. Mom was mourning over her blackened flower plants.

"No planting garden today," she finally announced to Jerry as he came in, struggling into his robe.

Dad was reading snatches from the morning paper. "'Traffic is paralyzed . . . trains sidetracked . . . power lines down . . . fallen tree limbs block streets . . . budding fruit orchards ice coated.'"

Jerry bounded to the window. Sure enough, there went Brad and Shorty with their sleds. He ran to the front door and shouted, "Hey, you guys! Wait a minute. I'll be right out."

The boys stopped by the picket fence and whisked the little snow mounds off the staves with mittened hands. Jerry dashed to the garage and lifted his sled down from the storage hook. He raced to his bedroom, hastily eating his piece of toast as he struggled into heavy clothes. Say, what a lark! One final fling of winter fun. Why did grown-ups think this freak spring snowstorm such a tragedy? As he snapped the zipper lock on his boots, his mother came with a final warning.

"Now, Jerry, I shouldn't have to tell you, after all winter, not to coast on Arbor Street Hill."

"Shorty said we'd all meet at McMahan's pasture." He grabbed his glove and swung through the door, carefully avoiding her eyes. "So long!"

Mothers were like all girls; they were scaredy-cats. Everyone knew the best coasting was down Arbor Street Hill. The top was a steep peak that got you off to a good start before you dropped to a second knoll, like a roller coaster, and leveled off for a good two blocks' sailing. At the bottom was the cause for Mom's worry—the railroad tracks; but they were seldom used, except for sidetracking freights. The gang agreed it wasn't a good spot for sleds to cross; but nothing ever happened.

The boys had coasted there all winter. Jerry had learned that to say "McMahan's pasture" sounded safe to his folks, although it was just over the fence on one side of Arbor Street. The story was what Pastor Taylor would call a "half-truth."

"Well," he reasoned with Shorty and Brad, "we actually do meet there."

Didn't they always post a guard at the foot of the hill? No danger at all! And with traffic all tied up downtown, it was really safe today. All the guys sidestepped their folks on this issue.

The boys hurried through the pasture to the fence, enthusiastically arguing about who took what turn of sentinel duty. The hill was perfect—slick as glass. A bright spring sun melted the frost clouds from the air and turned the world into a glittering fairyland.

It seemed as though all of Hillcrest Junior High were out to coast. There was such shouting, laughing, sliding, and snowballing! Their sleds fairly flew; and before long, sentinels were called to enter the races, and the tracks were left unguarded. After all, someone argue the storm had no doubt stopped t freights for several towns down the lir

Jerry squared his shoulders and dra in the clean, crisp air. It penetrated the depths of his lungs. He proudly pa ted his Christmas sled; it was second none on the hill. The runners we bright and smooth with the winter's us "Clear the path!" he shouted. "It's n turn!" And with a vigorous burst speed he hit the sled full length a streaked downhill.

About halfway down he heard a de rumble accompanied by an eerie whist His heart froze in fear. A train!

"Roll, Jerry!" Someone screame But he seemed nailed to the sled. I was like two people—one telling th second one what to do, and the secon unable to obey. His memory worke swiftly. The experience of months coasting came to mind. He saw h mother's anxious face as he slammed o the door that morning. He wanted pray, but the world whizzed by, and h was wooden. The words of his last te timony flashed mockingly into remem brance. He "wanted to live for Jesus he had said. How hollow it sounded a it all came back.

The oncoming train seemed like weird demon, chortling at his inescap able destruction. He closed his eyes an clenched his teeth. Then came a terr ble clattering roar, a brief, deafenin tunnel of darkness, and he burst int brilliant sunshine again with the slan of the signals pounding in his ears, an the demon of noise chuckling away int the distance. He had miraculousl streaked right between the wheels c the slow freight. Someone else ha been able to pray! He gasped and the fainted.

The next thing he knew, the other were rubbing snow on his face and ur zipping his jacket. A crowd had gath ered. The train had stopped. The eng neer and brakeman came to where h was sitting, groggy, on his sled. Ther was much confusion and talking. H felt dizzy, frightened, and sick. A fe tears crept down his cheeks in spite o a manly effort to hold them back. Th crowd of people milled between him an someone across the street. Had an other sled gone through? He heard tw sirens—one on the sheriff's car and on on an ambulance. Jerry sobbed over an over to all questions and to the worl at large, "I'm all right. The train neve touched me."

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His father loomed tall over him, and er quick, worried questioning, he ran the ambulance.

Dr. Evans appeared out of nowhere d gave him a hasty checkup. After arp questioning, the doctor leaped in his car and pulled out after the amlance. Bewildered, Jerry was bundled o Pastor Taylor's car.

"Why can't Dad take me home?" he ked.

"I'm taking you to Mrs. Taylor, son," minister said kindly. "Your dad will me for you there."

Jerry felt more conscience stricken n ever in the presence of his pastor. squirmed and shrank into the corner the car seat. Why had he lied and obeyed? How could he make things ht?

"You can have my sled," he offered lly, knowing it was an empty offer.

Pastor Taylor smiled, shook his head, d sighed. "As Samuel told King Saul, obey is better than sacrifice' (1 muel 15:22)."

A thousand questions went through ry's mind, but somehow he couldn't one. Why was he going to the Tays'? Did the engineer have him arted? Maybe they had to get a cell dy for him. Was it against the law cross the tracks? Would the kids hate him for spoiling their coasting? had heard someone say that Arbor eet Hill was to be banned by the vn council. Wasn't anyone going to p him? What had he done besides ? No one got hurt.

Mrs. Taylor also seemed to be hiding mething from him. She offered him nug of hot chocolate and some cookies, t he couldn't eat. He wished Dad uld come, even if it meant a good tanng. He'd like to be punished and ve it over with.

After what seemed like an age, Dad d Pastor Taylor drove up. Mrs. Tay opened the door. Jerry looked at his her in astonishment. Why, he looked old as Grandpa! Why was he looking worried? He jumped to his feet.

"I'm sorry, Dad. I'll never slide there ain," he quavered with uncertain eath. "The Lord must have spared me. t I didn't hurt anyone."

His father rubbed his chin gravely. here is no doubt the Lord spared you; t we never do anything wrong without hurting someone—usually unintentionally, Jerry," he said, pulling the words out one by one, "your mother and I were across the street from the tracks. We watched you meet that train. She is in the hospital. She had a heart attack. We can only pray."—Guide for Juniors.

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Questions & Answers

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spirit of Christ and Christ's words here also apply to people in Christian countries who having a knowledge of the things of God, do not live according to their knowledge. They, too, will see people who had not their advantages admitted, while they themselves are excluded."

If any reader of this should have only a form of godliness, denying the power thereof, may we encourage him to turn to God's Holy Word, read it, and obey it before it is everlastingly too late. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:7-9).

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Saint Mary's "Woman of the Year"

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Baking and decorating delicious cakes is another one of her talents. Recently, she was called on to make a cake for the USO. When she carried it, she found that another cake had failed to show up; so, she went back home and baked another one right then.

"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Proverbs 31:11, 12). Mary is a devoted wife of a deacon, who is currently serving as chairman of the advisory council board. She is always ready to lend a helping hand to her husband in his many church responsibilities. He has said on many occasions, "If it were not for Mary, I couldn't have done it." She has helped him to serve many meals to the Layman's League and always helps lead the services at the Home for the Aged when he is in charge.

Mary's husband is a "fertilizer man," and in order for him to keep his customers happy, she helps him during the busy season in the office. She does some filing, typing, and answering the telephone. She has even loaded some of the products in his car and delivered them when there was a deadline to meet. Dependability is a lost art with many people, but not with Mary. No matter what the occasion or need, she is always there to do her part.

Mary is the mother of two fine children: Danny, age 14; and Denise, age 12. They are both Christians and are taking their place in the activities of the church. Danny has sung solos in church and Denise has played the piano and sung with a trio for church. They have both recently written an essay for their youth groups. It seems as if Mary has this verse in mind and heart: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Mary lives from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when she kneels to pray
Her prayer would be for others.

Our nominee is a willing worker, not a shirker. She is never lazy. Her heart, hands, feet—in fact her entire being—is dedicated to the Lord. She goes about serving the Lord very humbly, never bragging, and tends to the needs of her family, her church, and her friends.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Proverbs 31:10). This is our nominee, Mary Miller. Her purity of character, humbleness of spirit, her patient and kind heart are revealed in her labor in the vineyard of the Master. We love her, we are proud of her, and we truly believe she is deserving of the title—"Free Will Baptist Woman of the Year."

When we get to heaven and receive our just reward,
When there are commendations from our precious Lord;
We are sure there'll be a special crown for many set apart
Like *Mary*, who always had a loving and willing heart.

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The idle Christian is the raw material of which backsliders are made.—Selected.

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"If you are too busy or too tired to attend worship services regularly, my friend, you are just too busy to die; but you will anyway."—Selected.

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78 THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

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S. J. Stone, 1866 — Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil [illegible] f her war,
4. Yet she [illegible] ree in One,

She is [illegible] id the Word;
Her char [illegible] th, one birth;
She waits [illegible] v - er - more;
And mys [illegible] est is won;

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly Bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



IS IT THE REAL THING--AND FOR THE REAL REASON?

Editorial...

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Wigs, wigs, and more wigs. False eyelashes, eyeliner, mascara, eyebrow pencil, blush, lipstick, powder—all intended to make the alluring more alluring, and designed to compliment the user; but, we know that they aren't for real.

Smiling faces, raised eyebrows, enthusiastic voices, zealousness unlimited for a good cause, only when it brings public recognition—and again, not for real.

Groovy music, chanted merrily, noised broadly, and even yelled at times to attract the desired attention, intended to enlighten, to enhance, and make more interesting the worship of the Lord. Again, not for real!

Let's focus here for a moment. There is an upsurge of religious music which appeals to the feet more than the heart. It stirs the physique more than the soul and leaves one breathless rather than relaxed. It sends one out and seldom if ever brings him back in.

A now popular song urges us to put our hand in the hand of the Man from Galilee; and if this is for real, it's okay; but if this is just another one of Satan's tools for ensnaring the weak Christian, then it's not okay. Before we appear too hypocritical, let us hasten to admit that we do believe that some music of this type has proven to be useful in evangelism; but, there is a danger of the beat becoming more prominent than the message of the words—and if the music gives more rise to dancing than to repentance or spiritual nourishment, then it has missed its purpose—its favorable purpose, that is.

Some of the popular evangelistic TV programs presently use body motions (choreography, if you will) in conjunction with the music, supposedly to give overall continuity to the whole of the music, thus better reaching the hitherto unreached. We would again caution against too much of this swaying to and fro lest the viewers concentrate more on the body movement than on the words of the songs. Modern dancing has become quite a popular means of expressing religion and interpreting it. We have been taught, however, to avoid modernism. Some would argue that dancing has its rightful place, but dancing in worship causes even some of the most broadminded church members to do a double take! Their contention is that few, if any, have ever danced their way into heaven.

None of us would deny the fact that certain music calls for hand clapping and joyous exultations and bodily expressions. The more holiness-inclined people have long practiced this freedom in their music, but lest we follow the wrong urges, it might be best for us to refrain from an overindulgence of it.

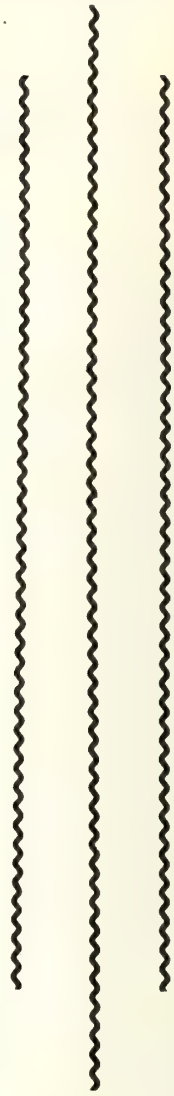
Jesus Christ is now described as a "superstar," and in some people's opinion this is just as sacrilegious as calling Him a "cool cat." Rock bands using new songs which attribute humanistic and "with it" qualities to Jesus are becoming so popular in many churches that the hymns of old are discarded like unwanted shoes. In our opinion a church is the last place in the world where a rock festival should be held. What do these rock festivals accomplish except to provide a rockier way for one struggling to find the Lord?

Opinions vary, of course; and some would suggest that this writer knows too little about this "enhancement" to worship to be qualified to discuss it. If that be the case, we would welcome more information.

Also, some would imagine that this writer is talking out of both sides of his mouth, inasmuch as some of his own music has a "now" sound and is written in the language of today's youth. We have not, however, discarded the traditional hymns which have long since proven their worthiness. We have been careful, also, in writing and using music, not to allow the beat to transcend the Christian message. This, in our opinion, is where the major danger lies—and this thought is not just in the back of our minds. Let's be careful in using music for religious purposes that it is the real thing and used for the real reason!

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Mrs. Nelson T. Simpson, Eastern District Woman of the Year



RS. SIMPSON, the former Miss Elizabeth Styron (better known as Mrs. , especially to the young people), was rn August 13, 1911, in Pamlico Coun- North Carolina. She was reared in a ristian home and accepted Christ at age of twelve. She has served the d and maintained a Christian standard living through the years. She became ither at the age of fifteen, and with exception of a few years, has remain- one.

Mrs. Simpson graduated from Oriental h School in 1928, and was in nurses ining for a short time in Richmond, ginia. This training was put in prac- many years later, for it has been task of Mrs. Simpson to take care of eral elderly people.

She was married on May 17, 1930, to son T. Simpson and lived in New Bern il October 2, 1935, when she moved Bridgeton, North Carolina. Born to s union were three sons. These boys re always carried to church and train- to serve the Lord. At this time one her sons is a minister in the Pente- tal Holiness denomination. After ving to Bridgeton, Mrs. Simpson be- attending the Bridgeton Free Will ptist Church, and immediately began serve the Lord in this church. She s elected teacher of the intermediate nday school class, and with the ex- tion of about three years, has taught same age group. This has been ap- ximately thirty-two years, and she is l teaching. In the early years of her rk at the church she presented pro- ms at Christmas, Easter, and many cial occasions. She was always there h love and patience, working with the ng people of the church for this seem- to be one of her many talents. Mrs. Simpson has assisted in daily vacation Bible school, serving as pianist and director a few times. She served as pianist of the church for many years, and still fills this place when needed. She also has served as church clerk for approximately twelve years.

Mrs. Simpson joined the ladies aid (now our woman's auxiliary) in 1957. The next year she was elected recording secretary. She served in this office for about twenty-four years. Since Mrs. Simpson has been a member of the auxiliary, there has been only two years that she has not held an office. At the present time she is serving as missions chairman. During the early days of the auxiliary work the members were responsible for giving the church "spring and fall cleanings." Mrs. Simpson was always there to do her part of the hard work. She organized the first girl's auxiliary of the church, and has always been faithful in the district work of the auxiliary. She has served as recording secretary for the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention for nearly fourteen years, and is still serving in this capacity.

Mrs. Simpson has always had a great interest in the public school system, and has been active in community functions. She served as a grade mother each year until her children were in high school. She then served as local P.T.A. president of Bridgeton High School for two years. She also served in other capacities during their high school years, and has participated in various fund-raising drives for the school. She helped buy classroom and playground equipment for the school. She has solicited for the Red Cross, Heart Fund, and also the Salvation Army; and is always cheerful and willing to help people who need her. Through the years she has taken a special interest in elderly people. She lived in the home with her husband's mother and father and took care of them through sickness and death. She lived with them for thirty-four years. She also was very close and helpful to her husband's aunt who was crippled for many years. Mrs. Simpson left her own home and nursed this aunt in her death sickness. All of this time she had to depend on the Lord for strength; without Him she could not have kept up with her church work and also take care of her responsibilities at home. She learned to trust in the Lord in a way that she had never known before. One year after the death of her aunt, she helped nurse her own mother for a year before the Lord called her home. Surely without the help of God she could never have stood up under all the pressure. It was a strength made perfect in weakness that sustained her.

One Christmas she was presented a lovely Scofield Bible as a gift from the auxiliary members because of their love and devotion for her. Kind deeds, too numerous to mention, have been a part of her Christian life.

Mrs. Simpson has been honored in the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention by being presented a "Life Membership Certificate" and also a "Life Award Guard Pin" for loyal services rendered to our denominational enterprises and our woman's work.

She has always been, and still is, active in all phases of the church. She attends worship services and Sunday school on Sundays. She also attends Sunday school council meetings and many special meetings of the church. As missions chairman she attends the general auxiliary meeting and her circle meeting each month, and has taught many study courses in the auxiliary work.

Besides being active in her church and

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25

GETTING BACK TO GOD

Scripture Reading—Job 37:22

"People must get back to God," says Roger Babson, the great statistician. "For a long time it has been considered rather smart to be irreligious. Now people must get back to God. Above all, they should start praying. They seem to think that there is something about prayer that is not exactly red-blooded or two-fisted."

"When business worries me," says Mr. Babson, "I think of God. If someone has been unkind to me, I think of God. If I should come face to face with disaster, I should think of God."—*Boston Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God should be foremost in our minds; not only in times of trouble, but also in times of happiness.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

A SPIRITUAL MIND FOR SPIRITUAL WORK

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 19:11

When Leonardo da Vinci was putting on canvas his great masterpiece which the world knows today as "The Last Supper," he became quite angry with a certain man. He lashed him with hot and bitter words and threatened the man with vengeance. But when the great painter returned to his canvas and began to paint the face of Jesus he found himself so perturbed and disquieted that he could not compose himself for the delicate work before him, and not until he had sought out the man and asked forgiveness did he find himself in possession of that inner calm which enabled him to give to the Master's face the tender and delicate expression he so well knew it must have. The conscientious Christian with anything like a real spiritual experience knows how true it is.—*William Edward Biederwolf.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Peace in the heart can calm all storms. Any work for Christ, to be effective, must be wrought from a peace-filled heart.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

THE DIFFERENCE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 41:9

Edgar A. Guest, telling of a conversation on happiness, said, "We were discussing a certain man the other day—a man rich and almost friendless. His life has been a long round of bickering and close dealing. Lawsuits have strewn his path. Friendship apparently meant nothing to him when he was busy making his fortune. Men who once tried to like him gave him up as a hopeless case. He is now old and has more money than he will ever need. To one with whom he quarreled bitterly more than twenty years ago, he said recently: 'I don't understand it. You have hundreds of friends about you, and I have almost no one outside of my own family to whom I can turn.' And the man replied simply: 'I was making friends years ago, while you were busy making money.' It's all in that one sentence. We carry into old age only the things we have thought to bring along the way."—*Edgar A. Guest.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The value of life does not lie in the riches of success, but in happiness gained through a knowledge of Christ.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

SMALL SON'S AWKWARD QUESTION

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:4

When the family returned from Sunday morning service, father criticized the sermon, daughter thought the choir's singing atrocious, and mother found fault with the organist's playing. But the subject had to be dropped when the small boy of the family piped up: "But it was a good show for a nickel, don't you think, Dad?"—*The Illinois Farmer.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Usually one gets out of something exactly what he puts into it. If we are not receiving as much as we want from worship, it might well be that we aren't putting enough into it.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

A BOY'S PRAYER

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:11

A little heathen boy who had just learned the alphabet, was one Sunday morning seen out on the hillside, with his hands clasped together and his eyes closed. He was repeating the letters of the alphabet over and over. The missionary drew near, and asked him what it meant. He replied, "I was praying." "But why," replied the questioner, "did you repeat the alphabet?" "Well," he said, "I felt that I must pray, and as I knew no prayer, I just said the letters of the alphabet, knowing that the great God would put them into words for me."—*Canadian Epworth Era.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When one prays it doesn't matter if the prayer is not eloquent. The attitude of the heart is what counts.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

NO PLACE FOR PRIDE

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 8:13

Two ladies at Shanghai once got t talking about Mr. Taylor, wondering if h was ever tempted to be proud. One o the ladies went and asked Mrs. Taylor. Sh did not know. But Mrs. Taylor went an asked Mr. Taylor. He was surprised an inquired, "Proud about what?" Mrs. Tay lor replied, "Why, about the things yo have done." Then immediately came thi beautiful answer, "I never knew I had don anything." And Mr. Taylor was right; h never had done anything, for it was Go who had wrought in and through him Only, there was this difference between thi man of God and some other persons: h knew it, and others do not. As it wa with Mr. Taylor, so should it be with us When we have done all, greatly and grand ly, then let us say, "We are but unprofit able servants," and so give the glory of ou successful service to God, to Him alone.— *China Millions.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No one should boast and say of his accomplishments, "Look what I have done." Only by God's grace are we able to do anything of value.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

ANGELS AND NEEDLES

Scripture Reading—Psalm 103:13

Centuries ago idle men discussed the question, How many angels can stand on the point of a needle? A faithful pastor in Scotland returning home one night saw the mother of seven children, herself a widow, mending the clothes of her bairns. "I know now," he said to his wife as he came in out of the dark, "I know now how many angels can be supported on the point of a needle," and then he told what he had seen.—*Louis Albert Banks.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A mother's love surpasses all love except the love of God. God help us to be thankful for our mothers.

(Devotions used by permission, 300 *Illustrations for Christian Service,* W. B. Knight, Eerdmans Publishing Company.)

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My yesterday was Christ upon the tree,
Who bore the condemnation due to me.
Today I journey on, and He shall lead;
He knows my pathways, and He knows the need.
Tomorrow is not; but His wisdom plans;
I leave my future in His loving hands.
Full well I know those hands all worlds upbear.
The hands that hold the stars shall hold my care.

—Author Unknown.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS

Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

MORE PROGRESS!

The progress on our buildings at agmont is rapidly moving forward! terior work has been underway for out two weeks and the completion date fast approaching. We are very ex- ed at the progress which has been de. Along with the progress comes, course, more bills to be paid. We ve presently drawn $12,000 on our an and expect to be making the final yment of $13,000 during the month of ril. Orders have also been placed for nks, lockers, and four-inch foam mat- sses amounting to $4,042.11. Our ildings and furnishings (barring any foreseen delays) should be ready for e by May 15. Pictures following will ve you an idea of the progress to date.



These timbers outline the counselor's quarters. Two of these rooms are in each building.



This is cottage No. 6. This gives you a od idea of its location as it faces the hik- g trail.



This is cottage No. 6 near the Green House. As is shown, the access road is in much better shape than usual due to the use of the road by the heavy equipment.

The Western District Youth Fellowship ted to turn all of its funds over to Mrs. untain Taylor Sr. ($3,800) for use in aying some of our bills. The Cape Fear outh Fellowship has also raised $400 hich it has voted to turn in for use nmediately! We urge any group hav- g any money for Cragmont to turn it as quickly as possible so that we can ay off our loan and avoid the high in- rest payments that are charged for ex- nded periods of time!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

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As we preach it would be well to remember that in every pew there is at least one broken heart.—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Edward Smith

(RESOLUTION OF RESPECT)

On March 8, 1971, death claimed one of the most loyal and respected members of the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, Mr. Edward Smith. He was indeed a dedicated Christian gentleman who greatly enjoyed his work in the church, and we wish to take this means of expressing our sorrow at his passing.

The following Resolution of Respect was adopted by the official board of the church in his behalf, and the church instructed that it be submitted for publication.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to remove from our midst one of the senior members of our board;

Whereas, his life exemplified his love for his church, his friends, and his Lord;

Whereas, his contributions to his church, his gentle spirit, and warm smile will long be remembered;

Whereas, a life such as his cannot end even at an advanced age without a sense of loss to those who had been associated with him;

Whereas, we feel it can truly be said of him that he fought the good fight and finished his course;

Therefore be it resolved, that the General Board of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, in regular session this the ninth day of March, 1971, hereby express its profound sorrow at the passing of Mr. Edward Smith, a loyal church member, deacon, and a Christian gentleman.

The Rev. Clyde W. Cox, Church pastor

Ross Phipps, General Board Chairman

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What! Is there hope for me? A fountain sure,
Where blood-washed, I may be made white and pure?
Thank God, I now may stand in spotless dress,
All clothed at Thy command in righteousness.

—Author Unknown.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Crab Point Church Announces Revival April 26-30



The Rev. E. E. Edwards, pastor of Mt. Zion and Trent Free Will Baptist Churches in Pamlico County, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Morehead City, North Carolina, the week of April 26-30. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Dewitt T. Cleve Jr. assisting. Special music will be rendered each evening by the church choir. Truly this promises to be a great week in the service of the Lord.

Mr. Edwards is one of the outstanding ministers of the denomination, having served as president of the Eastern Conference Ministerial Association. He is at present vice-moderator of the Eastern Conference.

The pastor along with the church membership extends to everyone a cordial invitation to attend all the services possible.

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Rose Hill Church To Have Mission Program

The Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina Mission Board of Original Free Will Baptists, will be at the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, on Sunday night, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Ingram will show slides of the denomination's missionaries. This is being sponsored by the McLawhorn and Senior Bible classes of the Rose Hill Sunday school, of which Mrs. Lula Mills Wilson and Mr. Elwood Nobles are teachers. The public is invited to attend this special service. The pastor of the church is the Rev. N. Dan Beaman of Snow Hill, North Carolina.

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report For March, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as followers for the month of March, 1971:

Balance March 1, 1971		$7,275.05
Receipts		
Churches	$822.31	
Unions	35.00	
Personal Gift	50.00	
Insurance Dividend	58.32	
Woman's Auxiliaries	128.00	
Sunday Schools	247.00	
Youth Fellowship	55.04	
Second District League Convention	132.96	
Total Receipts		1,528.63
Total to Account For		$8,803.68
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 365.81	
Insurance	69.70	
Construction of Building No. 2	6,000.00	
Total Disbursements		$6,435.51
Balance April 1, 1971 (Checking Account)		$2,368.17
Savings Account		2,187.44
Grand Total		$4,555.61

(Please Note: Send all donations for Cragmont Assembly, Inc. to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Richlands, North Carolina 28574.)

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Construction Begins On Wilmington Church

The people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina, would like to share the good news of their new church building soon to be completed. According to a statement submitted by Mrs. Belle Brown, for many years now the people have lived in hopes that one day they could afford to have a church building that would pay tribute to God, His followers, and the community. "Thank God," says Mrs. Brown, "the moment is arriving. According to plan, we should be holding full-time services by June 1, 1971."

The church is located approximately five miles east of Wilmington on Highway 132, just across from the Tanglewood Community. The church has a seating capacity of about 200. The membership expresses their appreciation for everything anyone has done to help them in the building program, and they desire continued prayers that God will bless and lead them all the way.

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Revival Services in Progress At Memorial Church

The Rev. Elbert Edwards is the evangelist for revival services which are in progress this week at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Chocowinity, North Carolina. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Roy Cauley, assisting Mr. Edwards. The meeting will continue through Friday Evening, April 23. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Rudy Shepard Conducting White Oak Grove Revival

Revival services are in progress at White Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church near LaGrange, North Carolina with the Rev. Rudy Shepard as the visiting minister. Services began Monday evening, April 19, and will continue through Friday evening, April 23, beginning each evening at 7:30. Your are cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Faith Church Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 7

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Coming Events

April 22—Showing of DVBS materials St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church New Bern, North Carolina, 7:30 p. m.

May 1—Daily Vacation Bible School Workshop (places to be designated), Ayden North Carolina

May 6—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5 Dunn (Cape Fear District Host)

New Programs At Shady Grove

by
MRS. LIZZIE BELL DAWSON

(The following article was written for publication by Mrs. Dawson at the request of our pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen.)

GOD does not change in His redemptive plan for man, nor has He revised His high ideals for making life deep and meaningful. The members of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, are aware of this; and, they are concerned about the number of unenlisted people living in the community, and have had cause to wonder if they are using the most effective methods for convincing modern man that God is relevant to his needs. Surveys were made and each member of the church was asked to list the things he felt represented the greatest needs of the community. The areas mentioned most often were studied by the church leaders. As a result of this, a reevaluation of the entire church program took place.

Five Sunday night services were devoted to discussions of these special needs; and persons actively involved in those areas were invited to Shady Grove to discuss the methods they had found to be most effective.

Sunday night, February 28, Congressman David Henderson spoke on "The Problems of Farming as They Relate to the Rural Family." He assured the congregation that today's rural areas are as well equipped socially and economically to meet the needs of individuals as urban areas are.

On March 7, the Rev. Tom Wolfe, chaplain at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, discussed marital problems and offered some helpful solutions for more meaningful relationships between husband and wife.

At the evening service on March 14, members of the congregation listened to Dr. Caroline Callison, director of Sampson County Health Department, talk on social problems as they relate to the family. After surveying these problems, she asked the searching question, "What is the church doing to meet these needs?"

Mr. Robert Hill, an effective witness who has won many people to the Lord, told of the opportunities of lay evangelism on March 21. Mr. Hill talked enthusiastically about the joys of witnessing and stressed his belief that all Christians' love for Christ should compel them to discover opportunities everyday to tell others what Christ has done for them.

On March 28, Mr. Charles Dunn, director of North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, brought a challenging message on the dangers of drugs and alcohol as they relate to family life. Each person present was made acutely aware of the availability of drugs and was told the disasterous results they are having on homes in America today. He expressed the belief that unless families, churches, and schools actively engage in a constant battle against drugs they will grow progressively worse in our communities. He offered practical suggestions for combating these deadly enemies of the home.

Neighboring churches were invited to attend these special meetings, and many visitors were present at each of the five-night services. Two churches, Oak Grove and St. Paul, were represented at every serivce. Following each service a period of fellowship with refreshments was enjoyed with everyone given the opportunity to ask questions of the evening speaker.

The last weekend in March saw attendance at an all-time high at Shady Grove church, reaching a peak at every service higher than any other weekend for the current church year.

At the beginning of the new quarter, April 4, entirely new programs were started for the evening service. Each age group meets separately with programs geared to meet their particular needs. Enthusiastic leaders are using materials that have proven successful in meeting that age's spiritual needs. From babies through the most elderly person, they meet from 7 until 8 p. m. to participate in programs of special interest to them. On the last Sunday night of each month all groups will come together to evaluate their programs and enjoy a time of fellowship and share a covered-dish supper.

April 4 was also the date when the children's church was begun at Shady Grove. Children, ages three through eight, are meeting in two different groups and participating in services designed to enable them to worship God effectively.

No, God does not change, and He should be as vital to modern Christians as He was to the Children of Israel when He led them through the wilderness to the promised land. The members at Shady Grove are convinced that if Christianity is to be the dynamic force in the world it should be, the methods used must be the most effective possible. Each worker in the new program is a dedicated Christian who is putting forth his best efforts and is relying on the Holy Spirit to use him in reaching the lost of the community and for strengthening the spiritually weak. They ask other Christians to pray that the Lord will be exalted and that Christians will be drawn together in a felllowship of love that will cause the people of the world to again exclaim, ". . . Lord, thou art God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is" (Acts 4:24).

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Change of Address

The Rev. Ray Wells states a change in his address effective April 17. His new address is 703 Webb Street, Selma, North Carolina 27576. His former address was 104 Spruce Street, Williamston, North Carolina 27892. Anyone wishing to correspond with him, please note this change of address.

our Church Auxiliaries

North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The North Carolina State Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene in its forty-fourth annual session Thursday, May 6, at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina. The Cape Fear District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will serve as host. The convention theme will be "Christ or Chaos," with Scripture taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14. The theme song will be "The Light of the World Is Jesus." The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Advanced Registration
10:00—Hymn, "The Light of the World Is Jesus"
—Invocation, Mrs. Francis Garner
—Morning Devotional, Mrs. Mac Wallace
10:20—Greetings, Mrs. Carl Dudley
—Thank You, Mrs. Wray Tomlinson
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. Bruce Barrow
10:30—Recognition of Personalities
10:35—Business Session
10:45—Life Membership Award, by Mrs. C. F. Bowen
10:55—Declamations, Directed by Mrs. D. W. Hansley
11:15—Morning Worship:
Hymn, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?"
Offering
Special Music, White Oak Trio
Convention Message, "Christ or Chaos," the Rev. C. F. Bowen
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "I Would Not Be Denied"
—Essays
1:20—Memorial Service, Led by Mrs. Edwin Roper
1:30—Miscellaneous Business
—Report of Committees
2:30—Adjournment
—Benediction

Directions to Shady Grove: Shady Grove church is located on Highway 13 South from Newton Grove. Those traveling from the Washington, North Carolina, area would go to Greenville and take Highway 13. Those traveling from the Kenansville area would travel toward Dunn and take Highway 421 South to the intersection of Highway 13. Those traveling from the New Bern area would take highway 70 to Kinston, then take Highway 55 to Newton Grove where they would take Highway 13 South to the church.

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ATTENTION, STUDY COURSE CHAIRMEN!

At the last session of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention I was elected as the state study course chairman.

On Page 79 of "Devotion," the 1971 auxiliary program book, is a list of books suggested for study in our auxiliary work. However, I would like to mention some additional subjects for you to study in your auxiliary work.

It seems to me that there is an urgent need for a back-to-the-Bible movement, beginning in the home. With this in mind, I would like to suggest the "Parent Guidance Series" published by the Concordia Publishing House and can be purchased at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation at Ayden or either of its bookstores. I am familiar with some of these and find them to be most helpful. Another book I would like for you to examine is "Soul Winning in Your Community" by Maude W. Hathaway. This is a very helpful book written in a readily understood language.

If we, as parents, will unite our efforts to reestablish our homelife on a solid, Christian foundation, it can be very helpful to us as individuals, and especially to our young people.

If I can be of help to you, please contact me. May we read together 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly divi[de] the word of truth."

Mrs. James A. Evans
600 Carey Road
Kinston, North Carolina 28[501]

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A Successful Youth Convention

Little Rock Free Will Baptist Chu[rch] Lucama, North Carolina, was host to [the] Western District Youth Convention, [Sa]turday, April 3. There were 275 pers[ons] attending the convention. Each yo[uth] auxiliary was urged to bring an offer[ing] to help decorate the Cragmont "Mo[ney] Tree." The total offering was $5[0]. This added to the $3,200 in the treas[ury] of the Western District Youth Conv[en]tion brings the total raised for the bu[ild]ing program at Cragmont to ab[out] $3,800. The convention voted to t[urn] all money over to Mrs. Fountain Tay[lor] Sr. to help meet the needs of the pres[ent] building program.

Pictured below are the essay a[nd] declamation winners as announced d[ur]ing the convention. They are left [to] right: Pam Temple, YFA essay winn[er] from the First church in Wilson, No[rth] Carolina; Gail Bottoms, AFC essay w[in]ner from the Milbournie church, Wilso[n] and Jan Pope, YFA declamation winn[er] from the Piney Grove church near Ken[ly] North Carolina.



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PLEASE NOTICE

Those who are planning to attend t[he] Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cra[g]mont Assembly, August 16-21, shou[ld] send their registration fees to Mrs. L[e]lie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 97, Gold[s]boro, North Carolina 27350.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

FOUNDERS' DAY IS MAY 22

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home ill celebrate its annual Founders' Day May 22, 1971. All friends of the ildren's Home are invited to attend and rticipate in the festivities on the cam- s which will include special services r the occasion, a special offering for e Home, a picnic lunch, plus, other ac- vities. Everyone is encouraged to bring s camera, a picnic basket, and join in e fun.

Please watch "The Free Will Baptist" r future announcements with more de- ils about the plans for the occasion.

Our Home will be fifty-one (51) years d on May 23, having been established that date in 1920. We appreciate its any accomplishments during these ars in helping to meet the needs of ildren entrusted to its care.

MAY IS CHILDREN'S HOME MONTH

In observance of "Children's Home onth" during May we encourage our pporters to put forth every effort to ake a special contribution to the Free ill Baptist Children's Home. An offer- g will be taken on May 22 during unders' Day activities. Our goal for e day is $12,000, and we hope you ill help us reach it. It should be noted at your contribution will help your urch reach its budgeted quota for the urch year ending on June 30.

The Children's Home has many needs hich you can help meet. In addition general operation expenses and those ms which have appeared previously on r opportunity sheets the following rep- sent four of our greatest needs:

1. Painting and general repairs on all our older buildings;
2. New roofs on four buildings which ed covering very badly (estimated cost be approximately $15 per square for 0 squares of shingles);
3. New office equipment representing: mimeograph machine, a folding ma- ine, an addressograph machine, and an ding machine; and
4. A new van for transporting children. (We now have one in operation.)

Your contributions to the Home will be a great help in overcoming these needs! Please let us hear from you during May!

SUPERINTENDENT'S PLANS

Unless providentially hindered, the superintendent plans to attend each of the upcoming denominational conferences and convention meeting throughout the state. Those who have questions about the Children's Home are encouraged to see him at one of these meetings or to contact or visit him at the Home. It should be noted that he can meet with churches or organizational groups on weekdays or nights **now** and on Sundays **after June 1.** You are urged to extend him an invitation to visit with you!

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TRANS WORLD RADIO NEWS

Chatham, New Jersey, April 12—Dr. Paul E. Freed, president and founder of Trans World Radio, one of the world's largest nongovernmental broadcasting organizations, recently returned from a trip to the Orient.

The purpose of this trip was to expedite negotiations for the establishment of a superpower radio facility in the heart of the Far East.

Negotiations are in progress with a number of governments for a permit to construct a superpower station. It is estimated that such a station will reach an audience of at least 100,000,000 people.

In considering the possibilities of broadcasting from the Far East, Dr. Freed said, "The challenge of meeting the spiritual needs of this densely populated area of the world is overwhelming."

Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, are the sites of the existing broadcasting operations of Trans World Radio. From these superpower facilities and production centers in twelve countries, broadcasts in 33 languages are sent forth to people of many different nationalities and backgrounds.

Trans World Radio is a nonprofit, noncommercial Christian broadcasting organization that draws its financial support from voluntary contributions from churches, organizations, and individuals in many parts of the world.

The Swaziland project in Southern Africa will be the newest Trans World Radio superpower facility. It is in the construction phase and is expected to be in full operation early in 1972.

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MY JESUS

by Jimmy Raper
St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

My Jesus, oh how I love thee!
That you cared enough to die for me.
I know not why you left heaven above
To come to this earth to offer your love
To man that was evil, sinful, and cold;
And only was interested in riches and gold.
Man fought, stole, lied, and deceived
While all you wanted was for him to believe
That the life you gave would lead him toward
The way to gain heaven as his reward.

My Jesus, oh how I love thee!
That you loved enough to die for me.
You walked this earth some thirty odd years,
And in that time shed so many tears.
You gave your all on Calvary
So man's soul could be set free
From the earth's hate, war, and strife;
That he could someday have a better life—
A life in heaven with his loved ones dear;
A life of perfectness with his Maker near.

My Jesus, oh how I love thee!
That you gave your all and died for me.
The message you brought was simple and plain,
But most of mankind received it in vain.
But I'm so glad you came to this earth
For it gave me the change for a second birth.
Because you did come and brought God's grace
I know I will someday see His face.
My Jesus, oh how I love thee!
Thank you for caring enough to die for me.

MRS. NELSON T. SIMPSON, EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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taking care of her family and home she is employed with the Historic Tryon Palace Restoration in New Bern. She serves as hostess and enjoys this work very much.

We, the auxiliary members, feel that the life of Mrs. Simpson speaks for itself. She often quotes the Scripture like the Apostle Paul of old, that "For me to live is Christ, . . ." (Philippians 1:21). She serves the Lord and her denomination faithfully and cheerfully and is a wonderful Christian person, a good example, and a great inspiration to everyone that knows her. We believe that souls have been brought to Christ through her efforts.

In her local auxiliary she was honored with a beautiful corsage and a book that is to be placed in the church library. As a district winner she was presented a lovely corsage and a silver tray that was appropriately engraved. A duet by two ladies was sung to honor her, entitled, "Woman of the Year," and written to the tune of "Carolina Moon."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Richard Bryan
District Woman of the Year
Chairman

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NEWS NOTES

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Kinston, North Carolina, with the Rev. Joseph Ingram as the visiting evangelist. Services began Sunday evening, April 18, and will continue through Saturday evening, April 24, beginning each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Joe Johnson, and the church membership invite everyone to attend the remainder of these services if possible.

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Core Creek Church to Observe Annual Homecoming

The annual homecoming service of Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, will be observed on Sunday, May 2. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

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Piney Grove Church To Observe Homecoming

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Albertson, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, April 25. The pastor, the Rev. Everette Harper, will bring the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. Following a picnic lunch served by the church, an afternoon program of singing will be held. The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend.

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Pleasant Hill Revival In Progress

The Rev. Eddie Edwards is the guest evangelist for revival services in progress this week at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina. The services which begin each evening at 7:30 will close with the Saturday evening service, April 24. The pastor, the Rev. C. M. Coats, is assisting in the service; and he and the church membership invite the public to attend the remainder of the revival.

CRAGMONT ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE 1971

June 7-12: **Youth Frontier Conference** (YFA Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

June 14-19: **General Youth Conference**—Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Manning, Directors; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834

June 21-25: **Ministers' Conference**—The Rev. David C. Hansley, Director, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina 28560

June 28—July 3: **Christian Cadets' Conference**—The Rev. Raymond Jones, Director, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703

July 5-10: **Youth Frontier Conference** (YFA Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

July 12-17: **Youth Frontier Conference** (AFC Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551.

August 2-7: **Young People's Bible Conference**—The Rev. L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834

August 16-21: **Woman's Auxiliary Conference**—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser and Mrs. Carl Dudley, Directors; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Registrar, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27350

August 23-28: **Family Week**—The Rev. H. A. Grubbs, Director-Registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

Open Periods
May 15—June 7
July 18—August 1
August 7-15
August 29—October 14

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: How can the consecration hear about from the pulpits and read out in the Bible be brought about?

Answer: That which we read of in Bible has your answer. Here in part what it says: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, ly, acceptable unto God, which is your asonable service. And be not conmed to this world: but be ye transmed by the renewing of your mind, at ye may prove what is that good, d acceptable, and perfect, will of d" (Romans 12:1, 2); "But if we walk the light, as he is in the light, we ve fellowship one with another, and blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleans us from all sin. If we say that we ve no sin, we deceive ourselves, and truth is not in us. If we confess our s, he is faithful and just to forgive us r sins, and to cleanse us from all unhteousness" (1 John 1:7-9); "He that ieveth on the Son hath everlasting : and he that believeth not the Son all not see life; but the wrath of God deth on him" (John 3:36); "(For we lk by faith, not by sight:) . . . Wherefore we labour, that, whether present absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgnt seat of Christ; that every one may eive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:7, 9, 10); "And all things, whatsoever ye shall in prayer, believing, ye shall reve" (Matthew 21:22); "That if thou lt confess with thy mouth the Lord us, and shalt believe in thine heart t God hath raised him from the dead, u shalt be saved. For with the heart n believeth unto righteousness; and h the mouth confession is made unto vation. For the scripture saith, Whoever believeth on him shall not be amed. . . . So then faith cometh by ring, and hearing by the word of I" (Romans 10:9-11, 17).

The Bible indicates that the only way one may be saved is by faith in Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and that such a person must commit himself completely to this way of faith in Christ in order that he please God and thereby increase in faith and the knowledge of Christ and His holy way. This includes a devotion: the giving of oneself to the reading, studying, memorizing, and reciting the Word of God. It includes prayer and meditation (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Psalm 1:2). Without the new birth, Jesus is speaking of in John 3:3-6, one is helpless to obey Jesus' words; and as indicated above, this is by accepting Jesus as both Saviour and Lord of his life.

It takes a personal knowledge of Jesus as Saviour for one to obey (2 Timothy 2: 15). No one may "rightly divide the word of trtuh," correctly interpret it, until he has experienced the new birth and until he has meditated (see Psalm 1:2). "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:6); "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (1 Corinthians 15:47-49); "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6); "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:8); "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

We find the following on Page 219 of "Unger's Bible Dictionary" on consecration: "It is the act of setting apart any thing or person to the worship or service of God. . . . All Christians are consecrated persons. They are not only a holy nation, but also a royal priesthood, 1 Peter 2:9. The New Testament also recognizes special consecration as to the work of the Christian ministry, or to some particular service connected there with, Acts 13:2, 3; 1 Corinthians 12:28. . . . The broadest and most important application is that which refers to the dedication of oneself to God, to be His possession and devoted to His service. Persons deidcating themselves are sanctified by the Spirit, and thus become in the true sense consecrated. The Holy Spirit is both the seal and the power of consecration."

G. W. Sandison, in his book, "1000 Difficult Bible Questions," has the following to say on this subject on Pages 413, 14: "This question of consecration is one that frequently arises, yet when we stop to analyze it, it seems strange that there should be any difficulty about it. If you possess anything which you wish to give to another, you simply give it to him; it is just as simple as that to give your whole heart and life to God. We already belong to him absolutely; in consecration we are only returning what is his. This is the 'one thing' lacking in countless lives to give them full spiritual meaning and direction."

Then to consecrate oneself to God would simply mean that he gave himself to God, to the God to whom he has belonged all the time. This is done when he becomes a Christian. Should anyone jest in a pretended act of giving himself to God, in fully trusting himself to God, he would be making a mockery of God's invitation as are found in Isaiah 1:18; 45:22; Matthew 11:28-30; and Acts 16: 31). God tells us: "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways" (Proverbs 23:26); "Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday" (Psalm 37: 3-6); "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23); "For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings" (Proverbs 5:21); "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when

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STORIES

for our youth



WHAT'LL I DO WITH MY GOLDFISH

KITTY MILLER

BILLY MOSER ate breakfast hurriedly so that he could change the water in his goldfish tank before he went to school. He turned to his sister, who was watching him, and said, "What'll I do with my goldfish? I can't find anyone to take care of them."

"You mean all your friends will be away at the same time we're on vacation?" Lisa asked.

"Not all of them—some are too busy, and some don't feel like it." Billy shook his head slowly. "I'm stuck. I don't know what to do."

"There must be somebody who'll do it," Lisa said. "Did you ask the boys in your room at school?"

Billy nodded. "Everybody except that new kid, Santos Diaz."

"Well, why don't you ask him?" Lisa wanted to know.

"I don't know what to say to him. He's so quiet. He never talks to anybody."

"He's new in school, that's why. You're supposed to talk to him first, stupid." Lisa went on, "You better hurry up. We're leaving on vacation the day after school lets out."

"I know," Billy murmured. "I'll get somebody—but who?"

At recess time, Billy walked up to Santos Diaz. He took a deep breath and said, "Hi. How do you like living around here?"

Santos shrugged and replied, "It is all right, I guess."

"I want to ask you a favor," Billy said, plunging into it. "I hate to do it, because I hardly know you, but I don't have anyone else."

Santos looked puzzled.

"My family's going on vacation for two weeks, and I need someone to take care of my goldfish," Billy said. "Would you do it?"

"I don't know. I never took care of fish before," Santos replied. "I will have to ask my mamma and papa."

The next morning when Billy saw Santos coming up the street, he ran to meet him. "What did they say?" he asked.

"My mamma said I should help a friend. If I do all the work and keep the fish in my room, I can have them," Santos told him.

Billy breathed a sigh of relief. "Thanks, Santos. Come over to my house after school, and I'll show you how to take care of them."

That afternoon Billy led the way to the small tank in his room.

Santos motioned toward the tank. "Why do you have so many things in there?" he asked.

"The colored pearl chips help anchor the castle and make the tank look nice. The castle is sort of a playground. The fish swim around in it and through the door."

"What is that?" Santos asked.

"It's a wafer," Billy explained. "It's food and vitamins. The fish often nibble on it during the day."

"Do they eat anything else?" Santos asked.

"Sure. See this orange-colored box of food? Once a day shake a few flakes into the bowl. Never feed them more than they can eat in ten minutes," Billy explained. "Oh, yeah. You'll have to change the water every second day and but one tablet of this water conditioner into the fresh water. It takes away the chlorine."

"I hope I can remember all this," Santos said. "I never took care of fish before."

"We're leaving Wednesday morning, so I'll take them over to your house on Tuesday, O.K.?"

Santos nodded.

"I call the big one King Jake and the little one Queen Kate. I figured that since they live in a castle, I should call them king and queen."

On Tuesday afternoon, Billy put the fish into an empty milk carton. He packed the carton, the tank, the food, and the tablets into a cardboard box and pulled it over to Santos' house on his wagon. It took him a long time to find the narrow street. When he found 501 Water Street, he asked one of the girls playing hopscotch, "Does Santos Diaz live here?"

She nodded.

"Will you call him out?"

She scrambled up the steps, and a minute later Santos appeared.

Billy opened the cardboard box. "They're in the milk carton. I think I brought everything."

Santos peered inside. "My mamma wants you to come up to our apartment so she can see you."

Santos and Billy climbed to the sixth floor. Santos called to his mother and spoke to her in Spanish.

She smiled at Billy and put her hand on his blond hair. Turning to Santos, she talked to him in Spanish.

"She likes you," Santos told Billy. "Let's put the fish in the tank. All right?"

Billy nodded and handed the box to Santos. "They're all yours now."

Santos smiled. "I wish they were mine. I never had a pet of my own to care for."

Billy showed Santos how much water to put into the small tank. Then Santos carried it to his bedroom and put it on a chair. He stood there staring at it. "I sleep here with my brothers Luis and Jose. I will let them look at your fish, but I will not let them touch them."

Billy grinned, noticing how excited and happy Santos looked. "Take good care of them," Billy added after saying good-by.

"I will, Santos called back.

Many times during his vacation, Billy thought of Santos and King Jake and Queen Kate. He had a plan. Every time his parents gave him money for ice cream or rides on the boardwalk, he saved it.

Soon after he came home, Billy hur-

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

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lans for the 1971 summer school ses- n at Mount Olive College were an- nced today by President W. Burkette er.

tudents will be able to earn up to ht hours of academic credit during six-weeks session which begins June and ends July 23. The session is n to not only Mount Olive College dents but to students enrolled in er colleges or high school graduates o plan to attend any college in the .

he curriculum will provide opportuni- s for certain students to meet their ire college requirements in science, thematics, or history. Students who not take foreign language in high ool can complete the equivalent of o full years of Spanish.

ourses of study will include: **De- opmental English** (a course for those o need additional study in grammar composition before entering college glish); **English Literature** (a survey of major writers of prose and poetry in eat Britain from the fourteenth cen- y to modern times with emphasis ced on reading rather than literary tory—3 semester hours); **Health and giene** (a study of personal and com- nity health, including the various sys- ns of the body, mental health, control communicable disease, and community alth—3 semester hours); **Biology** (gen- l botany and general zoology—8 se- ster hours).

ntermediate Algebra (a noncredit rse for those who have not had two rs of algebra in high school or who d additional study before entering lege level mathematics); **College Alge-** (a brief introduction to sets and ic, the real number system, inequali- s, algebraic expressions, functions, uations, mathematical induction, pro- ssions, binominal, theorem, determi- nants and systems of equations, and theory of equations— 3 semester hours); **Trigonometry** (the trigonometric and circular functions, inverse functions, logarithms and slide rule, solution of right and oblique triangles, vectors, indentities and conditional equations, and complex numbers and DeMoivre's theorem—3 semester hours).

Western Civilization (a study of political, economic, and cultural institutions from the earliest times to the present—2 courses, 3 semester hours each); **North Carolina History** (a survey of North Carolina history from the period of colonization to the present—3 semester hours); **American History** (a survey of American history from the Age of Discovery to 1865—3 semester hours); **Elementary Spanish** (a course designed for those beginning the study of Spanish, and opened to high school students who wish to complete a language requirement for college admission—2 courses, 3 semester hours each).

Courses not listed can be offered upon demand of ten or more students.

European Travel Seminar—College sponsored. July 26 to August 18, 22 days. Will visit England, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, and Portugal (fly Pan American). Professional guides will be provided. Cost of tour, $848 without college credit, or $923 for college credit (3 semester hours). For further details contact Mr. Claude H. Moore, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

For additional information application forms may be secured from the admissions office of the College.

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MISSIONS

Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions for the period April 8-14. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind, the church years ends June 30, 1971; therefore, we have just a little over two months to reach this goal. If your church has not sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71	$21,121.89

Receipts from Churches April 8-14

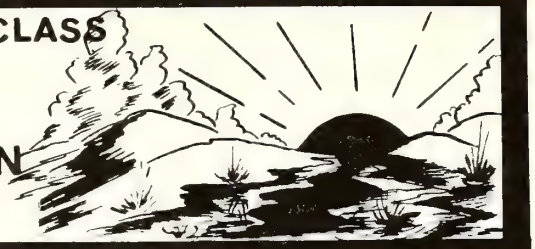
Hickory Grove Church, Robersonville	$ 15.35
Stancil's Chapel Sunday School, Kenly	5.00
Friendship League, Farmville	19.41
Interest on Savings for Quarter	220.60
Harrell's Chapel Church, Snow Hill	65.00
Cabin Church, Beulaville	45.57
Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie	73.71
Hickory Chapel League, Ahoskie	36.20
Davis Church, Davis	60.00
Crab Point Church, Morehead City	40.24
Hopewell Woman's Auxiliary, Smithfield	41.00
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Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville	60.00
Sherron Acres Church, Durham	374.00
Hearon Circle Church, Spartanburg, S. C.	50.00
First Church, Greenville, Willing Workers' Sunday School Class	16.00
Milbournie Church, Wilson	24.00
Branch Chapel Church, Smithfield	148.38
Total Receipts April 8-14	1,377.48
Balance on Budget for 1970-71	$19,744.41

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 2



GOD'S CALL TO ETHICAL LIVING

Lesson Text: Amos 5:10-15, 21-24, 9:7, 8

Memory Verse: Amos 5:14

I. INTRODUCTION

God has always demanded right living. A standard of conduct was in effect even when Adam and Eve were dwelling in Eden: There were certain things which they could do, but there was also one thing which was forbidden. The same is true of the law: It not only granted man the privilege of doing certain things, but it went further and commanded him to do certain things; it also forbade him to do certain things. This law served as God's standard of righteousness which He set for His people until the Lord Jesus established a higher standard. It was impossible for men to keep the commands of the law; for their own depraved natures continued to lead them astray and to influence them to break these commandments.

Men who are outside of Christ still find it impossible to live up to God's moral standard, but men who are in Christ are empowered by the presence of God's Spirit, and this Spirit empowers them to both recognize and overcome the temptation to fall short of God's expectations.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Discuss the time and place of Amos' prophecy.
2. What were the conditions in Israel at the time of Amos' prophecy?

B. Israel's Leaders Indicted (Amos 5:10-15)
1. Their sins specified (vv. 10-12).
2. There is the call to repent (vv. 13-15).

C. False Worship Abominable (Amos 5: 21-24)
1. One must first surrender his life to the Lord.
2. Then there must be obedience.
3. Ritual and form can be no substitute for obedience.

D. God's Sovereignty in History (Amos 9: 7, 8)
1. God is the Creator.
2. God has a right and the power to do what He wills with any nation.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A Sunday school teacher was once speaking of the all-seeing eye of God, whereupon a little girl began to cry. "That scares me," she sobbed.

"But you don't understand, dear," said the teacher. "God loves you so much He can't keep His eyes off you."

Do we love God so much and obey Him so well that we are happy to think, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me"?—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. We all know what a lamp is for. It gives light so we can move about the house and carry on our work or play or study.

Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." By the good things we do we give light to others, helping them to follow God's way.

An electric lamp does not shine by itself. It must be connected to a source of power. Good works that bring glory to God are not done by us alone. We must be connected with a power outside ourselves. The connection may be called faith.

The prophet Amos pointed out that his people were doing evil instead of good. They put their faith in themselves and their abilities, or in their money, or in their birth in the chosen nation of God, or in their hypocritical religious rituals.

Our lights too will go out if we put our faith in our own ability or wealth, in our position as members of the church, or in ceremonies of worship without any sincere devotion to God. We cannot do good things that bring glory to God less we are in touch with God.

When we put our faith in God a obey Him, then the whole world can how sincerely we worship Him and w for Him.—Standard Commentary.

C. God is not pleased with religi rituals which have no meaning and real sincerity. God wants our obedien and not just burnt offerings, or so kind of meaningless ritual. Jesus t us that our hearts must be right a forgiving toward others before we bri our gifts to the altar. Our prayers w not be answered unless our worship sincere and honest. God honors simp faith.

A little girl wanted to see her fath saved. She begged him to attend chur with her. At last he said, "I will go ju once, to please you." The child was c lighted, and when they came to the do of the church, the father felt a tiny pus It was his daughter, who said alou "Here he is, Jesus, save him." The pra er of such simple, beautiful faith w answered. The father accepted Chris God honors obedience, faith, and trust

The wrath of God is clearly seen both the Old Testament and the Ne Testament. It is strange that some wa to accept God's love but to ignore God wrath. God's holiness demands justic therefore God pours out His wrath ar judgment upon the sinful. Those who c not want to accept the fact of judgmen and wrath need to remember the wor of the rich man (Luke 16:24) when h cried, "I am tormented in this flame. God will judge the world in righteou ness.—Ray O. Jones.

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Nature forms us, sin deforms u schools reform us, but only Christ tran forms us.—Selected.

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Questions & Answers

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u wakest, it shall talk with thee. For commandment is a lamp; and the is light; and reproofs of instruction the way of life" (Proverbs 6:20-23); ust in the LORD with all thine heart; lean not unto thine own understand- In all thy ways acknowledge him, he shall direct thy paths. Be not e in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, depart from evil" (Proverbs 3:5-7).

hen the New Testament suggests that only is one to be baptized into water symbolize that which took place when by the power of the gospel were ed, but it also suggests in the symbol feet washing that we need to have tinued daily cleansing. (See and pare Romans 6:3-6; Galatians 3:27; ossians 3:3; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 1-25; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21; nans 8:11; Ephesians 1:19, 20; 4:22- Romans 3:10, 11, with John 13:3-17; imothy 5:9, 10.) Paul says, ". . . I die y" (1 Corinthians 15:31); "I am cru- ed with Christ: nevertheless I live; not I, but Christ liveth in me: and life which I now live in the flesh I by the faith of the Son of God, who ed me, and gave himself for me" latians 2:20).

onsecration, sanctification, dedica- , and living a holy life are all re- red of a Christian in the Bible. In e passages where these are men- ed the state of being is one and the e; in others, the difference is slight the same end is common.

n the Old Testament Israel was called n to be sanctified, and for this had cial dedicatorial services. The Israel- brought special consecration offer- s. They also were called upon to h themselves and all the clothing y wore to symbolize it.

n the New Testament baptism sym- zes the initial state in consecration. en baptized the Christian symbolizes that took place when he became a istian: the new birth, regeneration, th to the world and sin, as well as se things the flesh or natural man d for before the person was saved. above indicated the feet washing sym- zes daily or continued cleansing as realizes, confesses, and forsakes his ; thus, he is forgiven and restored fellowship so that he may walk in light as Jesus is in the light, having owship with each and all Christians being assured that Christ's shed blood is continuing to cleanse him from all sin.

Paul, having in mind that which he learned through Old Testament symbols and having experienced that in his new life in Christ, exhorts his readers in Romans 12:1, 2 as quoted above. He learned this in experience after the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus sent and who came on the Day of Pentecost. The apostles and other disciples, 120 strong, waited for this in keeping with Jesus' orders and were filled; so that when Paul was saved, this experience was available to all Christians who submitted to His power and presence. He likewise is available in the power of dedication, consecration, and sanctification to all who thus submit. God's Word says: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:8); "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6, 7); "Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; . . . Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:16, 18).

When one has given himself in this degree of consecration God assures him of all he needs to feel secured, happy, useful, and complete. Any may do it; only a few will. Let us allow you and me to be among the few.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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ried over to Santos' apartment. He found Santos in his room watching the fish.

"Hi, Santos. How're my fish?"

Santos smiled. "Good. Very good. It was fun taking care of them. I am sorry to lose them."

"I have a plan," Billy said. "How much do I owe you for taking care of them for two weeks?"

Santos shook his head. "Nothing."

"I'll pay you fifteen cents a day," Billy said, "and I'll give you my old fishbowl—just in case you get any ideas about having fish of your own."

"Do you mean it?" Santos looked surprised.

"Sure. You worked for it," Billy said, pulling the nickels and dimes out of his pocket. "If your mamma and papa say O.K., I'll go shopping with you and help you buy the fish."

"I'll ask," Santos said excitedly.

"And another thing I've been thinking about. Ask them whether you may come to Sunday school with me. Do you want to?"

Santos shrugged. "I don't know. I never went there."

"You'll like it, Santos. You'll learn that no matter what happens, the Lord will always help you, because He loves you. And you'll find out that talking over your problems with Him makes you feel a lot better."

Later Santos told Billy, "My mamma and papa said yes to both questions." He smiled broadly and added, "It was a great day for me when you asked me to take care of your fish."

"That's great," Billy said grinning. "You know, Santos, I have a feeling that we're going to be good friends."—My Pleasure.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Wilson Dowdy, 614-C Glenbrook Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27610, announces that he is available for pastoral work. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the address above, or by telephoning 834-2670 after 6 p.m.

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The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work beginning the first Sunday in July. Anyone desiring his services may write him at Route 2, Box 104, Columbia, North Carolina 27925, or telephoning 796-5076.

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The Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, is seeking a full-time pastor. Anyone interested in this pastorate should contact either Mr. Jasper Golden, Route 2, Box 333, Beaufort, telephone 728-3576; or Mr. Nelson Gillikin, Route 2, Beaufort, telephone 728-3864.

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WALK WITH LIGHT

Editorial...

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"WALK WITH LIGHT"

A professor at one of our large universities apparently thought that he had come up with quite some "thing" when he recently introduced one of his classes to what he termed as "one of the finest, most elegant lines of poetry in the English language."

This particular line of poetry reportedly made such an impression on the noble gentleman that he recorded it in all of his notebooks so that he would constantly be reminded of its simple beauty. We commend the professor for recording the line, for it does indeed bear remembering.

The line reads, "Walk with light." The professor quoted this to his class and repeated it softly to emphasize the message contained in the three words. He no doubt impressed his pupils, but we are made to wonder if either he or the pupils were aware of the real, intrinsic value of this exhortation. In our opinion it was more than mere poetry.

The professor advised his class that "Walk with light" was a wonderful thing to say to someone, and the class agreed, at the same time wishing to know the author. The professor suggested that the bit of poetry was written by some anonymous person, inasmuch as it was "written on a sign at an intersection. . ."

This prompts us to remember that we, too, have observed this same sign (or one like it) at many intersections, without really considering the importance of it. Sure, we have taken it as a protective agent for pedestrians, and as pedestrians we have followed the direction offered by the sign. "Walk with light," it says, and we have walked with the light.

Christianity has long been exhorting the world to "Walk with light," though it has put it another way: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from sin" (1 John 1:7). Isn't it strange that a person foreseeing physical danger will follow a traffic signal, but so many will not follow biblical advice?

We would not argue with the professor as to who is the author of the line quoted by him to his class, but we do strongly contend that the directive found there is not anonymous. It is quite interesting to note that one heeding the traffic signal, "Walk with light" might very well save his physical life in doing so, and that one heeding the biblical "signal," its possible inspiration, would indeed save his spiritual life —which is far more important! Sad to say, however, many will follow the traffic signal and ignore the biblical one.

The next time you are driving and come to a red traffic light, stop, surely; but at the same time be reminded to refrain from some evil of which you have been guilty. The next time you approach a green traffic light and you are able to move in safety, go; and at the same time "go" for the Lord to do some deed for Him.

And, the next time you are walking downtown and are preparing to cross the street, observe the signal, "Walk with light," and let it remind you to walk in the light of God, ". . . even as he (Christ) is in the light . . ." Safe and happy you will be!

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Our Privilege to Serve

by
MRS. WILLIAM (Virginia) DAVIS

IT is our privilege to serve! But how can we best serve and in what areas are our services needed? Our highest goal should be to please God. As women of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as members of this convention, and as servants in our respective churches, we are indeed more than privileged to serve. Since this is the theme of this convention today, it would be well for us to examine our status as labors and judge our own efforts. If we would choose a topic for our message this morning, it would be "Laborers Together with God," the theme of our auxiliary.

Jesus said unto His disciples when He was preparing them to go out, ". . . The harvest is truly great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

Where must laborers serve? The whole world is the field. The initial step for those who have never done so is to be converted. Having been born again of the Spirit and the Word of God into the fellowship of Christ, we become His witnesses. ". . . Go ye into all the world, . . ." (Mark 16:15) is Jesus' last instructions to His followers. The world today is a relatively small place. With the advent of jet planes that can speed us hundreds of miles in a few minutes, current events happening on the four corners of the earth beamed to our living room by way of satelites in outer space, and with changes that have revolutionized our lives, the message of Christ has never changed. How privileged we are to have a part in carrying this message to all the world!

To serve successfully in the world, we must also serve conscientiously in our own communities. Too many, when they find that God's call does not extend personally for them to go to Rhodesia as the Barrows have gone, nor to follow a teaching ministry in the Philippines with the Joneses, nor even to bounce over the rocky roads of Mexico with Brother Simmons, tend to underestimate their personal ministry and think that what they are doing is of little importance. You can believe that if you are not doing your best here, you should not do any better in other fields. Laboring together with our prayers and with our gifts in promoting Christ's work here can be just as rewarding. The demands may also be as great. Thomas A. Kempis, over five hundred years ago, wrote a book called the "Imitation of Christ." His whole life had been dedicated to the obsession of following in the footprints of Jesus. Dare we seek to imitate Christ and follow in His steps?

The most vital area of service today is in the home. A young lad asked his father, "Daddy, what is a Christian?" The father gave a lengthy explanation. Imagine his surprise when he asked, "Daddy, have I ever seen a Christian?" A little girl told her mother, "Mommy, I wish you were as nice at home as you are at Sunday school." These are indictments that each of us should carefully examine. Tomorrow's world will be in the hands of today's children. No longer can we assume that it will be a Christian world. A multitude of evil forces are actively engaged in drawing our children away from us. Today the only areas left where children can be taught spiritual values are in the church and in the home. These must unite to instill strength of character, honor, and Christian ideals in our youth.

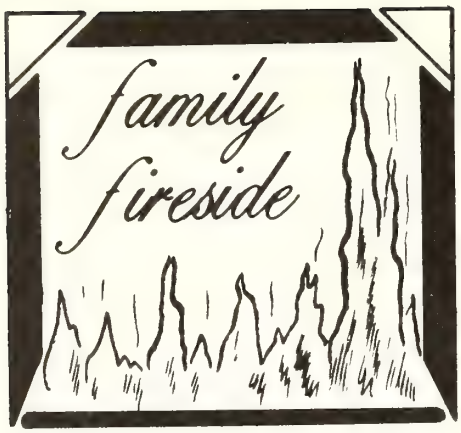
Our service in our local church is also important. The church is made up of a body of believers, each laboring together for a common cause. You have heard it said that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. We can only judge our local church by our own strength and weakness. The church is the lighthouse of salvation. Let us never forget that we are its light keepers.

How can laborers serve? To complete any job successfully there must be training, application, and practice. This is no less important in Christian endeavors. The 100th Psalm gives this advice, "Serve the LORD with gladness: . . ." (v. 2). It has been said that a Christian can be known by the serenity that is shown even when things are not going well. How satisfying to ask someone to fill a particular position in our auxiliary or church and the answer is, "I'll be glad to do my best"! Grudging service is just a little better than no service. If we would work together as God's husbandry, we ought to serve willingly and cheerfully.

Laborers need to serve to please God. Nothing is more important to the Christian than living to please Him. If we please all others and fail to please the Lord, what have we gained? If anyone ever lived to please the heavenly Father, it was Jesus. ". . . This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17) was the pronouncement that came at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. We feel the profound impact of it when we realize that these words were attesting that Jesus' entire life on earth had been pleasing to the Father. During His ministry of healing and teaching, Jesus frequently spoke of Old Testament references to Himself as one who would please God. This same Jesus as Lord and Master is actually seeking to live within us. The same power of God which was in His Son is available to us if we will draw on it by prayer and meditation on His Word. We are not long in His blessed presence, seeking His will, until we are able to distinguish the things which please and displease God.

You would ask, "Why must we as laborers serve Him?" Serving is a privilege to grow in grace. In the natural body our growth depends on several factors, such as: Is our diet sufficient? Are we following sensible health rules? Are we getting the proper amount of rest? Thus our spiritual growth depends upon many factors: Faithfully praying for those things that are already promised, obeying God in all things, remembering Peter's stand before the rulers when he spoke these words, ". . . We ought to obey God rather than men . . ." (Acts 5:29), are signs of spiritual growth. Our continual growth is dependent upon our faith in God and our adherence to His Word. To know God's will for our lives is to study His Word. In studying our Bible, God talks to us and it is neces-

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SUNDAY, MAY 2

SAVED FROM THE "HELL CLUB"

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:18

A widowed mother in Edenburgh had lain on her face all night long, crying "Oh, God, my boy! Save him! I plead the blood!" During the same night the boy, a medical student in the university and a member of the "Hell Club," was assisting in a mock celebration of the Lord's Supper. He took up a glass of wine and held it up and said, "The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ!" Then, trembling and pale, he put it down and seized his hat and fled from the place. It had seemed to turn to literal blood, and as he walked he knew not where at every step he moaned, "I am guilty of the blood of Christ!" At dawn he came home and went to his room, and his mother heard him crying there and praying for mercy, and went in and threw her arms about his neck, saying, "You are really praying, my son?"

As the sun came up over the hills that morning, a mother's prayers were answered, and her son was saved. He went to his classes and asked leave to testify to the students of his experience; then he was excused for the day that he might go out on the streets and witness.

One day at a conference a man was called upon to pray. He said, "We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love—for Jesus who died, and has now gone above!" It was William P. Mackey, once the president of the Hell Club, who breathed this prayer which became a hymn, and who became a minister of the gospel.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The saving grace of Jesus! How wonderful! How matchless is the love of Christ that saves the vilest of sinners!

MONDAY, MAY 3

WHY THE BOY WATCHED

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 1:7

A country clergyman, nailing up a trailing vine, observed a boy watching him for a long time with obvious interest. "Well, my young friend," he said with a smile, "are you trying to get a hint or two on gardening?" "No," said the lad, "I'm just waiting to see what a minister says when he hammers his thumb."—*Christian Evangelist.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Ministers especially have to be careful of their conduct. Others watch them perhaps more closely than "ordinary" people, and therefore expect more of them.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

THE OTHER HALF

Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:17

Several years ago I heard Dr. Glover, of the China Inland Mission, tell of a consecration meeting he had held in a certain church. Many arose in answer to the invitation to give their hearts to God for service. Seven years later he returned to the same church and in answer to another similar invitation some of the same persons stood. He then said, "Seven years ago some of you stood, saying, 'Lord, here am I,' but you must have forgotten to say, 'Send me.'"—*Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A completely yielded life is the only kind that can do really effective work for the Lord. Holding back a portion of our life diminishes the happiness.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

WHAT WE NEED TO BRING

Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:38

There was once a man who went into a chemist's shop. He was a poor, untidy man, and he said, "If you please, Mister, can you give me something for a bad cold?" The chemist said, "Have you brought a prescription with you?" The man answered, "No, I ain't got no prescription with me, but I've brought my cold with me to be cured." How often sinners seeking a cure for sin try to bring their prescription to God. But he asks for nothing, save that the sinner should say, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me."—*The Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Nothing can "cure" sin except an acceptance of Christ. He saves and keeps, but in order for the "cure" to be perfected we must cling to Him.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

A LESSON FROM CHILDHOOD

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 31:16

One evening recently, when I was tucking my small daughter in bed, she said, "Mother, stay with me while I go to sleep." For a moment, remembering all the tasks that await me when I come home from work, I was tempted to put her off. But only for an instant; then I sat down by her and held her little soft hand in mine. And in a calm reflection, while she drifted away to dreamland, this thought—or perhaps it was a prayer—wafted its way to the infinite: "May I so live that when life's evening shall come I can say with utter confidence to the Divine Parent—'Stay with while I go to sleep.'"—*Mother of Two.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As a child feels secure with his pa as he prepares to go to sleep, so should have such a relationship with God when we close our eyes in death we have Him by our side.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

ISN'T IT TRUE?

Scripture Reading—Genesis 5:24

A happy Christian one day met an I peddler, and said to him: "It's a gr thing to be saved." "Aye," said the p dler, "it is. But I know something be than that." "Better than being save asked the other. "What can you possi know better than that?" "The compani ship of the Man who has saved me," the reply. The companionship of Jesu we may all have it.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Walking with Jesus everyday is the to have perfect happiness.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

MOTHER'S PRAYER

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:12

I cannot tell you how much I owe to solemn words of my good mother. It the custom on Sunday evenings while were yet little children for her to stay home with us, and then we sat around table and read verse after verse and she plained the Scriptures to us. After t was done there came a time of plead and the question was asked how long would be before we would think about state, how long before we would seek Lord.

Then came a mother's prayer, and so of the words of our mother's prayer we sh never forget even when our hair is gra *Charles Haddon Spurgeon.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A mother's teachings are perhaps most remembered of childhood experienc A mother's prayer—and the memory of fills our heart even now.

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I've formed a partnership with God;
It's free of all expense.
He furnishes all the capital,
And I get nine-tenths.
He gives me wisdom, guidance, streng
And power for all details.
I pay one-tenth for all of that;
My partner never fails.

—Author Unknow

DO WE QUALIFY?

by
MRS. HERSEL BOWEN
Winterville, North Carolina

N God's Word we read these words, "For we are his workmanship, creat- in Christ Jesus unto good works, ich God hath before ordained that we uld walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). are, therefore, the masterpiece that d created. How broken and useless would be without God, because it s by the grace of God that He saw the ge of His Son in a wretched human ng! Only God could make a Paul out Saul. He has, in turn, given us the e will to be a Paul.

Let us take a good long look at our- ves. Are we busy doing God's busi- s? Are the hours too long for both nday school and church services? Oh, , there are even night services too; many of us have forgotten about ending them. Why are the pews in churches empty? God is within us; calls us. Are we too faraway to hear?

n Galatians 6:7 we read, "Be not de- ved; God is not mocked: for whatso- r a man soweth, that shall he also p." But what field do we find our- ves in? What kind of seed are we ving? We can look around us today d see that it is very hard to tell a man m a woman by the way in which we ss. Let's ask ourselves—How do you nk a person should dress and look? rning to God's Word we find these rds: "The woman shall not wear that ich pertaineth unto a man, neither all a man put on a woman's garment: all that do so are abomination unto LORD thy God" (Deuteronomy 22:5). ne men of today say that they wear g beards and long hair because all people in biblical times did; how- r, we read in Genesis 41:14, "Then araoh sent and called Joseph, and they ought him hastily out of the dungeon: d he shaved himself, and changed his ment, and came in unto Pharaoh."

We should, as God's masterpiece, want be clean on the outside as well as in- e. May we remember what happen- to Lot's wife. Did she hear? Do we r as we listen and read? Would a ll-known artist use an old burlap bag paint a masterpiece of great art work ? Should we not believe that God wants His people to act, to speak, and to look different? Let's each take a good look again at ourselves in comparison with a cup that has been washed. Surely the outside of the cup should be clean and beautiful, but the inside of the cup is more important. It should be washed very carefully to remove all the ingredients which it may have contained. How does our lives compare with this cup? The cup of life should be filled to the brim with love for God and our fellowman. This love we obtain when we are saved. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9). It is then by the grace of God that we are saved. We can clean up our lives, speak well, and act in the right way if we have the gift of God; but without this wonderful gift, we would be lost. We must have Jesus Christ as our Saviour, then He will clean up the inside of our being and we will have no trouble in seeing what the outside of us will really look like to the world. It is said that man looks upon the outside, but God looks at the inside. Are we among the beautiful masterpieces that God intended for us to be? Or are we in a pile of trash to be carried away to the dump? It is up to us. Do we want to be just like our neighbors who may need to be cleaned up? Are we sure that they are happy?

We must want to be among the masterpieces because God gave us a free will. How are we using it? In Ephesians 2:18, 19 we read, "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God." Jesus Christ himself is the chief Cornerstone in which the masterpiece can rest upon. But being human as we are, we are all very restless. The highways and byways of life seem to be crowded with humans who are in a great hurry. Where has our homelife gone? It is said that the home is the oldest and greatest place to instill the love of God in our children, but our children seem to be going to worldly places to seek that love. But why are they really seeking and searching there? Where can they find it?

It is said that a painter always goes to a quiet lovely place to work because the light must be just right. He takes along a prepared canvas and his colors of paint have to be perfect, because it will take a great deal of time for him to complete his masterpiece. This is also true with God. He created us as His masterpiece. Do we qualify? Have we torn, wrinkled, or misplaced our valves? If so, let's have ourselves retouched by the wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who died that all of us might have an abundant life. In Ephesians 2: 21, 22 we read, "In whom all the building fitly framed togethere groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." May we be among the masterpieces to hang on the wall of eternity. God grant us the knowledge to know thy will and the wisdom to do it.

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A room of quiet, a temple of peace,
The home of faith where doubtings cease;
A house of comfort where hope is given,
A source of strength to make earth heaven;
A shrine of worship, a place to pray—
I found all this in my church today.
—Author Unknown.

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Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment.
Trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you.
Trust in money, and you may have it taken from you.
Trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it.
But trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity!
—Copied.

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PLEASE NOTICE

Those who are planning to attend the Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cragmont Assembly, August 16-21, should send their registration fees to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27350.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Miss Combs, First Prize Winner In Virginia Singing Convention

Miss Wendy Page Combs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Combs of Norfolk, Virginia, recently took first prize honors in



the Virginia Annual Singing Convention. Miss Combs won trophies in two categories: one for junior soloist and one for overall junior competition. To Wendy's right can be seen her trophies.

Wendy is seven years old and attends the Norfolk Christian School. She is a member of the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she is frequently featured as soloist. According to her pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, "Wendy is loved by everyone and quickly sings her way into one's heart."

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Revival Services At First Church, Fayetteville

Revival services are in progress at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, May 1. The services are beginning each evening at 7:30. with the Rev. Francis Garner serving as guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Taylor Hill, is assisting Mr. Garner in these services which are featuring special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the remaining services.

New FWB Conference Organized in South Carolina

On Saturday, April 17, 1971, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, secretary of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists; and the Rev. C. C. Burris, moderator of the Piedmont Conference of North Carolina, attended the organizational meeting of a new conference of Free Will Baptists in the Spartanburg section of South Carolina.

The churches present voted to organize into the Palmetto Conference of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. The churches forming the conference were Mt. Zion, Hearon Circle, Trinity, and South Side, with several others expressing a desire to become members.

The General Conference welcomes this conference into its fellowship and request the support of all Free Will Baptists as additional work is planned.

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First Church, Durham, N. C. Revival May 2-7

The Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, 1212 E. Main Street, Durham, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of May 2-7. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of St.



Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina. The pastor will assist in the services which will be each evening at 7:30. Along with go preaching there will be special singi each night. The public is cordially vited to attend.

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Spring Revival and Youth Rally At Bethany Church

A spring revival and youth rally w be held at the Bethany Free Will Bapt Church near Winterville, North Caroli the week of May 3-7, with the Rev. Da Charles Hansley as the guest evangeli



Services will begin each evening at eig o'clock. There will be special mu featured nightly. The pastor of t church, the Rev. A. B. Chandler, will sist in the services. The public is vited to attend these services.

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Palmer Memorial Church To Observe Homecoming

The Palmer Memorial Free Will Bapt Church of Raleigh, North Carolina, w observe its annual homecoming on Su day, May 2. The pastor, the Rev. R. Allman will bring the message at t

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Coming Events

May 1—Daily Vacation Bible School Wor shop (places to be designated), Ayde North Carolina

May 6—North Carolina State Woman Auxiliary Convention, Shady Gro Free Will Baptist Church, Route Dunn (Cape Fear District Host)

July 6, 7—General Conference of Origir Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle Fr Will Baptist Church, Spartanbur South Carolina

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY DAY AT MOUNT OLIVE



May Queen and Court

May Day, on Saturday, May 1, is one the most eventful days of the year at ount Olive. The theme will be "Love Now!" Miss Deborah Hart and Miss roline Castelloe, cochairmen of this nual festivity, announce a full schedule of special activities and invite the students, alumni, and all friends of the College to attend and participate.

The annual alumni meeting is being conducted on May 1 this year to enable all former students the opportunity to participate in the May Day program as well as attend the alumni dinner and business session in the College auditorium at 6:30 p.m. The alumni will be entertained by talent chosen from among the alumni and the music department of the College.

Beginning at 2 p.m., planned recreational activities will be conducted on the athletic field of the new campus. Concurrently, open house will be observed in the Henderson Building, Moye Library, Main Building, the women's dormitory complex, and the new men's dormitory. You will be particularly interested in visiting the men's dormitory which has been, for the first time, in use this year.

At 4 p.m., refreshments will be served on the lawn of the downtown campus and the main event of May Day for the students—the crowning of the May Queen—will take place at 4:30 p.m. Miss Taffy Hollowell of Aurora will be crowned Queen of May. Taffy is from the White Hill Free Will Baptist Church. Her maid of honor will be Arlinda Wilson of New Bern who is a member of Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Members of the queen's court will be Ann Hinnant of Selma, a member of the Selma Free Will Baptist Church; Linda DeHoog of Plymouth, a member of the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church; Jackie Phillips of Selma, a member of Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church; and Lanna Quick of Jacksonville, a member of the First Christian Church. Interesting and delightful entertainment, in honor of the queen and her court, will follow the coronation. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria for the students and their guests at 6 p.m.

All former students are requested to register beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the downtown campus. For the alumni, the big event will be the buffet banquet, business meeting, and special entertainment in the College auditorium at 6:30 p.m. All of you are invited to attend!

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eleven o'clock morning worship service. Following it, there will be a picnic lunch, and an afternoon service of singing. All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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The bigger the Christian, the bigger the gifts.—Selected.

"Dear Mom and Dad"

by MIRIAM GARNS

SPRING was in the air. The mischievous fingers of April's breezes played tricks with Judy Kershner's hair-do as she crossed the tree-studded campus of Elizabethtown College. She approached her dad's compact car, parked near the front entrance and hallway leading to the door marked "Dean's Office." Her dad wasn't ready to leave for home yet. Judy was glad for the leisure moments to just sit and think.

Was it the spring fever in the air, the grilling day she had had at the college, the feeling of hitting bottom, or just part of the process of growing up? Whatever it was, Judy was completely absorbed in her thoughts.

Her first problem was that "shadow." Sometimes it became irritating—that was only at times—but she never wished to be out from under it, really.

That "shadow" was her dad. She loved him dearly, but he had been involved in every phase of her education. When she'd been in high school, he was the principal. Now in her college days, he was the dean. The family always moved when his position changed; consequently, Judy always attended "his" school—and it was always expected that she should strain scholastically for the top. She didn't mind that the students looked up to her as an example. This didn't bother Judy because she was a Christian and wanted her influence to be for the good.

But I'm not a little girl any more, Judy sighed. Here I am, a sophomore in college and not yet on my own. I ride to and from campus with Dad. My life at home is just like my little sister's. Mom still tells me what to do and how to do it. Mom's "shadow" also controls my life. I just feel that I'd like to be out from under it all.

Judy's home life was everything that a Christian girl would desire. Her parents were kind and thoughtful, and other members of the family were congenial. But what a novel experience it would be to try her own wings!

Judy was more quiet than usual as she joined the family at the evening meal. They had just recently moved into their new home at Golden Acres. There was a spacious living room with a large picture window looking out over neat farms in the distance and the homes of friendly neighbors nearby. The kitchen was equipped with all the latest conveniences, and it opened into the light and airy dining area of the living room. Her teen-age brother John and little sister Lori had bedrooms at the end of the hall adjacent to her parents' room.

In the basement there was another bedroom, a half bath, and a recreation room containing a piano and plenty of space for entertaining friends. This cozy arrangement was considered Judy's domain. With pride she spoke of it as her own apartment. Moving day was over; all of Judy's possessions were in her personal retreat. Now would be the right time, she concluded, to air her feelings.

"Mom," Judy began, "I'm glad for my little apartment downstairs. It's just what I've been wanting for so long. But I've been thinking—" and she hesitated, making sure that she made herself clear "—I'm old enough now to be on my own."

"What do you mean, Judy?" her mother queried. "Aren't you satisfied with your rooms? Do you expect to move out and live somewhere else?"

"No, Mom, I just want to be on my own. I'd like to feel a little more independent and grown up."

"Well, Judy, what are your plans?"

"What I mean is that from now on I'd like to clean my apartment. You won't even have to check on it any more. I'll keep all my clothes washed, cleaned, pressed. I'll set my alarm, and you w have to call me in the morning. Th the way it is with the girls who live the dorm on campus. Of course, can still set my place at the table."

Bertha Kershner readily consented her daughter's well-devised plans for much coveted new emancipation. H ing gone through this stage herself, felt like saying, This won't last l when the novelty wears off. But v wisely she suppressed her amusem and refrained from expressing her se ments.

Judy was not aware of all the str gling young forces within her—the p cess of growing up. All she felt was awful growing pains—the desire for fr dom and relief from her childhood strictions. She had to express her i turity.

Judy became more and more engros in her studies. There were those e less themes that required hours of search at the library. The final exa came just when the church choir nee that extra practice for the special c tata. The department store, busy w its spring rush, requested Judy to w every weekend and also two nights e week.

My messy apartment will just have wait, Judy sighed, glancing back o her shoulder on her way off to sch I didn't even have time to make my b this morning. The closet door standi ajar revealed skirts needing spot cle ing and unpressed dresses pushed b for later attention. I'll wash that st of lingerie when I get home today. stuffed it there in the corner out sight.

Judy's mother took a peek now a then. She felt a yearning to be of he but she knew it wasn't the time. S thought of the week of special youth s vices coming up which Judy anticipat attending every night. It would certa ly be a lift to her spiritually, but h would she ever make out—swamped wi studies, activities at the church, a mountains of washing, pressing, a cleaning to do?

The alarm woke Judy early ne morning. Breakfast and devotions ov she determined to make the apartme livable before leaving for campus. H bed was made, clothes were hung u and shoes were neatly in line behind t closet door. But there was dust eve where. How could she ever find time vacuum? The hamper was almost ru ning over with soiled clothing. The

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I thought it would be. Mom was so
d and thoughtful in doing all those
ras so I'd have some time to relax. I
n't appreciate it. I thought she was
ding me under her shadow—treating
like a child. I'll have to grow up
be on my own soon enough.

Reluctantly Judy stuffed all the clothes
m her hamper into a laundry bag.
h one arm loaded down with books,
dragged her bulky bag up the stairs
er her a few moments before starting
school. Meeting her mother in the
er at the top of the stairs, Judy plead-
ly asked, "Mom, are you washing
ay?"

"I have one load in now. It will soon
finished."

"Would you mind putting these
ough for me when yours are done?
y accumulate so fast—seems like I
never get ahead of them."

"I'll be glad to, Judy. Later today I
n on running the vacuum upstairs,
. Would you like me to use it in
r apartment? It probably could
nd it."

"It surely could. It's hardly livable
more. Mom, it's sweet of you to
er—after I was so cocky in wanting
be on my own. It isn't as much fun
I thought it would be. You were try-
to help me—poor dumb me, too self-
ered to realize it. Could I be your
le girl again?"

Wearing a broad, childish grin, Judy
lcomed the peck her mother placed on
cheek as she departed for school.
th a wave of the hand Judy was gone.
ys of strain and struggling over, she
learned her lesson.

What a relief it was when Judy en-
ed her apartment after a long and dif-
ult day at college! Spick-and-span was
rdly the term. It was immaculate—
a speck of dust anywhere. Every-
ng was in place, a clean scarf was on
dresser, linens were changed, and
bathroom was so scrubbed that the
tures shone.

Judy's expressions of gratitude bub-
d fluently from her grateful heart.
om, I surely was confused there for
while. I'm glad I got straightened out.
s is really living. How could I have
n so wrong!"

That Judy was her cheerful, talkative
f again was obvious to all the family.
e growing-up stage—emerging from adolescence to maturity, getting the right perspective in life, learning true values—can sometimes be as frustrating as the butterfly straining to leave the limited confines of the coocon while longing to emerge into a bigger, fuller world of freedom and liberty.

Possessing a new, maturing appreciation of home and family as well as a fresh consecration to the Lord, Judy's mountainous problems were gradually melting away. Vividly Judy remembered her childish struggles to put together a jigsaw puzzle. How hard she had worked! But upon discerning and following certain lines and colors, the pieces fit neatly together—almost fell into place.

"Uneventful" was the word that marked the remainder of Judy's college life; that is, until her senior year, when the wheels started turning fast. She fell in love with and married the new assistant pastor of her church. Their happy hearts fused together into one as they exchanged rings and vows, eagerly anticipating their labor together for the Lord.

Now, almost a month had passed since their lovely wedding day. Bertha Kershner, discerning the sound of the mail truck, rose from the table and started for the mail box at the end of the driveway.

"From Judy and Bob!" she exclaimed in surprise, while visualizing them in their new apartment. Eagerly she tore open the envelope and read its contents.

"Our grown-up little girl," she proudly whispered. The sluggish hours crawled at a snail's pace while Beertha waited for Dr. Kershner to come home.

"Here's a letter from Judy and Bob. Just wait till you read it!"

"From the shine on your face, they must have inherited a million dollars."

"It's worth a million to us, you'll readily agree."

Dr. Kershner settled in his favorite chair while Bertha peeked over his shoulder. Together they read the letter.

"Dear Mom and Dad. How trite it seems to say thank you on a flimsy piece of paper. But I hope as time goes by, we will have opportunity to show you in action how much we love you. Never could I repay you in equal quantity or quality for all the goodness you've shown me all my life. Even at times when I know it was difficult to live with me, you just poured love on me.

"You reared me consistently in a Christian atmosphere, always trying to

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General Conference Executive Committee Meets



Members of the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met recently at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, to study the constitution and coordinate the work of the conference. As a result of the meeting, the executive committee will propose that the work of the conference be brought under the direction of a general board. The recommendation will be made at the annual session meeting with the Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 6, 7, 1971.

Members of the committee present, from left to right, were: the Revs. Walter Reynolds, R. H. Jackson, Bobby G. Bazen, Clyde Cox, J. B. Starnes, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, and the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark.

OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE

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sary for us to listen. Does He not listen when we pray to Him? We can neglect all these things, but our growth as Christians will be stunted and our works ineffectual.

Laborers need to serve with power. To serve with power, we must become possessors of the truth that all power belongs to God. If we would go forward in Christian service, we need to recognize our own responsibility ourselves, that Christ showed evidence of the power within Himself. To the poor He brought hope; to those in sin He brought deliverance. The blind had their sight restored and He gave freedom to those in bonadge. Jesus said, ". . . All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). All the world stands before us, all power stands behind us, and the all-powerful One stands with us.

We must serve Him if we would be worthy of His blessings. A young man, walking along the railroad tracks began counting the crossties as he went along. After several hundred yards, he stopped and looked back over the ground he had covered. He was startled to see that in looking so intently at the common crossties, he had failed to see a lovely gorge many feet below through which flowed a lovely stream. The embankment was green with vines and flowers rimming the waters edge. If we let Satan cause us to be so concerned with the petty issues of life that we overlook countless blessings along the way, then indeed we have been robbed. To be worthy of His blessings, we must give thanks concinually for His watch care and His goodness. Women, let us walk worthy of God's blessings!

We should serve Him with all we have! What is that in thine hand? Take it and use it for God's glory. Gideon, at God's command, chose three hundred men from several thousand. He had no sword, no armor, nor chariots of iron. Did he refuse to lead his men because they were not as well equipped as the enemy's army? No! He used what the people had. In every home lamps were necessary for light, pitchers were used to carry water, and trumpets made from ram's horns was their mode of communication. Imagine the great faith of these three hundred warriors! They went to meet the enemy with only house-

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"DOING OUR THING FOR JESUS"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

May 1, 1971

REGISTRATION: 9:30 A. M. CLASSES BEGIN: 10 A. M.

Welcome: We would like to welcome you to the town of Ayden, and especially to the facilities of the Press. We hope your visit proves to be a very pleasant and profitable one, and that you will return again when you have the opportunity.

Registration: Registration will be in each department with the teachers in charge.

Classes: The classes are listed below with their instructors and meeting places. You will notice that we are offering for the first time this year a class in Crafts and Visual Aids. The Crafts and Visual Aids classes will be staggered with the Music classes.

GENERAL DIRECTORS . . . . . First Baptist Church Educational Wing
Leah McGlohon

MUSIC DIRECTORS . . . . . First Baptist Church Sanctuary
Tommy Manning and Ralph A. Bowen

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT . . . . Free Will Baptist Church Annex
Austin Carter

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT . . . . First Baptist Church Educational Wing
Earl H. Glenn

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT . . . . . Upstairs, Free Will Baptist Church
Minnie H. Chandler

PRESCHOOL DEPARTMENT . . . . Free Will Baptist Church Sanctuary
Jane B. Gainey

CRAFTS AND VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT . . . Community Building
Elizabeth Hill

CRAFTS AND VISUAL AIDS SCHEDULE

Primary Teachers	10:00-10:30 A. M.
Preschool Teachers	10:30-11:00 A. M.
Junior Teachers	11:00-11:30 A. M.
Intermediate Teachers	11:30-12:00 Noon

MUSIC SCHEDULE

Preschool Teachers	10:00-10:30 A. M.
Primary Teachers	10:30-11:00 A. M.
Junior Teachers	11:00-11:30 A. M.
Intermediate Teachers	11:30-12:00 Noon

(Music Directors can meet with any or all of the above music classes.)

Lunch: Lunch will be available at noon for $1.25 per plate.

Display and Materials: After lunch is served, you are invited to visit the bookstore to see the complete assortment of VBS materials and supplies.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

uestion: Why do some preachers m that the patriarchs belong to the rch, that Abraham is a part of the rch, and that Old Testament believers Christians?

nswer: This, in our way of thinking, icates that such Christian believers, ndeed they are true believers, do not htly divide" or give a good interation to that portion of the Bible's sage in which this important subject rought before us. The Bible teaches, he first place, that the church began the Day of Pentecost; or that it was owered by the Holy Ghost to begin activities motivated, directed, and trolled in carrying out the Lord's ching orders under a new covenant. a sense of the word, it was to be a e in which the Hebrew nation as the entity by which God should evanze the whole world would be set le and when He should, through a cial called-out people, from both s and Gentiles, carry on His soul-winng activities. ". . . the disciples were ed Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 26).

seems to us that those who "spirlize" all of God's definite promises to aham cause the prophecies to mean t they were not intended to say by Holy Spirit. Such, it would seem to ore the many fulfilled prophecies in 's dealings with the Israelites. While y are saved and secured, if they be- e and trust in Jesus Christ as the of God, accepting His finished work the Cross as the redemptive price God for their salvation from sin, yet y miss one of the great sources of –to know that Christ himself will eday come back to our planet to put n sin.

he world does not, as the postmillenists teach, wait until the church ings in the kingdom" by the preachn of the gospel. The Lord Jesus Christ bring in the kingdom and that be- too long. The signs seem to be tiplying rapidly that are predicted to forerun Christ's return for His church; and we understand that when the church has been caught up, the period left for tribulation will not exceed seven years.

Apostasy, as the Bible declares, will characterize the end of the church period and discourage a true scholar of the holy Word from thinking the church may bring in the kingdom. When it comes to the beginning of the church much might be said. The Old Testament saints did not know that the church was in the mind of God as being the bride of Christ. God revealed this to Paul and he wrote of it after Christ had ascended into heaven. After Peter made what the church calls the great confession, Christ promised: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

The church was empowered and directed to proceed in the "greater works than these" which Jesus said would be done by His followers when He had gone back to heaven and sent another Comforter like Himself, "even the Spirit of truth." So whether you believe as some that the church began at Pentecost, or as the late George Wheaton Taft of the Northern Baptist Seminary, that Jesus' followers at His ascension constituted the embryo of the church and that its official activity began then, we see that the Holy Spirit's power there and then filled these believers and has been filling believers since, and will be when Christ returns for them. The Scriptures make it clear to us that there will be faith on earth when He comes for us, the church. The Bible also urges to be ready that no one knows the day nor the hour when our Lord may come.

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Question: Why does seven appear so often in the Bible and seem to be of such vital significance in relation to outstanding facts?

Answer: It symbolizes perfection, also union, and is regarded as that which God has set apart to fill the unique place of giving forth particular truth in a concise way. God finished His work of creation and rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:1-3). The seventh day as one of rest was, as we may see from these verses, first observed by God himself; and it is thought by many scholars to have been kept as such by all the patriarchs, including Abel, Seth, Enoch (Genesis 4:24), Noah, Abraham, etc.

Then we know for sure that the Israelites under Moses and Aaron observed it, and all the orthodox Jews since, and the Christians until the Holy Spirit, seems to have well impressed these Christians, using Paul to say that the first day of the week—that on which Jesus was resurrected—was of more significance to Christians than any other day. So under Paul's leadership and the leadership of others whose lives were controlled by the Holy Spirit, the first day of the week became that day on which the Holy Spirit motivated Christians to meet for public worship; and with minor exceptions, such as groups that choose to return to the Sabbath and partly to the law, the first day of the week is observed today.

Sandison answers a similar question in George H. Sandison's "1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered": "The symbolism of 'seven' should be traced back to the symbolism of its component elements, 'three' and 'four,' which represent divinity and humanity. Hence, 'seven' represents the union between God and man. Among the Persians, the Greeks, the ancient Indians, the Romans, and all nations where seven days in the week were recognized, the influence of the number seven prevailed. It was called by Cicero 'the knot and cement of all things,' because in 'seven' the spiritual and natural world were comprehended in one idea. Some writers claim that the Hebrews borrowed it from their heathen neighbors. The Sabbath, being the seventh day, suggested seven as the appointment for all sacred periods. The seventh month was ushered in by the Feast of Trumpets; seven weeks was the interval between the Passover and the Pentecost, and so on, recognizing seven as the symbol of all connected with the Divinity."

For a more detailed discussion on the subject see "Fairbairn's Bible Encyclopedia," Pages 34 to 40. There may be found a lot of controversy on this subject and particularly so in modern literature.

STORIES

for our youth



BIKE RIDE

BEVERLY KENNISTON

BOB RUSSELL and his best friends, Jim Ames and Terry Dyke, dismounted from their bikes and flopped down on the grass in Terry's yard.

"Did you guys ask your parents about the bike trip to the state park?" Jim asked. "Al said we could go if it was all right with your folks."

Al was Jim's older brother. He and some friends had planned a weekend bike trip to the state park.

Terry sat up. "I can go," he said. "Dad's out of town on business, but Mom said I could. How about you, Bob?"

Bob swallowed a lump in his throat. He looked down at the ground and shook his head.

"Sorry," he said. "No can do. The folks said absolutely not."

Jim and Terry exchanged disappointed glances. There was a long silence, then the pals said good-by and headed home. In his own yard, Bob stood his bike against the garage and started toward the house.

In the kitchen he helped himself from the cooky jar as his mother poured him a glass of milk.

"Mom," he said, "the fellows were talking about the bike trip to state park. Won't you and Dad change your minds and let me go?"

His mother frowned and shook her head. "Sorry, Bob. We have discussed the matter thoroughly. Please ask the Lord to help you accept our decision."

Bob muttered around a mouthful of cookies. "Oh, what's the use of having a swell bike if you don't get to use it—"

Seeing his mother's frown, Bob decided he'd better let the matter drop. The next few days Terry and Jim were busy making plans for the bike trip, and Bob didn't see much of them. He didn't ask his parents again to change their minds, but he spent a lot of time sitting around the porch and yard, chin in hand, staring emptily into space.

One evening his father came out into the yard and sat down beside him.

"I don't have to work Saturday, Bob," he said, "and Mother and I thought maybe we'd have a picnic up at the lake. How about it?"

Bob nodded without much interest.

"And since you're disappointed about the trip your friends are taking," Dad continued, "how would you like to ride your bike up to the lake and meet us there?"

"Hey, that would be great! May I really, Dad?"

His father nodded. "Just check your tires and chain and be sure everything is in good working condition."

Saturday was a clear, cool day, just right for a picnic. Bob started an hour ahead of his parents, after carefully marking a map of the right roads to take as Dad had showed him.

The first miles went by swiftly and easily under the bike tires. Leaving the city through the suburbs, Bob consulted his map frequently. Then, on the highway to the lake, the bike suddenly began to wobble out of control, and Bob brought it to a shuddering stop. Dismounting, he examined the bike to see what had happened.

A weak link in the chain had snapped! Bob felt in his pocket for a small packet of tools his dad had told him to bring along. The pocket was empty. He had forgotten.

Bob wiped his forehead on his sleeve and looked around. He couldn't fix the bike without tools. There was not to do but push the bike to the nea house.

It was nearly noon now, and eve the shady woodland it was hot. took off his jacket and rolled up sleeves. He pushed the bike along s ly, looking for a house, but the road deserted. After a while Bob bega wonder whether he was on the r road after all. On foot, it didn't a bit familiar. A blister began to on his right heel.

Bob's worry was relieved when sighted a telephone booth along the of the road ahead. Frantically, Bob ed some change out of his pocket. here was a dime! But whom coul call? His folks were probably alread the lake, wondering where he was. S ly, he replaced the receiver and slu ed to the grass beside the road. He sure in a spot! The broken bike, forgotten tools, the blister—and wasn't even sure he was on the r road! He had sure made a flop of bike trip, and he had wanted to go c to the state park with the fellows. couldn't even get to the lake! Bob l ed his head on his folded arms in spair.

"I guess I'm not as smart as I thou I was," he mumbled. "Lord, please me get to where the folks are."

After a long time, Bob got wearil his feet and started to pick up the fa bike. Through the mist in his eyes saw a familiar car approaching.

His dad brought the car to a halt. "Say, am I glad to see you!" Bob wearily.

Dad got out of the car and looke the bike. He frowned when Bob ad ted he had forgotten his tools. He l ed the bike to the rear bumper, and piled gratefully into the back seat. was tired, and he had a lot to th about.

"Mom and I don't want to spoil y good times, Son," Dad said. "But don't want you to tackle more t you're ready for. Understand?"

Bob nodded and for the first time felt he really did understand his fat "When we get home, I'm going to a bandage for my heel," he said wit grin. "Then I'm going over and tell guys what happened. Maybe th want to think about it."—My Pleasur

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By taking knowledge of us, do pe see that we have been with Jesus?- lected.

H. Overman Leaves spen Grove Church

n March 28, the Rev. C. H. Overman minated his seven and one-half-year torate at Aspen Grove Free Will Bap- Church near Fountain, North Carolina. church presented the Overmans with lver bowl and a set of china as an ex- ssion of appreciation for their ser- s. Mrs. Lovelace Gardner read the owing statement at the close of the ning worship service. The church oyed a fellowship dinner after the vice.

When we learned that Brother Over- would be leaving us, we began to k what we could do for him and his ily to include the entire church. It decided that a picnic be planned be- se we always enjoy having fellowship ers at the church.

We do not want this to be a sad day. want to remember with joy the years have shared with the entire Overman ily.

I think I speak for the church and woman's auxiliary in saying that we e had wonderful cooperation from the rmans in all phases of our church k. Our young people have really had riend as well as a pastor to lead and de their young steps. This has meant much to them when they needed guid- e, when they had questions and need- the right answers.

All of us have enjoyed our choir. re is always a message in song. Mr. rman has worked very closely with choir, and his solos were always en- ed. Our youth choir has grown and great blessing to the older members listen to their selections.

We have listened to Mr. Overman on ond and fourth Sundays as he has ached on the miracles of Christian . Now we have it in our power to e that love grow and benefit our rch and community.

Hal and Jeannie were what we call ll children when they first came to church. Hal has grown into a very teen-ager. At first Hal would sit the front row but now he has moved the back row where the teen-agers ays sit. Jeannie has grown into a little lady whom we all love.

Mrs. Overman has been a special sing to all of us. To have the pas- s wife present means a lot of coop- ion. Having the family in our homes a pleasure, especially when Mrs. rman was always so easy to please. To us she has become a beautiful Christian lady.

"I cannot think of all the nice things the Overman family has meant to our church. The sermons, the prayers, the lost souls finding their way to Christ, times of sickness and bereavement, and the new members joining our ranks have all been an important part of the life of our church in the last seven and one-half years. So all we can say is 'Thank you, Brother Overman, and thank God for sending you and your family to share your lives with us and to share our moments of joy and sadness.' "

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Attention: Study Course Chairmen of The Eastern District!

This is just a little reminder that the year 1971 is swiftly passing. Please don't forget to plan your study courses! Check to see how many studies your auxiliary has had so far this year.

In 2 Timothy 2:15 we read, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We need to study to show ourselves approved unto God. We need to study to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. We need to study so we can rightly divide the Word of God. Therefore, we need to study the Bible, the Word of truth, along with the books that are recommended for us.

We can study at home and we should, but we need to study in groups also. In this way we may strengthen each other. In Matthew 18:20 we read, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." When we have a study course and only a few attend let us not become discouraged and say that there is no need for another planned study course. If a few can rightly divide the Word, just think how much we may be able to help others.

Our state study course chairman has suggested the "Parent Guidance Series," published by the Concordia Publishing House and can be purchased at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, and "Soul Winning in Your Community" by Maude W. Hathaway, as additional subjects to the list of books in our 1971 auxiliary program book, "Devotion." This suggestion is very good and something needed in the day in which we are living.

Please plan your study courses regularly. A copy of this letter will not be mailed to each chairman this time. If you are the study course chairman of your local auxiliary and read this letter in "The Free Will Baptist," please write to me and let me hear of your progress and the books that you have studied.

Eastern District
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Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions for the period April 15-22. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind, the church year ends June 30, 1971; therefore, we have just a little over two months to reach this goal. If your church has not sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, April 15, 1971		$19,744.41
Receipts April 15-22		
Fifth Union Meeting, Eastern Conference	$ 10.00	
Everett's Chapel Church, Clayton	80.00	
Wilson Woman's Auxiliary, Wilson	61.98	
Sweet Gum Grove, Maggie Little Circle, Greenville	5.00	
King's Cross Roads Sunday School, Farmville	19.69	
Holly Springs Sunday School, Kenly	1.00	
Fremont Church, Fremont	140.00	
Faith Church, Kinston	28.29	
Peace Church Auxiliary	26.00	
Reedy Branch Sunday School, Winterville	100.00	
Verona Church, Verona	5.00	
Winterville Sunday School, Winterville	14.36	
Piney Grove AFC, Kenly	10.00	
Rev. and Mrs. Lester Duncan, Wilson	20.00	
First Church, Greenville	50.00	
Hugo Sunday School, Kinston	35.40	
St. Mary's Church, New Bern	246.00	
Stancil's Chapel Church, Kenly	20.00	
Wintergreen Church, Woman's Sunday School Class, Cove City	15.00	
Spring Hope Woman's Auxiliary, New Bern	30.00	
Otway Church, Otway	10.00	
Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville	225.00	
Total Receipts April 15-22		1,152.72
Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, April 22, 1971		$18,591.69

Joseph Ingram, *Director-Treasurer*



NEEDED: LEADERS UNDER GOD

Lesson Text: Hosea 4:1-6; 7:7-10

Memory Verse: Hosea 8:7

I. INTRODUCTION

The history of the world is the history of its leadership. America today is what her leadership has been. If we can look back upon good, rich years we know that we have had leaders who, under God, called the people to respect the Word of God and abide by its precepts. If we must look back upon dark, fearful years, it is because we have had leaders who forgot the Word of God and trusted their own ways. What do you see today?

The history of Israel is the history of its leadership. When Israel had good kings and priests, Israel prospered spiritually and otherwise. It was a different story when the leadership was idolatrous, debauched, and sinful. For instance, the father of Josiah was the wicked Amon, and under his leadership the nation became idolatrous and viciously immoral. Josiah, because of his respect for things holy and his consistent example, led the people back to the Bible and to God. America today, as Israel in the past, needs leadership under God that will bring the people back to the old landmarks, the teachings of God's holy Word.

At the time of our lesson today, Israel was living under the forty-one year reign of the brilliant Jeroboam II. The nation made great material advancements during his reign but seldom advanced toward God. The fact is, Israel, whom God thought lovingly of as His wife, had left God and had gone after other gods. The Lord needed a leader who would call the people back to His ways. The Prophet Hosea was chosen for this most difficult, yet challenging task. How he went about it is told in this and next Sunday's lessons.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Compare Amos and Hosea.
2. Give a brief summary of the contents of the Book of Hosea.
3. Tell about the time of Hosea's ministry as a prophet.

B. Controversy (Hosea 4:1, 2)
1. What was the word from the Lord (v. 1)?
2. There were three reasons for this word (v. 1).
3. The three great classes of sin of which Israel was guilty are the following:
   a. There were sins against God, in which they had forgotten Him and practiced idolatry.
   b. There were sins against society, which are listed in Verse 2.
   c. There were sins against light—they were not ignorant, but had rejected truth.

C. Condemnation (Hosea 4:3-6; 7:7-10)
1. Israel's sin had a great effect upon the land.
2. God addresses Himself to the priests.
3. The people had sinned against light.
4. They had mixed with other nations to become strong, but had become weak.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Israel was bound to God by a covenant. They had entered that covenant willingly at Sinai, promising loyalty to God. But in time the people turned from God, rejected His law, and served idols. Finally God brought suit against them.

The summons was served. The whole people, with their prophets and priests, were called to the judgment.

The indictment was made on two counts. Almost every obligation of the sacred compact had been violated on these counts. First, religion was dead. Truth and mercy were gone from the land because the people lacked the knowledge of God. Second, immorality was rampant. The sin of the king in set up golden calves violated the sec Commandment. With this Comm ment overthrown, the people held l respect for the others.

The judgment was given. The pur ment was to be terrible. The land w suffer drought. Animals would dec in number. People would suffer f loss of health, food, and contact v God. Many would lose life itself, the nation would be destroyed.

God's punishment was severe, bu was not absolutely inevitable. Goc always ready to forgive His people they will repent.—Standard Comment.

B. "Israel had certain glaring m and spiritual failures for which she to face the judgment of God. How ab us?

"It has been estimated that 30,0 000 young people in America have religious instruction. That includes percent of our grammar-school childr 8 percent of our high-school children, percent of our college youth. That's big failure. (Do you believe these figu are accurate?)

"There are more bartenders in United States than there are ministe That's another failure.

"We spend more on race-track hor and dogs, liquor, dope, bingo, and ba ball than we spend on education or r gion. That's failure Number 3 . . .

"Just how should America 'face up' such failures?" — Tarbell's Teache Guide.

C. When human resources have faile and man has used up every ounce of h own strength and energy, then, if he w call on God, he will find that God w do for him that which he could not for himself. But how tragic when m fail and then refuse to call on God!

A little girl became lost in the mou tains a few years ago. Her father a friends searched in vain for her. Thr days passed, and the body of the chi was found. She had left this note, feeb written, "Daddy, I called and called b you couldn't hear." The father wante to hear, to be sure. We find the sam note of sadness in God's calling to H people.—Ray O. Jones.

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Four things in any land must dwell
If it endures and prospers well:
One is manhood true and good;
One is noble womanhood;
One is child life, clean and bright;
And one an altar kept alight.

—Anonymous.

OUR PRIVILEGE TO SERVE

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items; yet, the account in Judges tes that the enemy's number was like grasshoppers and as the sand by seashore for multitude. Their faith rewarded for the enemy was de- ed into their hands. God was with for deliverance came by the sword he Lord and Gideon. Make use of talents that you have lest they be n away. God will reward your faith- ess and grant increase to your har- .

e must serve to receive rewards for efforts. In this present life it is the e rewards that come our way from to time that lifts and encourages A child looks forward with impa- ce for the gift his father has prom- to bring. Although of little value less usefulness, he treasures it be- e it is a gift of love. The gift that heavenly Father has for those who e remained faithful is eternal life! e may be privileged to see rewards heir labors here, yet the rewards of rs may follow them. Our highest ng is to win souls! While God may grant us the opportunity to see our ards here, we have often seen the lts of faithful stewards already call- home.

the hill country of Kentucky, dur- the bitter depression years, a man ght a farm and moved his family e from the city. The move was ssitated because of his declining th. The doctor had advised clear ntain air for his recovery. They e not pleased with the change of hts in their lives. After a few weeks, d with a small bundle on his shoulder with no shoes on his feet, knocked heir door and begged for a place to . Over the years, others came. Of- there were more than thirty chil- n living in the home. This man farm- and worked at public work; anything sustain this family God had sent to . Many times they could not see their needs would be supplied. Dur- daily devotions, as the children gath- around the table, their petitions e raised to heaven and God never ed them. When these faithful ones ed on, they left no bank account nor eritance to their own two sons, but h did leave an example of true stew- ship. A few months ago, over one dred men and women who once call- ed this home, returned to pay tribute to these faithful servants whose graves are resting near the chapel. Cards and messages came from many who were too faraway to attend. Their labors are continuing to bring forth rewards because in that group were ministers, missionaries, teachers, and fine Christian men and women from several walks of life. Their witnessing multiplied many times!

Throughout the state, our women are actively engaged in their pre-Easter week of prayer observances. As we look toward Good Friday, and to Easter Sunday, may there be a revaluation of our service and full dedication to Christ who died for us and lives again.

A Christian layman left his home early one spring morning and as he rounded the corner, a blast of cold east wind beat and buffeted him. "I wish the wind would . . ." he was going to say, "change," but he checked his thoughts and did not finish the sentence. Later it became a dream for he saw an angel holding out a key, "My master sends his love and bids me give you this." "What is it?" he asked. "The keys of the wind," answered the angel, as he disappeared. "Now, I shall be happy to be rid of such bitter wind," thought the layman as he hurried away to the heights from which the winds came. He cried out joyously as he closed the door of the cave that held the chilling wind. "But what shall I choose in its place?" he asked. "The south wind is so pleasant; it reminds me of spring breaking forth with lilies and daffodils." But the key burned his hand! "What am I doing?" he cried. "Who knows what mischief I may bring? Ten thousand ills may come from this foolish wish of mine. How can I tell what the fields and forests need?" Bewildered and ashamed he prayed that the angel would take the key and that he would never want it again. But, lo, the Lord himself stood there. As He reached out His hand to take the key and as the layman laid it down, he saw that it rested against the scarred nail wound print. The layman took the key and asked, "Dost thou keep the key of the winds?" The Lord answered, "I do, my child." Lo, when the layman looked, there hung all the keys of all his life. The Lord saw the look of amazement and asked, "Didst thou not know, my child, that my kingdom ruleth all?" His kingdom does rule all of our lives. We are a part of that kingdom! More important, we are responsible for its growth in this world.

As we return to our respective communities, to our churches, and to our auxiliaries, may we endeavor to be witnesses for Christ's kingdom to all we meet. Let it be known that we care and may we prove it by our actions.

A poet writes it so clearly:

We are but underworkmen;
They never choose:
If this tool or that one
Their hands shall use;
In working or in waiting,
May we fulfill not ours at all;
But only the Master's will.

We are laborers together with God and it is indeed our privilege to serve!

The above message was presented to the Western Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. William (Virginia) Davis of the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, North Carolina, Wednesday, April 7, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina.

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"DEAR MOM AND DAD"

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understand my ups and downs. You handed me a good education on a silver platter and encouraged me to pursue it diligently. Never did you deprive me of any material things when it was in your power to give them. Too often, though, my demands were very selfish.

"Gently but firmly, you have guided me into the path I am now walking, and I have no doubts that it is the perfect one.

"What started out to be a letter from 'us' has evolved into a ratner tearful note of gratitude from 'me'—for I must admit, there are tears running down my cheeks.

"Again I return to the plural; we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wedding and the lovely silverware. It will last as long as the wedding will! Love, Judy and Bob."

Dr. and Mrs. Kershner looked at each other—unable to speak, too full for words. The prized letter was tucked away among their family treasures, to be read again when needing encouragement while rearing Judy's sister and brother.—Gospel Herald.

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Only when the greatness of one's soul exceeds the greatness of possession will great possessions be safe in his hands.—Selected.

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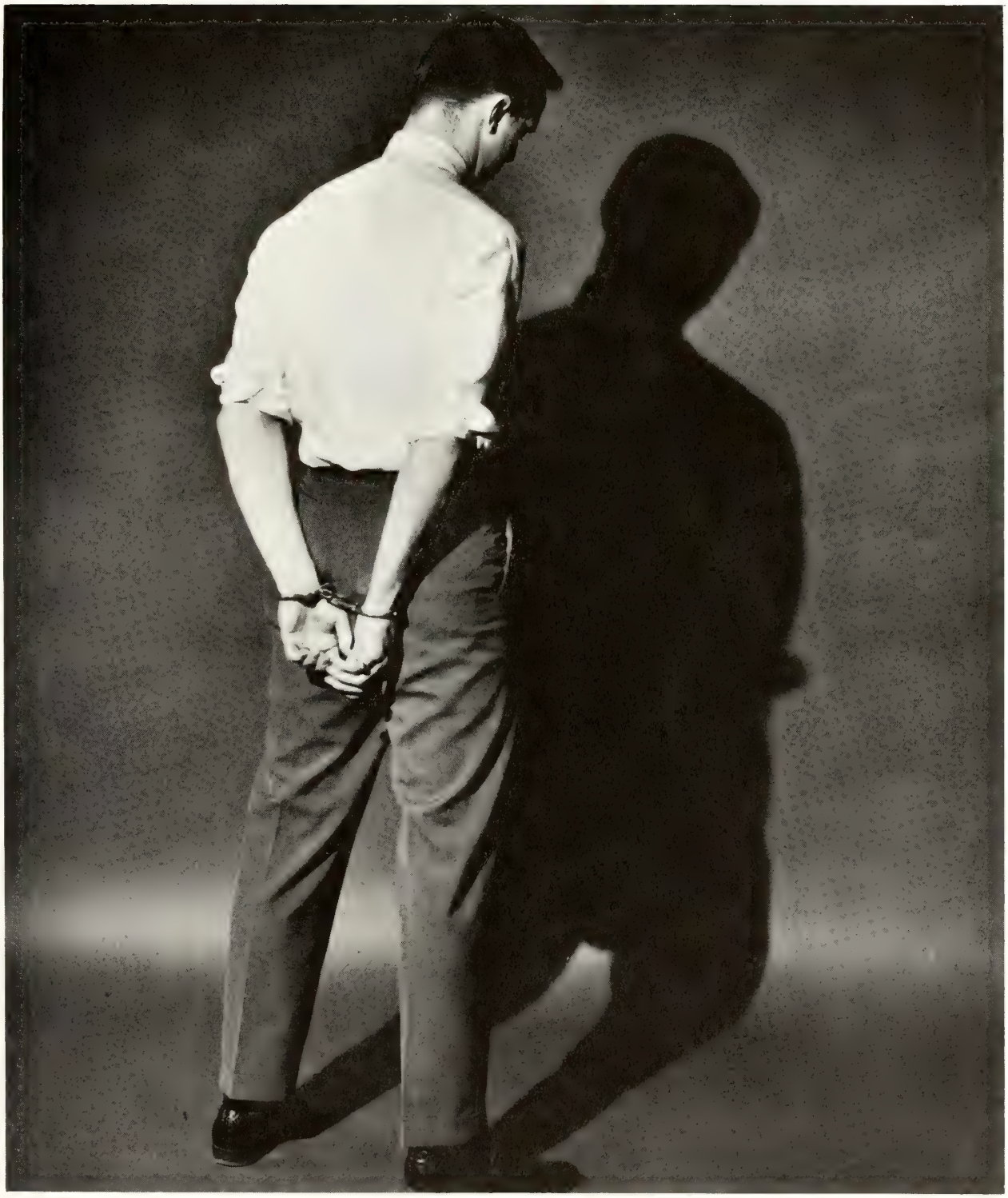
This is a woman's show; so women, show up!

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IAD CRIED MANY TEARS OVER HIM, AND SHE WOULD CRY MORE. MOTHERS ARE LIKE THAT . . .

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MOTHERS ARE LIKE THAT

Everybody was asleep except her. She had been restless for several hours now, wondering when he would come home. They had told her that he was not worth worrying about, let alone losing sleep over. They had gotten tired of his reckless living, his drinking, his constantly getting in trouble with the law, his carrying on with roughnecks, his staying out all night, his being gone for days at a time.

She had gotten tired of it too, but she was a little more patient than the others. She loved him and prayed for the day that he would change. She could not sleep because of him, neither could she reject him. He was all that she had.

She had cried many tears over him, and she would cry more. His cold hardness pierced her heart many a time, but the few occasions when he had remembered her birthday with a potted plant or a cheap handkerchief, or the few times when he had brushed a hurried kiss against her cheek when he was preparing to go on one of his expect-me-when-you-see-me trips somehow made up for the hours of agony she spent wondering where he was, what he was doing, if he were well, and when he would return.

She had hoped against hope—in fact, she had built a mountain of hopes and supported it with a myriad of prayers that time would be with him, that fate would prove Satan the loser in his case. Yet, she had doubts. She had reservations about answering the phone late at night for fear that the news on the other end would be bad. Each time that it was a wrong number, she would breathe a thankful prayer and again make her way to her bed for a few more hours of restlessness.

Alone she kept her vigil, if not at the window, at the door; if not at the door, in the silence of her bedroom where she would often kneel and ask the Lord to bring him safely home to her one more time. No one worried about him except her. He was worth nothing to anyone else.

Some called her foolish to love this worthless boy. Others chose to say nothing at all, disdaining to dirty their tongues with his name. Others pitied her for his disregard for her feelings and for his driving her to an earlier grave than should be her lot.

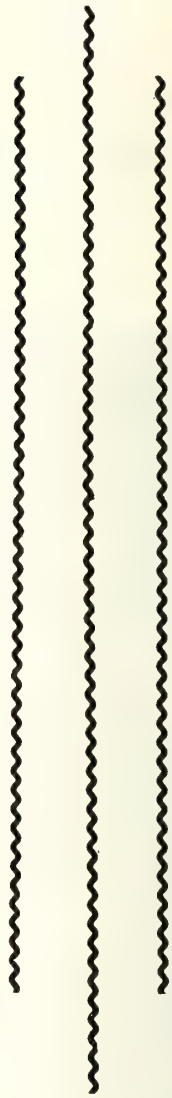
How she had aged these past years! How she had become stooped and wrinkled! Worry had plowed her face with countless furrows, and heartache had set her eyes in a pain-filled gaze. Still she would smile occasionally and say to a neighbor, "My boy will be home shortly. You wait and see!" But when he would not come, she would stand at her window for hours, pulling back the curtain, looking at every passing car, hoping that one of them would stop, and that he would come to her side.

Car after car would pass, and each one that continued on its way would add a new break to her heart. And, at midnight, as was her custom, she would lower the shade and go to her bed, to pray some more but get little sleep.

Her consolation was that daybreak would offer new hope for her, that she could look out with new anticipation and say, "My boy is coming home today."

One morning the neighbors noticed that she did not make her usual trip to her gate to look down the road for him, and they came over to see if she were sick. They found her dead in her chair by the window, with her Bible in her hand and his picture by her side. Her dying breath had been a prayer for him.

Mothers are like that, aren't they? Sad to say, some sons are like that too. . .



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Wide-Awake For CHRIST

(WOMEN WITNESS FOR CHRIST)

by CATHERINE BRANDT

AVE you found it difficult to tell another person about the Saviour? Are tongue-tied when someone asks you t your faith in God? Do you ever to discuss the Bible informally with w people, not in church or a Sunday ol class, but in a more personal situa-? Have you been dissatisfied with witness for Christ?

ost Christians have harbored such ts and longings. Most of us de- our inadequacy, ignorance, and dity. But we let it go at that. We t want to really wake up.

ere is the story of a woman who did e up. With more obstacles to over- than most of us, she turned these steps toward being a zestful Chris- humble in her dependence on the Spirit. She has traveled around the d to speak for Christ. She has been featured speaker at such gatherings he President's prayer breakfast for en, the Navigators, and the Lay Insti- for Evangelism. She has started a ber of Bible study groups. God has her during speaking engagements, ng her travels and in personal meet- to bring people to Christ.

eanor Searle Whitney walked forward Billy Graham Crusade at Madison re Garden in 1967 to renew her itual commitment and put her life Christ's hands. She has been cam- ning for Him ever since.

hat are the obstacles Eleanor Whitney has surmounted in her struggle to witness for Christ?

Wealth is one. As the wife of Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, Eleanor had everything the world counts valuable. She had a country home, a duplex apartment in New York, a "cottage" in Saratoga, a farm in Kentucky, one hundred thousand acres in the Adirondacks, stables, and all the furnishings and servants that go with such a life.

"I don't belittle wealth," Eleanor says. "I've tried both poverty and riches, and riches are better. But now, even though I consider material wealth as a gift from God, I must be careful not to let it get in my way when I want to witness for Christ to a stranger."

Another obstacle has been her talent and hobby of wearing stunning clothes. Her sense of the dramatic in dress is highly developed. She has been on many best-dressed lists. She was chosen best-hatted so often that the organization finally retired her with its first Golden Hat award. She often wears jewelry in a spectacular manner.

Once when staying with a young minister's wife in St. Paul, Eleanor asked whether her mound of jewelry would be safe in the dresser drawer while they were gone. The pastor's wife eyed the pile of pins, necklaces, and rings. "Why, yes," she answered. "The children won't touch anything in your room." It was only later that the young woman realized that this was not "junk" or costume jewelry as she had supposed, but a costly collection.

One ornament that Eleanor Whitney wears frequently is a huge pin of copper ore that has a green stone similar to jade. Mined from Solomon's reactivated copper mine, Eleanor got it the fifth time she visited the Holy Land. Later she added a tiny diamond cross to the pin. "This symbolizes the prophecy of Solomon's day fulfilled in Jesus Christ," she says.

Gifted in her ability to wear striking clothes, Eleanor might have cause to be proud, but God has used her flair for clothes and accessories to interest other women in what she has to say about Christ.

Still another obstacle in Eleanor's attempt to let Christ use her has been her native abilities which make her important in her own right. For thirteen years she sang as soloist in a New York synagogue. A lyric soprano, she sang with the St. Louis Opera Company, studied various languages at Columbia University, and is a founder-member of the National Society of Arts and Letters.

Her talents, now dedicated to Christ, have been used by God. She is a board member of seven organizations, including the Salvation Army, American Bible Society, and the National Council of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Perhaps because of her wealth and position, she tends to be demanding of other people. But who can resist her demands when channeled toward uplifting Christ?

At the close of an interview with two women reporters and standing in the crowded club lounge, she placed an arm around each reporter. "Let's pray," she said, "that God will bless what you write." And there, with people bumping elbows, a three-way prayer meeting took place.

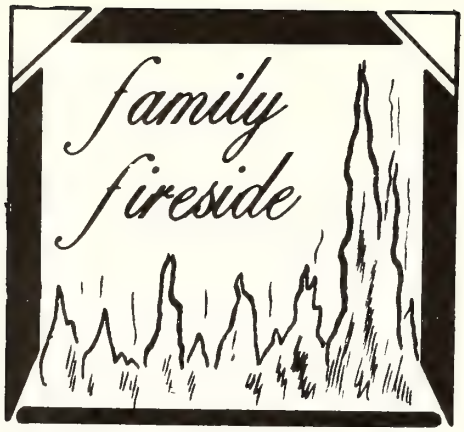
Another obstacle has been her divorce. "Soon after I became an awake Christian whom God could use, I was deeply disappointed in my husband of eighteen years when he forced me to accept a divorce," she said.

Eleanor has struggled with troubles most of her life. These include having a heart ailment, losing several babies she wanted, losing a brother who was killed in World War II, losing a step daughter she loved who died of lukemia, and losing her mother who died after her leg was amputated.

"But when I took Christ, I began to see that Christians were never promised a rose garden. In fact, just the opposite, for Jesus said, 'In me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation' " (John 16:33).

Perhaps the biggest obstacle Eleanor Whitney has climbed over is her former religious background. She came from a family of Lutherans. Her great-grandfather gave the money for several Lutheran churches in Ohio, where her father was a surgeon. Eleanor was reared in

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SUNDAY, MAY 9

GIVE THE SMILES TO MOTHER

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 10:1

If you have a smile for Mother,
Give it now.
If you have a kindly word,
Speak it now,
She'll not need it when the angels
Greet her at the golden gate;
Give the smiles while she is living,
If you wait 'twill be too late.

If you have a flower for Mother,
Pluck it now.
Place it gently on her bosom,
Print a kiss upon her brow.
What cares she when life is over,
For the flowers that bloom below.
She will have her share up yonder,
Scattered at her feet galore.

—*Akron Baptist Journal,*
Knight's Master Book,
Eerdmans Publishing Company.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Tributes paid at a mother's funeral, though commendable, can never match the importance of those made to her personally, while she is living.

MONDAY, MAY 10

"SHE DOES NOT LOVE US LESS BUT MORE!"

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:23

"To think of mother is to recall her unselfish devotion, her limitless, unfaltering love through good and evil report, never wavering, but growing stronger and stronger with the years; and to remember that she asks nothing in return for herself; she asks of us and for us that we be good men and women. If we fail, she does not love us less, but more. Wonderful, constant, miraculous mother's love!"—*Knight's Master Book, Eerdmans Publishing Company.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A mother's love is unsurpassable except by God. While we have our mothers with us, let us show her every gratitude for her constant love.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

A RAILROAD BULLETIN

Scripture Reading—Psalm 20:7

One of the largest railroad companies in America has issued this bulletin, which is displayed conspicuously in its cars, stations, and in other public places:

Courtesy is a business asset, a gain and never a loss.
Officers and employees, above all others, should be courteous.
Use courtesy in all dealings with passengers, patrons, and with one another.
Railroad men help their company by being courteous.
This railroad believes in courtesy.
Even the discourteous like to be shown courtesy.
Smooth away life's difficulties by being courteous.
You will find your value increased by courtesy.
Life is not so short but there is always time for courtesy.—*Emerson.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Courtesy is much like the Golden Rule. We should be courteous to others as we would have them be courteous to us.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

HOW DO WE TAKE CRITICISM?

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:1-32

Criticism is an acid test of humility. When we are criticized, do we first think how wrong the other person is, and try to defend ourselves? Or, are we learning that advanced lesson in the Christian life that God permits criticism, sometimes sends it, for our good? Any editor receives a large share of criticism, and both Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull and Dr. Charles Trumbull maintained that Christians should seek to profit by any truth in the criticism, even though it was not made in the right spirit. In a recent letter from one who has frequently contributed articles to the TIMES was this thoughtful statement, showing a true spirit of humility: "Criticism seems to me one of the fine things of life, for how is one to improve without it?" "He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding" (Proverbs 15:32).—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Criticism is often helpful and should be received as such. Criticism probably never killed anybody, rather it has been an aid toward many a person's improvement.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

LIVING AS WE PRAY

Scripture Reading—John 14:13

A man prayed fervently every morning at family worship for the poor in the community, but he was never known to give anything to the poor. One morning at the conclusion of family worship, after the usual prayer had been offered for the poor and destitute, his little son said, "Father, I wish I had your corncrib."

"Why, my son?" asked his father.

"Why, because then I would answer your prayer myself."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Idle words, though beautifully prayed, will never accomplish a thing. Praying for the poor while we hoard our riches makes no sense.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

THE LOST LETTERS

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10

Dr. H. A. Ironside told the follo story at a Bible conference: A small C tian sect of an exclusive temperament holding a convention. Outside the a torium there was displayed the m "Jesus Only." A strong wind blew first three letters away. "Us Only" is often the spirit shown by Christians narrow vision.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are often such self-centered i viduals that we exclude all others from thoughts. If we ever magnify ourselves, diminish ourselves in the sight of othe

SATURDAY, MAY 15

THINGS THAT COUNT

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 24:11

Not what we have, but what we use,
Not what we see, but what we choose
These are the things that mar or bless
The sum of human happiness.

The things near by, not things afar,
Not what we seem, but what we are—
These are the things that make or br
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true,
Not what we dream, but good we do
These are the things, that shine like g
Like stars in fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we give,
Not as we pray, but as we live—
These are the things that make for pe
Both now and after time shall cease.

—*Selec*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Applying Christian principles makes successful living. No success is so swee Christian success; no reward is so great

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A Tribute to Mothers

MOTHER'S LOVE

love is like an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide,
eaceful, quiet shelter from the wind,
the rain, the tide.
bound on the north by hope, by pa-
tience on the west,
tender counsel on the south, and on
the east by rest.
ve it like a beacon light shine faith,
and truth, and prayer.
through the changing scenes of life,
I find a haven there.

—Author Unknown.

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Y MOTHER'S HANDS

those beautiful, beautiful hands!
ho' they neither were white nor
small,
my mother's hands were the fairest
nd loveliest hands of all.

those beautiful, beautiful hands!
ow they cared for my infant days;
y guided my feet into pleasant paths
nd smoothed all the rugged ways.

mother's dear hands, her beautiful
hands,
/hich guarded me safe o'er life's
sands;
ess God's name for the memory
f Mother's own beautiful hands.

—Mrs. M. E. Wilson.

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Only One Mother

dreds of stars in the pretty sky;
undreds of shells on the shore to-
gether;
dreds of birds that go singing by;
undreds of bees in the sunny weath-
er.
dreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn;
undreds of lambs in the purple
clover;
dreds of butterflies out on the lawn;
ut only one mother the wide world
over.

—George Cooper.

MOTHER'S DAY

Every day is Mother's Day,
Tempting, puzzling, dear,
Bumps to kiss and cuts to bind,
And sorry hearts to cheer;
Willful ways to coax aright,
And laggard souls to hurry;
Holes to patch and meals to plan,
And lots of chance to worry.

But troubles bloom to wisdom,
Patience grows to power,
And love, that was the reason,
Is the wage for each crammed hour.
And every day that mothers make
Diligent and sweet,
Speeds the time till that great day
When hope and harvest meet.

—Mary B. Clapp.



There are fingerprints on the window-
pane;
There are scratches on the chair.
Six little shoes are on the floor;
Playthings are everywhere.
But three little heads lie fast asleep;
All is as still as a mouse.
And rosy red cheeks on pillows of white
Make up for a "littered up" house.
They are safe at home in their own lit-
tle beds,
And that is enough for me.
Who wants a house that's as neat as a
pin?
Not I—I'm the mother of three!

—Delma Ellison.

PRAYER OF A MOTHER

Mrs. Glen Hatfield

God of our fathers, known of old,
God of the far-flung battlefields,
Give me strength and make me whole,
That I may take my sword and shield
Of motherhood and go
To brave the battlefields ahead
And mark the way for footsteps small
To follow where the Christ has led
And never falter, fail, or fall
But always onward go.

God grant me grace to show my child
The bloodstained footpath of our Lord,
Help me be sweet, and meek and mild,
While teaching him to trust Thy Word
And do Thy blessed will.
For this I thank Thee, Lord of old,
God of today and of my heart,
To meet in Heav'n will be my goal
When from this earth we do depart
To spend eternity.

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A MOTHER

God sought to give the sweetest thing in
His almighty power
To earth; and, deeply pondering what it
should be one hour,
In fondest joy and love of heart out-
weighing every other,
He moved the gates of heaven apart and
gave to earth a mother.

—Author Unknown.

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The Watcher–Mother

She always learned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate;
And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more
safe,
Because she waited there.

—Author Unknown.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

WORK WEEKS AT CRAGMONT!

Many have questioned me about work weeks at Cragmont. Here is the announcement you have been eagerly awaiting! The weeks of May 10 and May 17 have been designated as work weeks. There is a lot of work to be done! We **urge** all of our ministers and laymen who **can** and **will** do so, to go up during these two weeks to **work, work, work!** If any group or individuals plan to go from your church, please notify Mrs. Herman Grubbs, Route 1, Box 68, Princeton, North Carolina 27569, so that adequate preparations can be made. Food and lodging will be provided for you by Cragmont Assembly, Inc. We need to paint the Massey House and Green House, inside and out, and the kitchen needs a coat of paint. If you would like to donate a gallon of paint, please send $7 for exterior or $5.50 for interior to the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851, by May 10!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity-Director

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WE COMMEND A LEADER!

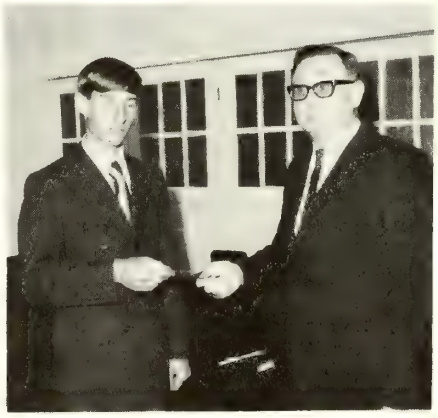
Many of our churches have been responding very favorably to the pleas for funds in our new building program for Cragmont. We continue to urge all of our people to support our building program vigorously!

In this article we would like to honor the efforts and zeal of Pleasant Grove church near Pikeville, North Carolina. From August of 1970, through April 11, 1971, Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church raised $2,611.30 for the Cragmont Building Program! Incidentally, this is a church with about 250 members which also supports our other programs in the denomination quite well.

Cragmont was a special Easter Project at Pleasant Grove. Each member was encouraged to bring "30 Pieces of Silver" to contribute to the drive. The offering for Cragmont during this special drive was $1,035.40! The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, stated, "The success of the drive is due largely to the efforts of Mr. Hardy Talton, chairman of the board of deacons, and to the cooperation of the membership as they have responded to the obvious results within their church as to the effects of the Cragmont's 'mountaintop ministry.'" The pictures are from this special drive at the Pleasant Grove church:



Some of the youth are making their donations. There was a total of 63 pounds of silver collected, amounting to $1,035.40!



Mr. Clifton Parnell, treasurer, is presenting the check to David Fields, one of the youth active in the church.

We thank God for the wonderful way in which this church and many of have responded to the present n Continue to support Cragmont with prayers, the presence of your youth yourselves at Cragmont, and by your tinued support geared to meeting needs of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity-Director

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TO RETURN NOT

by
Bettye Mae Webb
Saratoga, North Carolina

Last night I surrendered by claim belong here . . . . I trod among the mented in that charred canyon of ch It was black with darkness; yet flame of utter futility blazed before

A shroud of endless waste wrapped self around my spirit of despair. I tened for some sound of sanity, but th was none.

I stumbled as I groped my way thro a mass of lifelessness; yet none w dead. At my feet knelt a hooded f with grimy, clasped hands. Pushing hood from his unkempt hair, I gazed that haunted face and was held b glazed, unseeing stare.

"I must think," I whispered to mys

"Think?" he questioned, "no thinks here."

"But you're so young and your mir . . . my voice trailed in my throat.

"Mind?" he questionly repea "there is no mind among us."

Slowly I turned and retraced my st through the ghastly throng. As my sh ing hand touched the gate, I read th heartbreaking words: "End of trip Drug City."

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Think of the sacrifice your mother to make in order that you might Think of the sacrifice God had to m that you and your mother might liv Selected.

Coming Event

May 6—North Carolina State Woma Auxiliary Convention, Shady Gr Free Will Baptist Church, Route Dunn (Cape Fear District Host)

July 6, 7—General Conference of Origi Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle F Will Baptist Church, Spartanbu South Carolina

What Is a MOTHER?

BERNICE BERRIE LIBBY

HAT is a mother?" Betsy asked me.

"What is a mother?" I echoed.

t's on my vocabulary list for school orrow," she stated, "and I can't seem hink of the right words to tell just t a mother is."

Why, a mother is—er—" I started idently, then floundered. "Go, look o in the dictionary!"

ctually, I couldn't answer the ques- as I felt it should be answered.

llowing my own advice to Betsy, I ed in the dictionary. Biologically king, the word is easy to define. ndike-Barnhart says, "Mother: fe- e parent, progenitress."

wasn't satisfied, however. Neither e nor any other dictionary terms d really tell what a mother is. Then cided that the meaning would vary rding to the age of the person ques- ed.

r example, if an infant could talk, would tell us that to him mother ns tender loving care, gentle hands, arms, a quiet voice, a familiar smile, y response to every need, and sup- of every creature comfort.

t to the preschool child, mother is mate, wiper of noses, supplier of imes on rainy days, zipper-closer on days, the one who can answer any tion, arbiter of quarrels, giver of ks when occasion demands or hugs n pleased, applier of bandages, the who kisses hurts to make them well. hrough early school years mother is one waiting when you come home school, best cooky-baker in town, ent nurse through measles or mumps, er with arithmetic problems, giver of birthday parties, one who makes pretty dresses, taxi driver to music lessons, Brownie meetings and the like.

But how the meaning of mother changes in a few years! To the teenager, she is laundress, cook, house-keeper, the one to blame when things can't be found, martinet as to curfews. She is unreasonable in demands and requests, not as lenient as Jane's (or Billy's) mother, old-fashioned in ideas, passe in clothes and hair styles, ignorant on most subjects, out of touch with modern youth ("Mother, you just don't understand!"), and an old woman, or one fast becoming such.

Five years more makes a lot of difference in attitude! To the young married adult, mother is a magic word. It means one whose advice is surprisingly wise, the supplier of easy recipes, one to sympathize when the going is rough, someone to laugh with over typical mistakes of newlyweds, baby-sitter, one available at 2 a.m. when baby has the croup, the tactful giver of extras just when they are needed. The age gap narrows, and mother is a person with whom it is easy to talk.

Time goes on, and our meaning of mother gains new definitions. To the older adult, mother means memories. In retrospect, we see willing service given, usually unappreciated; love given freely, though received unthankfully; patient toil, often through years of financial trials; encouragement as we struggled to attain an education and a purpose in life; belief in us when we have doubted ourselves; and always the unfaltering faith that even though we stumbled, we would accomplish great things in the world.

To those of us most blessed, our impressions of mother include the trust and reliance on God which helped her bring us up.

What is a mother? After giving the question some thought, I told my daughter, "I gave you the wrong advice, Betsy. The dictionary can't tell you. Just look around at the mothers you know, for actions speak louder than words."—Gospel Herald.

ATTENTION!

The Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will meet in an all-day session Tuesday, July 6, 1971, when the General Conference meets with Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Highlights of the conference will be a Bible Quiz for the young people and three sessions of Youthful Helps for Leaders. These sessions will consist of programs, projects, and recreation.

Plan your vacation now and spend a day with the women of the General Conference. Here you will find rest, fellowship, and a spiritual blessing from the Lord.

Margaret Ard, President

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Sound View Auxiliary 1-A

The Sound View Woman's Auxiliary of Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Newport, North Carolina, workvery hard during the year 1970 to become a 1-A auxiliary. At the beginning of the year the auxiliary set a goal for the year which was reached by the first of November. The auxiliary has around 18 to 20 active members. Through the giving of suppers over $500 was raised for missions. Also some members help raise money by making doll clothes. The total amount raised during the year came to over $700.

The auxiliary has set another goal for the year 1971. They want the other auxiliaries to know that a few in number can do a lot for the Lord. They would like to give special credit to their pastor, the Rev. Jerry Rowe, who helped so much in reaching this goal. They asked the prayers of all Christians that they may continue in the work of the Lord.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS DRAMA



The Free Will Baptist Fellowship at Mount Olive College recently presented a drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," at an Easter chapel service. Students pictured above who had speaking parts in the play are, left to right: Brent Sumner, Sandy Plain church, Pink Hill; Douglas Skinner, First church, Wilson; Faye Cratch, White Hill church, Aurora; Glenda Hall, Potters Hill church, Pink Hill; David Hoke, Northern church, Durham; and Penny Edwards, First church, Wilson. Pictured in the back is Charles Edward Morris, president of the Fellowship, who is a member of Marsh Swamp church, Sims. Approximately twenty other members of the Fellowship participated by rendering special music during the play.

The Fellowship is a Free Will Baptist student organization. It is open to all students and meets weekly for the purpose of promoting Christian fellowship. It is an active organization which participates in various campus activities and promotes development of the religious life of the College. Events which have been sponsored this year by the Fellowship in addition to the Easter drama have included a missionary program, Christmas caroling and fruit baskets for shut-ins, and a preexam vesper service.

Plans for the remainder of the year include an outdoor vesper service, a skating party, and a cookout. Miss Jean Fillingame serves as advisor to the Fellowship.

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Study Course at Deep Run

Miss Hilda F. Owens, director of counseling services at Mount Olive College, will teach a study course at the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, on Monday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. The book which will be used as a basis for the study is entitled, "The Life I Owe," by William J. Keech. The Rev. Melvin Everington is pastor of the Deep Run church and Mrs. Shirley Griffin is coordinating plans for that study. Miss Owens is a member of the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

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Many a man has kept straight because his mother bent her knees.—Selected.

HOME CONCERT

The Mount Olive College Chorus will present its spring concert on Wednesday evening, May 5, at 8 p.m., in the College auditorium. The program will include music from the time of Mozart to the present, with most of the emphasis on contemporary music.

Featured also will be freshman Michael Lancaster from Pikeville, playing the trumpet, and a mixed quartet singing current popular tunes.

The public is invited to attend. There will be no charge for admission.

Free Will Baptist members of the chorus (listed with their churches) include Miss Teresa Garner, Holly Springs; Miss Nancy Williams, Trent; Miss Sharon Allen, Trinity; Miss Ann Hinnant, Selma; Miss Jackie Phillips, Branch Chapel; Miss Ellen Davis Gause, Oak Grove; Miss Cynthia Everett, First church, Kinston; Miss Deborah Bunn, Rock Springs; Daniel Mincer and E. S. Sasser Jr., Little Rock; Miss Deborah Hines King and Lester Brewer, Sumner, Sandy Plain; Bruce Jones, Ayden; Jasper Ward Lee, Arapahoe; John Williams, Faith; and Vann Stocks, First church, Greenville.

Other members of the chorus include Miss Hiawtha Jones, Miss Freida Nolley, Miss Betty Whaley, Miss Betty Joe Page, Miss Susan Creed, Miss Sandra Fisher, Miss Sandra Bowden, Miss Mary Jane Hill, Miss Patricia Bengel, Allen O'Neal, Glassie Locklear, Stephen Bennett, James Heath, and Michael Lancaster. Mrs. Vick Hilton is director of the College chorus.

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NEWS NOTES

First Church, Plymouth, N. C.
To Observe Homecoming

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, May 2. The homecoming message will be delivered at the worship hour by the Rev. Charlie Overton. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds. At 1:30 p.m. an afternoon song service has been planned.

The pastor and the church membership invite everyone to be in attendance.

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"God could not be everywhere, therefore He made mothers."—Jewish Proverb.

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"A mother's heart is a child's schoolroom."—Selected.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SOCIETY DINNER



Student nurses from Atlantic Chris-n College in Wilson and several pro-ssors in the Department of Nursing m the school were guests of Mount ive College's Florence Nightingale So-ty at a dinner at the College recently. e College offers the first two years a Bachelor of Science in Nursing de-ee. The final two years are spent at C, taking specialized courses in nurs-ing and the sciences. Clinical experience will be provided at area hospitals.

Banquet officials were, left to right: Thomas Smith, assistant director of admissions at the College; Mrs. Mary Steele, professor of nursing at AAC; Dr. Lorna Thigpen, chairman of the nursing department at ACC; Dr. Thomas E. Vernon, academic dean at the College; and Miss Rita Schlegel, president of Mount Olive College's Nursing Society.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Mollie Hall

(In Loving Memory)

On Sunday, May 4, 1969, God called a nderful dear sister, Mrs. Mollie Hall, vay from us. At her death she was 81 ars old. She was better known to eryone as "Aunt Mollie." "Aunt Mol-" was very young at heart, and al-ys had a ray of sunshine and a smile r everyone she saw, no matter when where it was. She was so faithful her church, Sound View Free Will Bap-t Church, Route 1, Newport, North rolina; and she had a favorite place to t while in church. We will always iss her in this pew.

Funeral services for "Aunt Mollie" were held in the Sound View church, Tuesday, May 6, 1969, by the Rev. Clifton Styron.

Her favorite song and saying was, "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All." She would always say this whenever anything went wrong. "Aunt Mollie" lived most of her life for God, having accepted Him as her Saviour at an early age. Truly she was ready to meet her God.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister to her family. Surviving are her children: Mrs. Bessie Pelletier and Joe Barnes of Route 1, Newport; William Longhorn Barnes of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Mrs. Ralph Wilkins of Route 1, Beaufort, North Carolina; three brothers: Marion and Allen Garner of Route 1, Newport; and Claude Garner of Hampton, Virginia; two sisters: Mrs. Izorah Bell, Route 1, Newport (Mrs. Bell died February 13, 1971); and Mrs. Warren Alligood of Beaufort, North Carolina; ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

We all still miss "Aunt Mollie," but we know she is rejoicing with God in heaven.

Written by the members of
Brenda Taylor Sunday School Class
Sound View Church

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Mrs. Cora Jay Ireland

On March 22, 1971, God called a dear friend and loving member from us. She was Mrs. Cora Jay Ireland of Hobucken, North Carolina. Mrs. Ireland was born September 21, 1894, and became a member of Warden's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Lowland, North Carolina, in her early teens. She was very faithful in attendance to her church although she lived six miles away.

She is survived by a kind and good husband, W. D. Ireland; one son, Roscoe Ireland of Bayboro, North Carolina; two daughters, Mrs. Agnes Mayo of Hobucken and Mrs. Nell Peterson of Norfolk, Virginia; and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Ireland was married December 25, 1912, and they were a very good and loving couple, highly respected by all who knew them.

The vacancy she left in our church has been one of sorrow, but we feel it is heaven's gain for she served the Lord so well and faithful here on earth.

The Lord must have granted her the happiest day of her life when on Sunday, January 31, 1971, during a youth service, her husband walked to the altar and surrendered his life to Christ. The next Sunday as he came forward and offered himself to Warden's Grove church, she took her stand at his side. All who witnessed the smile and joy on her face felt that the hand of the Lord had managed the whole episode.

She was a devout soldier of the Cross, and it will be a glad reunion day when we all meet again in that great beyond.

Written by a sister in Christ,
Pearl G. Lewis

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Through the ages no nation has had a better friend than the mother who taught her child to pray.—Selected.

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The business of the church is to produce Christlike character and equip men for Christlike service.—Selected.

THE YEAR OF CHANGE

(THE NEW QUARTER SYSTEM)

Religious publishers have decided upon a unanimous move to change the dating of quarterly Sunday school material to correspond with the seasons. Other reasons given for the change are that it has been increasingly the practice of many churches to begin their church year each September rather than following a lesson plan on an annual basis, and the change would correspond with the beginning of the public school year and would provide a certain psychological advantage insofar as pupils are concerned.

This new dating will affect the Free Will Baptist Press literature in the following manner: Third quarter 1971 will cover the months of July and August. Then the change goes into effect. We will call the following quarter "Fall Quarter"—it will include lessons for the months of September, October, and November. "Winter Quarter" will cover the months of December, January, and February. Each successive quarter will be three-month periods designated, "Spring Quarter," "Summer Quarter," "Fall Quarter," etc.

We hope that this will not be too confusing, but that it will make the ordering of Free Will Baptist Sunday school and league literature easier and more convenient. Thank you for your continued support.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What does redemption do or us?

Answer: The price paid for our redemption is well set forth by the Apostle Peter. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18, 19).

We are exhorted to glorify Christ because He redeemed us. "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). The Bible also tells us since we are redeemed what to refrain from: "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God" (1 Corinthians 7:23, 24).

Then we are told exactly what to do and the means by which Jesus redeemed us. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to find the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

We were redeemed by the blood and from the law. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Galatians 4:4, 5).

He redeemed us from the curse of the law. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Galatians 3:13); "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:18); and from all iniquity, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

Again we are brought back to God and set in a right relationship to Him through this redemption. "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24); "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (Ephesians 4:7). Salvation, justification, sanctification, the new birth, and what else we have or have experienced come to us as a result or token of Christ's redemption. For all who partake of this, the gift of God, there has opened up a new life and existence, for they are the property of God—a peculiar people. They are the firstfruits of God, and they have been branded or sealed as such unto the day of redemption. "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30); "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou are mine" (Isaiah 43:1); "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb" (Revelation 14:4).

This redemption cannot be effected by man, neither can corruptible things purchase it, but it is a free gift from God through Christ. "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there" (Isaiah 35:8, 9); "And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods" (2 Samuel 7:23); "Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand" (Nehemiah 1:10).

Whether in the Old Testament or the New Testament, when we find God's redemption set forth, it always shows forth a lost, helpless people engulfed in the power of God's enemy. They are not able of themselves to do anything about it apart from His intervention. God redeemed Abraham, snatching him as it were a brand, from the burning when he lived in Mesopotamia with ancestors that worshiped idols, causing him to exercise a profound faith not before manifested in his neighborhood. They guided him and his descendants through extreme testing times and experiences. They were found in Egypt after over 400 years where He must again take them from Satan's iron furnace and guard them in several backslidden states until by this watch care, he brought forth Christ through the medium—the virgin Mary—a clean nucleus of Israel. Through the incarnation, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21); "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45) "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28); "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14); "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh" (Hebrews 10:19, 20); "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

We are redeemed from the bondage of the law and its curse, the power of sin and the grave; all our troubles, iniquity, evil enemies, death, and destruction (see Galatians 4:5; Galatians 3:13; Romans 6:18). "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" (Romans 6:22); "But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive

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STORIES

for our youth



PINK CARNATIONS FOR MOTHER

SHARON B. MILLER

THERE were flowers of every kind in the window of the flower shop—red roses, big yellow daffodils, and beautiful pink carnations. John walked slowly on past the window, biting his lip. Those pink carnations would have been just perfect, but it didn't matter now. There would be no corsage for his mother on Mother's Day.

It meant a lot to John to be the man of the house. His father had died when he and his sister Marsha were only little, and ever since he had been old enough to handle a paper route, he had tried to do the sort of things on special days that he thought his father would have done, like getting his mother a corsage to wear to church.

It wouldn't have been nearly so bad, not being able to get her flowers this year, if she hadn't already helpfully told him that she was wearing her pink and white suit. Even without her hint at what color corsage she would like, John knew that she counted on having one to wear to church, like most of the other mothers. Marsha had told him last year how their mother had told everyone so proudly that her son and daughter had given her the corsage.

John scuffed his toe on the cement sidewalk. Sometimes the responsibilities of being the only man of the house were pretty big. He knew that his mother would understand if he explained why he couldn't buy her any flowers this year, but he didn't want to tell her about the window that he had accidentally thrown the softball through. She had enough to worry about, and he had the money in his bank at home to pay for replacing the windowpane, but that was all.

The next time he collected on his paper route would be too late for Mother's Day. He stared into the windows as he passed, trying to see a "Help Wanted" sign. He wasn't old enough to be regularly employed, but sometimes someone needed an errand boy for a while. Today there wasn't even one store needing a helper.

This morning he and Marsha had pooled their funds, but all they had between them was sixty-three cents. What kind of corsage would that buy?

There had to be some way he could earn a little extra money, John thought miserably. Just then he saw a tiny slip of paper sticking out from under the green trash barrel on the street corner. It was a blue, rectangular, important-looking piece of paper. Thoughtfully he stooped and picked it up. Then he realized that it was more than just a piece of paper. It was a bank check. When he turned it over, John realized just what a valuable piece of paper he held. Not only was the check made out for twenty-seven dollars, but it had already been endorsed. The signature was in bold ink across the back.

All he would have to do was walk into a store, buy something, cash the check, and all that money would be his. There would be enough to buy a corsage for his mom, and then some.

John looked around and then pocketed the check. He'd have to plan carefully. People just didn't cash checks for kids any day, especially if they weren't on an errand or something. That was it! He'd pretend to be buying something for the person to whom the check was made out. He took it out of his pocket and looked once more at the signature on the back —Andrew V. Martin. John wrinkled his forehead thoughtfully. He knew th name from somewhere.

He turned back toward the hardwa store. What would a Mr. Martin se a fellow to buy for him? When he loo ed up, he was in front of the barb shop, and suddenly he recognized t man in the barber's chair. So that w who Andrew V. Martin was. He pass Mr. Martin's house on his paper route

Abruptly John felt uneasy. He had thought of the owner of the check more than just a name but seeing t person he knew by the name of Mr. Ma tin and knowing that he probably w the Mr. Martin whose check he he made it all seem so different.

Probably the man had dropped it as crossed the curb to go into the barb shop. Maybe he hadn't even missed John could almost feel the crisp pap in his shirt pocket. It didn't belong him any more than it did to any oth person who might have found it. Ju because the owner had signed it and b cause John might find a store that wou cash it without asking questions didn make the thing he had been thinki about right.

John leaned against the side of t building. Yes, he did need the mon to buy his mother a corsage for Mothe Day, but how would she feel about i Would she be proud to wear his flowe if she knew that he had stolen the mon to buy them? And it would be the sam as stealing if he knew who the rightf owner of the check was and failed return it. Even if he hadn't located M Martin, the bank would have been ab to find a way to return the check to i owner. No matter how he looked at he couldn't find a way to justify keepi the check.

Just then the door of the barbersh opened, and Mr. Martin walked ou Without any more thought, John kne what he should do.

"Sir," he began, "I have somethi that I believe belongs to you."

"Oh?" the man questioned, looking the check John held out to him. "Why— Mr. Martin began searching through h pockets. "Why—I think you're righ Now how did I manage to lose that?"

"I found it under the trash can. Th wind must have lodged it there aft you lost it," John explained.

"Thank you. What is your nam son?" Mr. Martin asked as he put th check into his wallet.

"John Stauffer, sir."

"Well, I'll see that you're reward

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of March, 1971. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing; but totals are shown here only for each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for March, 1971, compared with March, 1970.

Religious Contributions Received (Includes Gifts for All Purposes)	**1970-71**	**1969-70**	**Increase or (Decrease)**
Albemarle Conference	$ 120.20	$ 450.55	$(330.35)
Blue Ridge Association		14.32	(14.32)
Cape Fear Conference	485.00	860.32	(375.32)
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Eastern Conference	1,562.44	1,825.31	(262.87)
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Western Conference	1,270.27	1,429.60	(159.33)
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Total Religious Contributions	$4,111.37	$6,919.29	$(2,807.92)
Parents and Relatives	$ 40.00		
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Other Income	1,090.56		
Total Other Income	$2,412.09	$2,249.68	$ 162.41
Total Income for Month	$6,523.46	$9,168.97	$(2,645.51)
The above was received for the following:			
General Fund	$6,518.46	$9,138.97	$(2,620.51)
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Totals	$6,523.46	$9,168.97	$(2,645.51)

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Questions & Answers

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me. . . ." (Psalm 49:15); "Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles" (Psalm 25:22); "And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities" (Psalm 130:8); "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies" (Psalm 103:4).

This redemption is the means of our justification, forgiveness, adoption, and purification. "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24); "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7); "(For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:)" (Psalm 49:8).

Through redemption God manifests His power, grace, love, and pity. "In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old" (Isaiah 63:9).

Having been redeemed we have become God's property—His firstfruits, a peculiar people—having been sealed unto the great day and are now zealous unto good works and are now walking safely in God's way of holiness. Having once committed ourselves unto God we now, step-by-step, continue to commit our way unto Him as we grow in His grace and knowledge; and as we await the completion of our redemption when we shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (Job 19:25); "Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth" (Psalm 31:5); "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:23); "And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

Without this unique redemption, all from Adam's transgression unto the end of the race, would be doomed for ". . . there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we may be saved" (Acts 4:12).

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A mother should radiate Christian ideals.—Selected.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 16



GOD'S LOVE FOR PEOPLE

Lesson Text: Hosea 11:1-9

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 31:3

I. INTRODUCTION

When we consider the great love that God has shown for us, it should move our hearts to a demonstration of our love for Him. It is natural to love the lovable, and most of us find small difficulty in accomplishing this; but God loved us when we were all together unlovable, at a time when we were estranged from Him and opposed to all which He represents and seeks to accomplish. Had God loved only those who served Him and acted in accordance to His will, it would have left us small occasion to wonder; but the truth of the matter is that God loved us when we were none of these, and demonstrated His great love for us by giving of His Son in death not in honor of what we were, but rather in anticipation of what we could thereby become.

God's great love for humanity, and especially for lost humanity, has been amply expressed in the giving of His Son, and all men should feel inclined to respond to this love by the expression of love and appreciation to God; but the Christian, he who has benefitted to the ultimate degree from this expression of God's love, cannot do otherwise.

Our lesson for today deals with the great love that God had manifested to Israel and the great reluctance with which He gave them up to judgment.

The purpose of today's lesson is to impress upon the minds of youth the fact that God loves them and is vitally interested in helping them to develop the potential of service that is within them.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Hosea and Amos were contemporaries.
2. Describe the political background of the time of Hosea and Amos.

B. God's Love for Israel from the First (Hosea 11:1-4)

1. Israel is freed from bondage (v. 1).
2. Israel is turned to idols (v. 2).
3. God gave Israel special favors (vv. 3, 4).

C. Punishment for Apostasy (Hosea 11: 5-7)

1. Tell what is God's instrument of punishment—Assyria (vv. 5, 6).
2. Israel had become a chronic backslider (v. 7).
3. Discuss the difference between backsliding and falling from grace.

D. God Does Not Abandon His People (Hosea 11:8, 9)

1. God's love cries out for the sins of Israel (v. 8).
2. God does not punish as man would punish (v. 9).
3. God's patience gives Israel another chance.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Living on one of the tributaries of the Elizabeth River at Portsmouth, Virginia, I came to know what it was to be caught on the mud flats at high tide. People would go out on the flats at low tide to search for soft-shelled crabs. Often the tide's return would be swift and catch them unawares. The safest action was to stand on the highest spot and remain there until rescued. Trying to return to the shore line could be dangerous because of the slippery mud and deep holes. One night my Boy Scout troop was called to rescue a boy lost on the flats. Arriving at the point, we encountered his weeping parents. Knowing the boy was not of normal mentality, some of us were a bit amazed at their great sorrow. But he was rescued, and as I saw those parents, weeping in joy, walk away with their retarded son, my teen-age mind took a leap forward. Whether we called him unworthy was not the point. He was their son. They loved him. The lost was found. At that early age I saw fully the love of God for worthless sinners. It is not what men are in the eyes of other men; it is w they are to God that matters. God lo and yearns for men. We can do no l than help seek them."—Illustrating Lesson by Arthur House Stainback.

B. The story is told of a man who b ged on the streets of a large city fo living. One day he approached an elde man and said, "Mister, please give m dime." Then he recognized the ol man. "Father," he cried, "don't y know me?" Throwing his arms arou the tramp, the old man cried, "I've fou you! I've found you! I've finally fou you. All I have is yours." "Just thi of it," the tramp said later; "I, a tra stood begging my father for ten cen when for eighteen years he had be looking for me to give me everythi he had!"

Such is the love of our heavenly Fa er. God has promised man riches unto —peace, happiness, purpose in li eternal life—and He constantly calls f men to turn to Him and receive the But men who desire these turn inste to the beggarly elements of life a search vainly for fulfillment. Jesus sai "I am the bread of life." He offers co tentment, satisfaction, love, and pea to all. How foolish men are who li their lives as tramps when they cou live as millionaires with Christ!—Stan ard Commentary.

C. Copernicus said many centuries ag "If the first button of your coat is bu toned wrong, all the rest will be out place." What did the great astronom mean by this homely statement? Som times we make a wrong start in lif

There is a better way. Why not mak a good and right start in life by recei ing Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord But if we at times get our lives mixe up and are disobedient Christians, w can and should ask God to help us mak a fresh start. "If we confess our sin (God) is faithful and just to forgive u our sins" (1 John 1:9).

One man said to another, "If that bo were my son, I would wash my hands o him." "Ah," replied the father, "that the point. He is my son, not yours, an I love him too much to give him up. There are people who feel that God ha washed His hands of them. That's no so. God is always ready and willin to receive us to Himself. God's love fo us is infinite. His love surpasses any hu man love we have ever known. Th same all-enfolding love He had for Isra is the love that He has for us today.- Ray O. Jones.

Wide-Awake for Christ

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eligious home. She went to a Meth-st college. Her family enjoyed Florida nters where there was no Lutheran rch, so they found a Presbyterian e.

"For twenty years on Long Island," she s, "I was a frozen Episcopalian. I led moral, kind, golden-ruling sort of life. I never spoke of Christ to anyone. I sidered myself a very adequate Chris-n until the day I met Christ face to e, and He let me see inside all my tenses."

She continues, "I had a natural reti-ce that I had to overcome of talking ut religion." Her stand had been, y religion is personal. I don't talk ut it." But Christ showed her this ust what she had to do.

"Now I ask myself, How do my con-tions about God flow through me to eryone I meet? It's a case of PTL. L means 'Praise the Lord.' If the car riding in has a flat tire, I consider it means to witness to the man who re-rs the tire.

"If we have a rough plane flight and ople panic, I ask, 'Do you know where u're going to spend eternity?' and I'm on sharing how to find Christ."

Immediately after her commitment at Billy Graham Crusade, she went home start a Bible study group, though a of people couldn't understand why. w there are many such groups, includ-g several in Ohio where she had grown . These all meet every week, the year ound.

"Everyone comes—agnostic, Catholic, w, Protestant. We give them the Bible raight. We take turns in teaching. We ve prayer partners and we covenant pray for each other every day."

With a reputation as a dynamic speak-Eleanor Whitney is in demand by ny organizations, such as Rotary, Ki-nis, Campus Crusade, Christian Wom-'s Clubs, and churches of all denomi-tions. She is tall and slim, with snap-ng dark eyes and dark hair. Traveling plane, she frequently is handed a cap-e audience. She prays before embark-g, "Lord, give me a seatmate who's leep." As soon as she buckles her seat lt she turns to the one next to her. e such dialogue went like this:

Eleanor: Do you ever talk about spir-al things?

Man: Yeah, the kids should go to Sun-y school.

Eleanor: (Inwardly) Thank you, God, for giving me a sleeper.

(Aloud) You're so normal.

Then she shows him the Campus Cru-sade booklet, asking, "Have you heard of the four spiritual laws? Would you like to have this faith?"

Man: Sure. That would be O.K. with me.

Eleanor: You're only a prayer away.

One man to whom she witnessed on a plane prayed and asked Christ to take over his life. He went back to his home church to become financial chairman and awakened many members. God also has used Eleanor Whitney in her speaking en-gagements to women's groups to bring women to know Christ personally.

Asked what advice she had for young people, she thought seriously for a mo-ment and then said, "First let God wake you up. Then instead of hunting for a 'steady,' pray for the person that God intends for you to marry. Pray that that person, whoever he or she may be, will stay close to God. Then be the kind of young person yourself that God can use. Base your marriage on a love of God and doing His will in your life."—Gospel Herald.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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for the return of this, John. It was en-dorsed, you know. Anyone could have cashed it and gotten away with the act, most likely."

"I know that, Mr. Martin," John an-swered, "but I'm not interested in any reward. I just did what I felt I had to do." He hesitated a moment as a thought entered his mind. "I was won-dering, though, would you happen to need a fellow for any odd jobs?"

Suddenly John found himself explain-ing all about the broken window and the pink carnations in the florist shop.

"Well, you've asked the right man, John," Mr. Martin said. "My wife has been after me to find someone to do some odd jobs around the yard and base-ment. You can start this afternoon if you like. You're just the fellow we need. See you later, John." Mr. Mar-tin walked on down the street.

That funny feeling down inside some-what faded away as John walked back past the flower-shop window on his way home to take care of his paper route. He stopped for a moment to look at the pink carnations once more. Shutting his eyes, he smiled at the thought of his mother walking down the church aisle between Marsha and him. Suddenly John felt good, knowing that he hadn't allow-ed anything to mar the pride his mother felt for him. This was going to be one very special Mother's Day, especially for him.—My Pleasure.

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Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions for the period April 23-29. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind, the church year ends June 30, 1971; therefore, we have just months to reach this goal. If your church has not sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, April 22, 1971		$18,591.69
Receipts April 23-29		
Pearsall's Chapel Church, Kenansville	$ 47.27	
Jackson Heights Church, Kinston	29.45	
Union Grove Church, Fremont	60.00	
Paul Palmer Association, Georgia	260.00	
Core Creek Sunday School, Cove City	10.00	
Individual	2.15	
Russell Creek Church, Beaufort	27.36	
Piney Grove Church, Kenly	119.32	
First Church, Fayetteville	50.00	
Community Woman's Auxiliary, Weldon	10.00	
Spring Hill Church, Goldsboro	100.00	
Croatan Church, New Bern	50.00	
Kinston Woman's Auxiliary, Kinston	26.00	
First Church, Vanceboro	200.00	
New Haven Sunday School, Ernul	10.00	
British Chapel Church, Kinston	89.79	
Community Church, Weldon	26.00	
Total Receipts		1,117.34
Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, April 29, 1971		$17,474.35

Joseph Ingram, *Director-Treasurer*

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A little boy's mother once told him that it is God who makes people good. He looked up and replied, "Yes, I know it is God, but mothers help a lot."—Selected.

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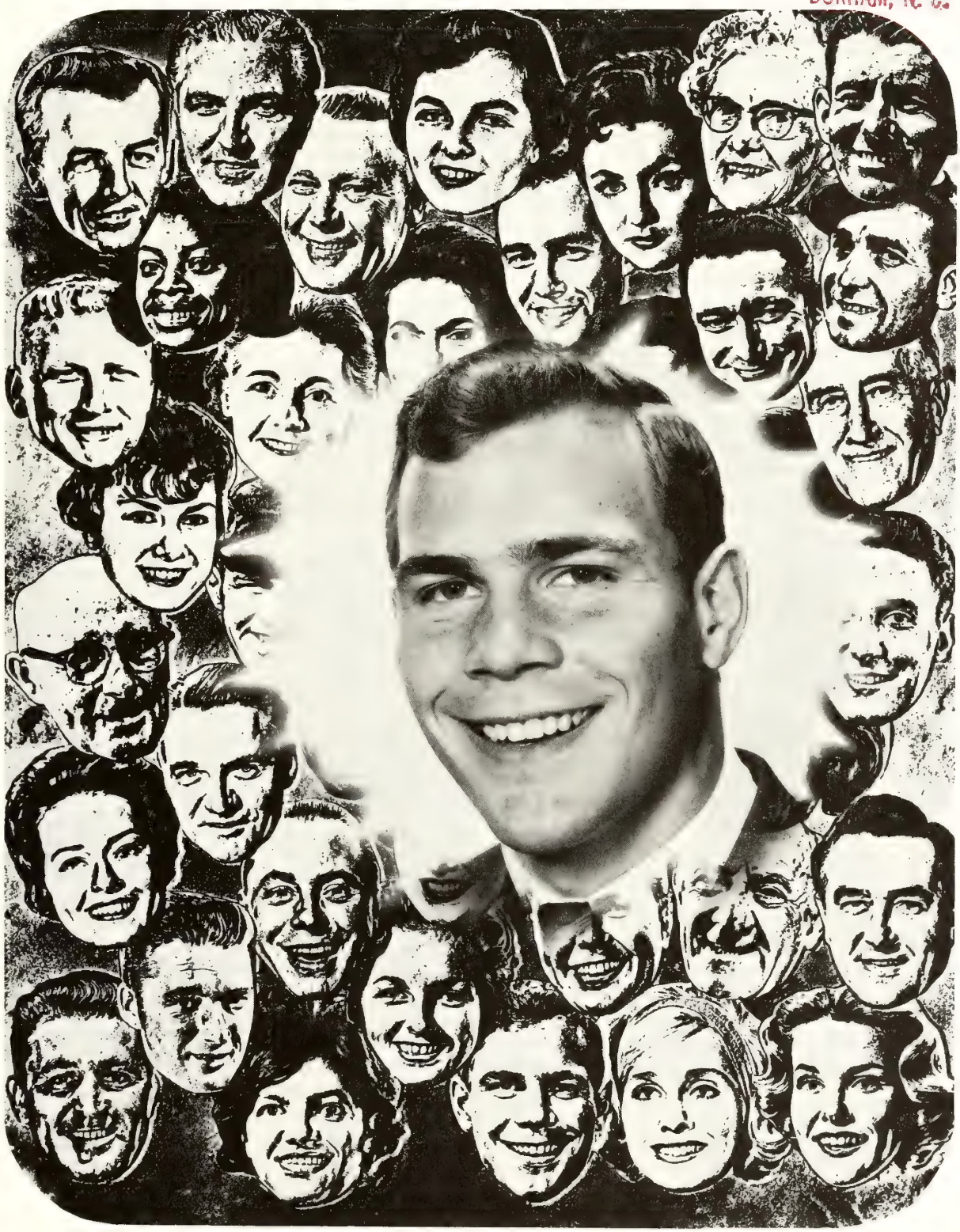
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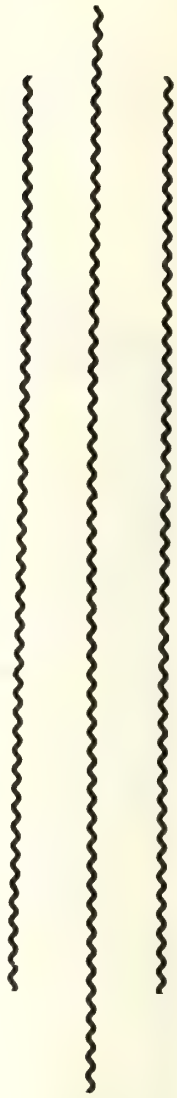


FOUR GREAT NEEDS--MET

Editorial...

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FOUR GREAT NEEDS – MET



You are a human being. You want to be secure. You grab everything securable. You grasp every opportunity to better yourself financially. You buy retirement insurance. You put a little money in savings each week and dare not touch it unless you are certain that you can replace it. You even pay the undertaker in advance to guarantee a decent burial. Security!

You are a human being, yes. And since you are, you want recognition. You like to be appreciated for your real worth, so you hasten to show what you can do and how well you can do it. When the applause comes you insist that it be turned in your direction. You don't mind someone else's sharing the spotlight with you just as long as you are in the forefront. You don't mind if someone else paddles the boat just as long as you are the one who gives the directions. When merit badges are pinned you want yours to be the largest. Recognition!

You are a human being, undoubtedly. And along with security and recognition you like response—some kind of response at least, and more especially the type that you would prescribe. When you smile you want a smile returned; when you cry you want someone to cry along with you; when you sing you want others to blend their voices with yours (just as long as they don't overshadow yours). When you do a good deed you want thanks—and plenty of it. When you walk that extra mile you want an added pat on the back. You insist that every action on your part deserves an equal reaction. Response!

You are a human being; no one could question that fact. And to satisfy your cravings and make your wants complete or nearly so, you desire some new experience everyday. No one likes to live in a rut. The same old song is boring; so is the same old routine of living. You explore new areas to keep your life interesting. To maintain your enthusiastic nature you demand fresh approaches, so you go to new places, do new things—experience new experiences. This is what keeps you going. This is what puts that spring in your walk and that zing in your talk.

But have you considered God?

He gives security that no amount of money or prestige can give. He guarantees eternal life for those who believe and hold on to Him.

He gives recognition that no mortal could ever hope to achieve on his own. He even dares to call you one of the sons of God if you are led by His Spirit.

He responds to you spiritually and makes your heart glad and your soul content. He commends you when you deserve it and chastens you when you need it.

He provides new experiences for you everyday. When you get "high" on Him, it's the highest high you can get—and the most rewarding.

Four needs: security, recognition, response, and new experience—all found in God, and all met by Him.

Will you allow Him to meet these needs for you? He can and He will!

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Will YOU Be READY

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Watch therefore: for ye know not at hour your Lord doth come" (Matw 24:42).

ODAY in this fancy, frilly world, many things are changing. Some ngs are getting better, and others are ting worse. Everyday headlines are ut hippies, drugs, and protesting. d who is behind all these things? Yes, n-agers. It's mostly the teen-ager o gets hooked on drugs. It's the n-ager who likes long hair, beards, rd clothing; and worse of all, some n-agers believe God is dead. Not y do teen-agers believe God is dead, many adults agree with them. They that God is dead; but yet the flowers om, the robins sing, the sun still nes, and the rain still falls. Without d all this is impossible; also man uld not be able to live. The air that breathe comes from God. Where uld we be without God? God watchover us and gave His only Son to die the Cross that we might have eternal . I don't believe anyone here today uld be willing to let his son or daughdie for someone else—letting your die so that others might be saved!

The death of Jesus was not simply murder of an innocent man; it was more than that. It was God at work humans, accomplishing that which n could not do for himself. Jesus was making it possible for us to spend an eternity with God. Yes, Jesus was innocent. The Cross was a cruel death, but it was a part of the atonement—a part that Jesus willingly accepted for us. He suffered for us and died that we might live. This was hard for Christ, but stop and think: Where would we be today if Christ had not died for us? Yet, some people are silly enough to say that God is dead. Yes, God is dead to those who do not know Him. But my, how it changes a person's life just to know Him!

Is My God Dead?

Is my God dead? This cannot be so:
I see Him in each flake of snow;
I see Him in the sky of blue,
And in the flower's perfect hue.
I see Him in a field of grain,
And in each tiny drop of rain;
I see God in the flowing brook,
My God is everywhere I look.

Is my God dead? This I deny.
I hear Him in a child's cry,
I hear Him in the soft spring breeze,
And in the rustling of the leaves.
I hear Him in the roaring sea,
And in a tiny buzzing bee;
I hear God as the songbirds sing,
My God is present in everything.

Is my God dead? He lives, I know,
He is with me on each path I go;
It is God that makes my life so fair,
And helps when I am in despair.
With God I live each night and day,
As He helps me to choose my way
Of life and love; it is God I see,
Come walk with us—my God and me.

Which Is It?

Oh, will ye say there is no God?
Ye travel then a road quite broad,
But those who travel with a few
Quite often have the best of view.

Oh, will ye say, "The best one rules"?
Why stand ye then like stupid fools
And let the devil rule your life?
He is himself the king of strife!

Oh, will ye say, "It matters not,"
And let the devil do his rot?
He'll set a net for you as well;
If you don't watch, you'll land in hell.

Or will ye say, "Lord, help me fight
Against the evil, for the right"?
This last is true, I hope, I pray;
God bless you friend, in every way.

He Lives

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

—*A. H. Ackley.*

Serving a risen Saviour—this should be our motto. Serving a risen Saviour and living for what we, as individuals, know and believe is God's will, and what we know is right, should be the will and purpose of everyone the world over.

Where Is Christ?

Where is Christ? I've heard said,
"What though He died, He is not dead."
He died on the Cross of Calvary
That those who sinned could be set free.
But three days later He arose
And ascended to heaven, everyone knows.

Still you say, He's in your heart
And that from Him you'll never part.
You say that He's by you night and day;
He takes your hand and leads the way,
Through joy and sorrow, pain and woe
He will always with you go.

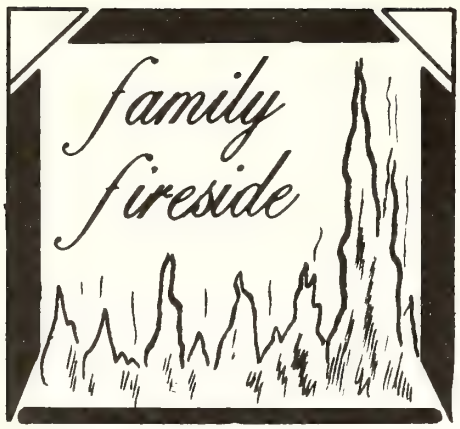
You say that Christ is everywhere
To comfort man when in despair,
And that He'd live my heart within
If I'd confess all worldly sin.
But, oh, my God, how great thou art!
I fear I don't know where to start.

Forgive my all, dear Jesus Christ,
And come to live within my life.
Where is Christ? I'll have you know
He's in my heart, never to go.
He's by my side both day and night
And He helps me do what's right.

For when temptation comes along,
You need the Lord to make you strong.
But someday soon the roll He'll call,
Up yonder Christ will take us all,
Who lived for Him throughout the year,
And didn't have a doubt or fear.

Many teen-agers know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. They believe that He died for us. I'm a teen-ager and I know that the young generation isn't **all bad.** Just look around; there are teen-agers everywhere. There are some who care, and some who couldn't care less. You always hear the bad things the young generation has done, but never the good. "Teen-agers never do anything right," so some people say. They never stop to think that there are other youth in the world just like the teen-agers who are here today—teen-agers who really care. I guess the news-

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SUNDAY, MAY 16

A Japanese Schoolboy

Scripture Reading—Psalm 42:11

A Japanese schoolboy once showed his courage in a way that puts many of us to shame. He belonged to a school in Nagasaki containing one hundred and fifty boys, and he was the only Christian among them all. He brought his luncheon to school, as he lived at a distance, and he dared to fold his hands and ask a blessing everyday before he ate. He had some enemies among the boys, who went to the master of the school and accused him of "doing something in the way of magic." The master therefore called the lad before the school and asked him what he had been doing. The little fellow spoke up bravely, explaining that he was a Christian, and that he had been thanking God and asking him to bless the food. At once the master burst into tears, putting his head down on the desk. "My boy," he said, "I, too, am a Christian; but I did not dare let men know that I was one. Now, please God, I will try to live as a Christian ought to live."—*Christian Herald.*

Prayer Thought

If we make obvious the fact that we are Christians, perhaps others will be encouraged to be stronger for their Lord.

MONDAY, MAY 17

Is There No God?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 53:1

There is no God? Then tell me pray
Who started the sun on his golden way,
Who paints the flowers and tints the sky
From a pallette of color of secret dye?

Who is it that tells in early spring
The flowers to waken, the birds to sing,
The ice to thaw, the river to flow,
And tells sleeping things to rise and grow?

Who is it that set the stars in their course?
Just natural law commingled with force?
Is it that which brings comfort in hours of pain
And soothes a tired body to sleep again?

The sea and the valley, the plains and the hills,
The mighty rivers, the sparkling rills;
The primrose, the holly, the goldenrod
All of them symbols. Is there no God?

—*The War Cry.*

Prayer Thought

How ridiculous for some to claim there is no God! Nature itself proves the existence of a supreme being.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

They Could Not

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:2

In Armenia a whole village of sixty families embraced Islamism under threats of torture and death. There was only one exception—a woman aged 110 years, who refused, saying, "I am too old to deny my Lord." The fierce Turks snatched her Bible from her hands, tore it up, and burned it. She said very calmly, "You can do that, but you cannot tear the promises out of my heart."—*Life and Light.*

Prayer Thought

It is good to be able to go to one's Bible to find the Lord's Word; better still to go to one's heart to find it hidden there!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Troublesome Scriptures

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:7

Mark Twain once said: "Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me, I have always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand."—*From the Homilope Church Envelope.*

Prayer Thought

If one studies the Word, it will not be too difficult to understand. God will give enlightenment to those who seek it.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Too Late

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 1:7

One evening, years ago, in the Province of Alberta, Canada, a happy father and mother went out for a stroll through a nearby wheat field with their little boy. As they wandered through the field, each thought the other held the hand of their child.

All at once they realized that the boy was not with them. They called, but there was no answer. They became more and more disturbed, then terrified, and hunted everywhere with no results.

Finally, the father went back to the village and got a searching party to search all night without avail. After many hours, someone finally suggested that they join hands and cover the entire grain field, and not leave a single square foot uncovered in this last effort.

They joined hands and soon came across the body of the child, and a hush spread over them all, because they had found the child too late. As the group stood there in silence, with bowed heads, someone was heard to whisper: "If we only had joined hands before it was too late!"—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Joining hands and joining hearts i common cause can bring about much cess for the good of all. Joining in se for God brings rewards.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

"My Rule for Christian Living

Scripture Reading—Psalm 46:1

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman had this w he called "My rule for Christian livi "The rule that governs my life is this: thing that dims my vision of Christ takes away my taste for Bible study cramps my prayer life, or makes Chri work difficult, is wrong for me, and I r as a Christian, turn away from it." simple rule may help you find a safe for your feet along life's road.—*Watch Examiner.*

Prayer Thought

Nothing that has to be done is so im ant as that which should be done for C neither will anything else bring so r happiness.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

A Servant Like His Master

Scripture Reading—Job 38:31

That is a beautiful testimony whi Glasgow blacksmith gave concerning saintly Dr. Norman McLeod: "He r came into my shop without talking t as if he had been a blacksmith all his but he never went away without lea Christ in my heart."—*United Presbyte*

Prayer Thought

If you know the Lord, tell about and introduce Him to other people. are dying to know Him!

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Framed Church Covenant

Size: 18 by 24 inches

The frame is of walnut finish on o grained oak, with glass.

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Ayden, North Carolina 28513

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

r Christian Friends:

May is "Children's Home Month" in Free Will Baptist churches! This is remind you that our Home is in desate need of all the support you and r church can give. Over the past -month period our total income has en about equal with the same period t year; however, due to inflation and added expenses which have resulted m our withdrawal from compliance, s other emergency type expenses, h as new roofs, painting, and worn- office equipment, we are in a financ l bind. If your church has not already gun its special drive for the Children's me, please use the rest of this month help us!

We will celebrate our fifty-first anniersary on Founders' Day, May 22, 1971. r financial goal for the day is $12,000. course, your gifts during the month, earmarked for Founders' Day, will be ded to that total. Our invitation is en to everyone to attend these activis; please encourage your people to be sent. Registration will begin at 10 n. The service in Memorial Chapel mmences at 10:30 a.m. with Dr. James tten as speaker. Dr. Batten is a Free ll Baptist layman from the Micro Free ll Baptist Church and is presently serg as Chairman of the Department of condary Education at East Carolina iversity, Greenville, North Carolina. A nic style lunch is being planned for o'clock. Be sure to bring your welled basket. The Children's Home will rnish tea, plates, cups, etc. An inrmal but exciting program is planned r the afternoon. So please bring your mera and join in the fun.

Please note the following information hich will give you some idea of our ecific needs. We appreciate your conued interest in helping us in the area child care. Can we count on you to and with us during these times? Don't rget that we need your prayers as well your financial support. If I may be of service to you in any way, please let me know!

Sincerely yours,
Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
Superintendent

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Founders' Day Is May 22

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home will celebrate its annual Founders' Day on May 22, 1971. All friends of the Children's Home are invited to attend and participate in the festivities on the campus which will include special services for the occasion, a special offering for the Home, a picnic lunch, plus other activities. Everyone is encouraged to bring his camera, a picnic basket, and join in the fun.

Please watch "The Free Will Baptist" for future announcements with more details about the plans for the occasion.

Our Home will be fifty-one (51) years old on May 23, having been established on that date in 1920. We appreciate its many accomplishments during these years in helping to meet the needs of children entrusted to its care.

May Is Children's Home Month

In observance of "Children's Home Month" during May, we encourage our supporters to put forth every effort to make a special contribution to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. An offering will be taken on May 22 during Founders' Day activities. Our goal for the day is $12,000 and we hope you will help us reach it. It should be noted that your contribution will help your church reach its budgeted quota for the church year ending on June 30.

The Children's Home has many needs which you can help meet. In addition to general operation expenses and those items which have appeared previously on our opportunity sheets, the following represent four of our greatest needs.

1. Painting and general repairs on all of our older buildings.

2. New roofs on four buildings which need covering very badly (estimated cost to be approximately $15 per square for 180 squares of shingles).

3. New office equipment representing a mimeograph machine, a folding machine, an addressograph, and an adding machine.

4. A new van for transporting children (we now have one in operation).

Your contributions to the Home will be a great help in overcoming these needs! Please let us hear from you during May!

OPPORTUNITY SHEET

Albemarle Cottage No. 1

Complete Paint	$ 1,800.00
Bathroom Tile and Plaster Repair	425.00
Replace 2 x 12 Underneath Hall, Timbers, Plumbing, Floor in Bathroom (Estimated)	2,000.00
8 ft. Radiator	50.00
Newspaper for One Year	25.00
Replace Lavatories (Health Regulations)	150.00
Total	$ 4,450.00

Albemarle Cottage No. 2

Newspaper for One Year	$ 25.00
Replace All Lavatories (Health Regulations)	150.00
Repair Gutters	150.00
Furniture for Living Room	300.00
Total	$ 625.00

Central Cottage

Newspaper for One Year	$ 25.00

Church

Painting	$ 1,500.00
100 Hymnbooks	100.00
Roof Repair	50.00
Tile Replaced in Bathroom and Adjoining Rooms	125.00
Total	$ 1,775.00

Deans Cottage

New Roof	$ 1,000.00
Newspaper for One Year	25.00
Painting Inside and Outside Trim	300.00
Flush Valves in Bathroom	100.00
Repair Gutters	125.00
Total	$ 1,550.00

Farm

New Home for Farm Manager	$16,000.00
General Repair Until Home Is Built	1,200.00

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Selma Church Announces Spring Revival

The spring revival at the Selma, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, will begin on Monday night, May 17, and will continue through Saturday night, May 22. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Ray Wells, will be conducting the services. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening. Special music will be featured each night. The pastor and the church membership invite everyone in the Selma area to attend these services.

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Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for April, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of April, 1971:

Balance April 1, 1971		$2,368.17
Receipts		
Churches	$1,215.60	
Sunday Schools	28.26	
Auxiliaries	50.00	
YFAs	100.00	
Youth Fellowship	10.00	
Western District Youth Convention	3,622.83	
Sunday School Convention	20.00	
Unions	10.00	
Total Receipts		5,056.69
Total to Account For		$7,424.86
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 116.48	
Free Will Baptist Press	135.45	
Plumbing Repairs	162.50	
Contractors for Buildings	5,000.00	
Total Disbursements		5,414.43
Balance May 1, 1971 (Checking Account)		$2,010.43
Savings Account		2,187.44
Grand Total		$4,197.87

(NOTE: Please send all donations for Cragmont Assembly, Inc. to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Richlands, North Carolina 28574.)

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DVBS Workshop Successful

The Daily Vacation Bible School Workshop held in Ayden, North Carolina, Saturday, May 1, was very successful and compared favorably with workshops of recent years. For the first time this year, instruction was offered in crafts and visual aids. This had been requested by many people, and attendance of this class proved that they did consider it important. This class was instructed by Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, who demonstrated the creation of many useful and decorative objects which provide Bible school pupils with constructive activities. She showed also visual aids which could be used to enhance lesson periods. This class was staggered with the music classes, and so all departments had an opportunity to attend.

As usual, instruction was offered for general directors, music directors, and for the intermediate, junior, primary, and preschool departments. Comments were most favorable concerning the theme, "Doing Our 'Thing' for Jesus," the music and materials offered, and the class instruction.

This year the Press provided three preworkshop showings of materials. These showings were designed to introduce the materials to interested persons who might not have an opportunity to attend the annual workshop in Ayden. They were conducted in Smithfield, Wilson, and New Bern, North Carolina, April 19, 20, and 22. A special showing was provided for the Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church near Whiteville, North Carolina. This church has a large youth potential but had never had a vacation Bible school. Those attending the showing were enthused, and plans have been made for a large school.

Daily vacation Bible school is an important method of instructing and grounding young people in the Word, and every effort is made by the Press to make it interesting, appealing, and enjoyable, at the same time retaining the strictness and seriousness of the Holy Word. Though this year's material employs contemporary terminology, especially in its theme, it in no way compromises the age-old truths. Christ, and only Christ, is still the answer to all the problems facing mankind; and this fact is projected plainly in this series of material.

Missions Director Speaks At Ayden Auxiliary Meeting

Missions Director Joseph Ingram pr sented a missions program at a meeti of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Ayd Free Will Baptist Church at the home Mrs. Mary Dunn, North Lee Street, A den, North Carolina, Monday nig April 26. His program consisted of p tinent information and slides of missi work in Rhodesia where the Barrows a stationed. The conclusion of the pr gram featured a discussion period whi was very informative. The program w enjoyed by all those in attendance.

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Rains' Cross Roads Church To Observe Homecoming

The annual homecoming and memori day services will be observed Sunda May 16, by the Rains' Cross Roads Fr Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenl North Carolina. The pastor, the Re Bill Futch, will bring the message at t eleven o'clock worship hour. Followin the worship service, a picnic lunch w be served on the church grounds. In t afternoon a service of singing has bee planned. All former pastors, member and friends are invited to attend.

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St. Paul Church Revival In Progress this Week

The St. Paul Free Will Baptist Churc Cedar Street, Elizabeth City, North Car lina, announces revival services whic began Monday evening, May 10, and wi continue through Sunday evening, Ma 16. The visiting evangelist is the Re Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Car lina. Services are beginning each eve ing at 7:30, with the pastor, the Re John Owens, assisting Mr. Carter. Speci music is being provided each evening b the local church and visiting out-of-tow groups. Also nursery services are pr vided for parents wishing to use them The public is cordially invited to atten the remainder of these services.

On Sunday afternoon, May 16, at o'clock, a singspiration is being held a St. Paul church, featuring singers of th local church and those from other church es in the area. You are also cordially in vited to attend and participate in thi service.

Coming Events

July 6, 7—General Conference of Origina Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle Fre Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg South Carolina

Vision of the Past:

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

by
THE REV. R. T. SASSER
Delivered at the North Carolina State
Sunday School Convention
Mount Olive College
April 17, 1971

N 1735 Robert Raikes was born in England. At the age of 45, in the ar 1780, he was proprietor and editor the Gloucester Journal, in Gloucester. became interested in the welfare of e poor, ragged children whom he found ying in the streets on Sundays. Many them were required to work six long ys in the factories. They had no op rtunity to receive an education, and to ikes, what was more important, they ew little about the Bible. Instead of ending church, they spent their day from the factory to play in the eets.

We, of our generation, can scarcely agine the pitiable condition of these glected children. They were dirty, lf-starved, ragged urchins, without ucation or moral training, and their cabulary was composed largely of pro he and vulgar language.

Raikes opened the first modern Sun y school by bringing together these ildren in the kitchen of a dwelling use, with four women teachers whom paid a shilling a day. The children ere to come at ten in the morning and ay until twelve. The subjects which ey taught were reading and writing. ey returned at one and were taken to urch. After church, they studied the techism until five-thirty, when they ere sent home, with the admonition to ake no noise and not to play on the reet.

Raikes worked for three years in im oving his Sunday school, before mak g any public announcement regarding He published an account of the work hich he was doing. The world seemed be waiting for such a movement. The newspapers of Europe and America quickly spread the tidings. People traveled from afar to study the methods used by Raikes. Sunday schools sprang up rapidly. In four years the schools of the United Kingdom had a membership of a quarter of a million. Instantly the church began to gain ground.

The movement grew fast, as a result of well-founded organizations for the purpose of printing, teaching, and training volunteer workers who gladly gave of their time, talents, and treasure to the spread of God's Word. One such organization, the Sunday School Union of London, founded in 1803, still maintains a large corp of workers on three continents.

Similar type schools may have existed as early as the 1500's in conjunction with the Protestant Reformation. If so, they were not extensively promoted and organized. The Roman Catholic Church has a similar type school; and Sunday or Sabbath schools also are maintained by Jewish and other religious groups.

In America, the Sunday school movement became widespread after the Revolutionary War. The American Sunday School Union was formed in 1824. Its missionary workers founded Sunday schools throughout the country. In 1922, this organization became the International Council of Religious Education. This organization became part of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America in 1950; as a result of the merger of various religious groups.

Today, over 42 million children and adults attend over 400,000 Protestant Sunday schools throughout the world.

Today, many present-day Sunday schools are divided into departments for students of various ages. In a large school, a superintendent directs each department and a teacher is in charge of each class. A uniform course of lessons is widely used in the United States and Canada. It is outlined by the International Council of Religious Education, which also prepares outlines for graded lessons used by many schools. Other features of the current Sunday school work are circulation libraries, classes for teachers, conventions, and Sunday school workers' institutes, that help train the teachers and enable them to exchange ideas.

Time will not permit any further facts and comments about the beginning of the Sunday school movement and how it has been a blessing to many denominations. For our purpose today as Free Will Baptist Sunday school workers, we are interested in: Where have we been? Where are we now? And where are we going?

Free Will Baptists have a very significant history. In his book, **The Free Will Baptist Story,** the Rev. Damon C. Dodd says, "Making its advent as it did during the early days of our national life, the Free Will Baptist denomination played a leading part in the formation of the religious policy in the infant country. Even before there was a United States of America, there was a Free Will Baptist movement. The influence of this movement was very definitely felt in every phase of national life."

After the Reformation, it took many years for Bible students to divide off into what they believed was the true gospel of Christ. The Catholic Church had dominated the religious beliefs of the people of the Western World for centuries. The vast majority of people was in spiritual darkness. Gradually two great doctrines beagn to unfold. **Calvinism** taught that the atonement of Christ was limited to the "elect" who were predestined according to the plan of God for their lives. **Arminianism** taught that Christ died for all, and that the atonement of Christ was unlimited—

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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General Improvements, Lagoon, Buildings, etc.	3,000.00
Total	$20,200.00

Kitchen

Paint Roof	$ 150.00
New Floor	1,200.00
Paint Inside and Outside	400.00
Drapes	300.00
Total	$ 2,050.00

Laundry

Paint Inside and Outside	$ 350.00
Screen Doors	60.00
New Boiler (Estimated)	2,000.00
Total	$ 2,410.00

Office

Roof	$ 250.00
Painting	100.00
Total	$ 350.00

Shop and Storage House

Painting	$ 600.00

Superintendent's Home

Roof	$ 350.00
Painting	125.00
Repair Plaster in Bathroom	50.00
Total	$ 525.00

Swimming Pool

Blinds for Dressing Rooms	$ 40.00
Restrooms Needed	3,000.00
Total	$ 3,040.00

Smith Cottage

Roof	$ 1,000.00
Newspaper for One Year	25.00
Flush Valves for Bathroom	100.00
Paint Inside and Outside Trim (Estimated)	300.00
Repair Gutters	125.00
Total	$ 1,550.00

Miscellaneous

Termite Control, Campuswide	$ 3,000.00
Water Tank Repair and Painting	500.00
Remove Warehouse in Town	200.00
McLeod Farmhouse Repair	2,000.00
Water Treating System	982.00
Total	$ 6,682.00
Grand Total	$45,932.00

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The devil is an artist. He paints sin in very attractive colors.—Selected.



NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a report from Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, treasurer of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention, for the fourth quarter, February 1—April 30, 1971. Please note the total receipts of this report include the convention offerings, registration fees, and per capita dues. The total disbursements include the offering and allocations made by the convention. For an itemized list see the finance committee's report in the convention minutes.

Balance in Bank January 31		$2,129.3
Receipts		
General Fund	$ 24.00	
Per Capita Dues	605.72	
Registration Fees	166.00	
Promotional (CSF)	149.70	
Denominational Enterprises	5,954.44	
Total Receipts		6,899.8
Total to Account For		$9,029.2
Disbursements		
Convention Expenses	$ 108.89	
Denominational Enterprises	5,594.44	
Total Disbursements		6,063.3
Balance in Bank April 30		$2,965.8
Summary of Bank Account Balances		
General Fund		$2,698.8
Interest		267.0
Total		$2,965.8
Banks		
Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company		$2,198.8
Tarboro Savings and Loan		767.0
Total		$2,965.8

	Itemize	Received	Disburse
Home Missions		$ 333.61	$ 333.6
Foreign Missions		276.15	276.1
Miscellaneous Missions (Designated):			
Mexico (Cookware)	10.00		
Mexican Institute	20.00		
Mexican Missionary Salary	90.00		
Timmons	5.70		
Central Conference	15.00	140.70	140.7
Harold Jones Fund		655.69	655.6
Faye Barrow Fund		1,374.56	1,374.5
Mount Olive College:			
General Fund	270.69		
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship	89.50		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	24.00		
Chapel Fund	117.81		

Organ Fund	20.00		
Books	35.00	557.00	557.00
Children's Home:			
General Fund	842.76		
Clothing	415.00		
Child's Allowance	12.00		
Roofing Shingles	215.00	1,484.76	1,484.76
Superannuation:			
General Fund	65.59		
Adopted Widows and Ministers	12.00	77.59	77.59
Cragmont Assembly, Inc.:			
General Fund	311.59		
Albemarle District $1,000 Club	49.00	360.59	360.59
EJ Fellowship Center:			
Building Debt	50.00		
Paint	10.00	60.00	60.00
Camp Vandemere Kitchen		35.00	35.00
Christian Service Fund:			
Missions	149.70		
Mount Olive College	149.70		
Children's Home	112.28		
Cragmont	112.28		
Superannuation	74.83	598.79	598.79
Totals		$5,954.44	$5,954.44

(**Note:** Promotional, 20 percent of Christian Service Fund, $149.70, retained. See receipts above.)

OBITUARIES

A Tribute To MRS. VANIE PEELE

Along the Christian journey of life we meet many other Christians who make a great impression upon us. One of the greatest I ever had the pleasure of meeting was Mrs. Vanie Peele. Oh, how the Lord needs to have an abundance of children such as Sister Peele!

I met this dear Christian lady in 1952 at a church service while I was just a licensed minister, and the encouragement she gave to me after the service lifted me up to heights beyond measurement. I will never forget her kind words: "Son," she said, "the Lord has His hand on you, so listen to Him and let Him have His way in your life and He will surely use you."

On April 27, 1971, the Lord called Mrs. Peele, "Mama Peele" as she was known to her friends, from our midst to lighten the portals of heaven a little more. Mrs. Peele was a member of Mancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, North Carolina, and was a frequent visitor at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, my present pastorate. She also has a daughter who is a member of the Calvary church. Though she has gone to reap her reward, the many things she taught while on this earth will live on.

"Mama Peele" was a cripple and under the hand of affliction for a good many years, but she would always smile no matter how severe the pain. She would say, "Paul said for us to be content in whatever state we found ourselves; and if he could be content with his thorn in the flesh, why shouldn't we?"

Sister Peele loved the church and attended many times when she was not able; but you could always ask her how she felt, and she would just smile and say, "Fine."

Submitted by,
The Rev. Dewy C. Boling

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A man may go to heaven . . . without health, without wealth, without fame, without a great name, without learning, without culture, without beauty, without friends, without ten thousands of other things; but he can never go to heaven without Christ.—Copied.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Duplin County, North Carolina, is seeking a half-time pastor (two Sundays a month). Any minister interested in serving this church please contact Mr. Hubert F. Jones, Route 1, Box 284, Richlands, North Carolina 28574; telephone 324-3620.

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HIS FATHER'S WILL

by Mrs. Edna Frazier
Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Snow Hill, North Carolina

(Easter is past, but the message of this poem is still pertinent.)

When Jesus climbed up Calvary
To die upon the Cross,
The people mocked and scorned Him;
They suffered not His loss.

They even made Him bear the Cross;
And as He climbed the hill,
He never even grumbled;
It was His Father's will.

They pierced His side; they spit on Him;
The nail went through His hand;
A crown of thorns placed on His head,
He died for fallen man.

They could not visualize the pain
That He was going through;
They did not know the debt He paid
To save someone like you.

The earth trembled; the sky was dark;
The crowd was very still;
Great drops of blood were shed that day;
It was the Father's will.

He look up toward the heavens
Beyond the sky once blue,
And said, "Father forgive them . . .
"They know not what they do."

He closed His eyes in silence
Upon Calvary's rugged hill;
He completed the plan of salvation;
It was His Father's will.

WILL YOU BE READY?

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paper reporter never thought about making headlines read something like this: **"Teen-Agers Stand Up for Christ!"** Instead, the headlines are usually something about LSD, marijuana, etc.

The news in this modern world today is frightening. Proverbs 22:6 states, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

You adults must admit that some of the things teen-agers do is your fault. It is left up to the older people to set an example. Most youth think that if Mother and Dad do it; well then, I can. Who's watching you? Last night when you said that ugly word, maybe the children were not around; but God was there. He heard you. Doesn't that count? If you can't do anything right, then by all means don't do anything that could influence someone else. Remember, you might be setting an example. You shouldn't expect your children to do anything that you aren't willing to do yourself. Sending your children to church and your staying home soon get to be an old thing. After a few Sundays of the children going by themselves; then they will be just like you—full of excuses for not going. Why should you expect your children to attend church when you make up some phony excuse for staying home? Today most adults go to church just when they want to and do just exactly as they please. I'm very sure that many of you here today haven't been to church on Sunday night in so long that if you were to go, the preacher would faint and fall over, for he would be so shocked to see you. Would you really know how to act if you came to church on Sunday night? Most of you think that Sunday morning religion is good enough for you. When Sunday night gets here, you have other plans. But, one day you may be surprised when God looks in His Book of Life and finds that other plans are already made for you. Yes, my friend, you were too late.

I would like to quote here the editorial, "Always on Sunday," by Mr. Tommy Manning, editor of literature at the Free Will Baptist Press, which appeared in the February 24, 1971, issue of "The Free Will Baptist":

"It's Sunday. It's raining outside, and you don't want to go to church. The rain will mess up your hair or ruin your best suit; and besides, no one expects a person to go to church in that downpour! Suppose it rains tomorrow? You won't go to work either, will you?

"Oh yes you will; that is, if you want to keep your job!

"It's Sunday. The sun is shining so bright today, and you'll never have a prettier day to play golf. No one would expect you to go to church in this fine weather. But, suppose the sun shines tomorrow? You'll take off from the office and play a few rounds then, huh?

"Oh no you won't; that is, if you want to continue in the good graces of the company.

"It's Sunday. Time passes so quickly, and there are so many things to claim your attention. You really mean to give a little time to the Lord, but somehow you never get around to it. Well, what about tomorrow? You'll have so much to do then that you probably won't be able to keep that important committee appointment, will you?

"Oh yes you will—or you'll know the reason why!

"It's Sunday. Church people are so uncaring that they have never gotten around to inviting you to the services. The people at the theater are so uncaring that they haven't gotten around to sending you a personal invitation either; so, you won't attend that Saturday night movie they've been raving about, will you?

"Oh yes you will! They'd have to lock the doors to keep you out!

"It's Sunday. Clothes are so important, and yours are just not up to par. You won't feel comfortable among the well-dressed. Well, tomorrow night when you want to go to that party so badly, you'll have to stay home, won't you? After all, you have nothing suitable to wear!

"Oh, no you won't. You'd wear a sack rather than stay away from a swinging good time!

"It's Sunday. Hypocrites sit on every pew in the church, and you can't picture yourself sitting beside a single one of them. Well, they sit on the benches at the sports arena too; so you'll probably not go to the next sports event, will you?

"Oh yes you will! Somehow it's much easier to overlook imperfection at a ball game than it is at a church service—but should it be?

"It seems always to rain the hardest when it's Sunday and time to go to church.

"It seems that golfing fever is always the hottest when it's Sunday and ti to go to church.

"It seems that there is always much to do when it's Sunday and ti to go to church.

"It seems that people's little un tended slights are always more noti able when it's Sunday and time to go church.

"It seems that clothes are just nev good enough to wear when it's Sund and time to go to church.

"It seems that sinners are always t unfavorable to associate with when i Sunday and time to go to church.

"Always on Sunday and always une cusable!"

Nobody else can make the decision follow Christ for you. Today you mu look out for yourself. Very few peop care about the other fellow; just so th are happy, that is all that matters. you think of or look out for the oth guy as well as for yourself? Do y really care? If you were to show son one you really cared, this world wou be a better place in which to live. Chri cared for us and paid the price for o sins. Yes, the decision is all left up you. No matter who you are, or wh you are, won't get you into heaven. T big brick house you live in; the new c you drive; why, you really think you' "tuff stuff." You may think you a better than anyone else, but in God sight we are all equal. We read in Ma thew 6:19, 20: "Lay not up for you selves treasures upon earth, where mo and rust doth corrupt, and where thiev break through and steal: But lay up f yourselves treasures in heaven, whe neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, a where thieves do not break through n steal."

The is an old familiar saying, "Nev put off for tomorrow what you can today." Instead of doing a task toda most people say, "I'm too busy toda I'll wait until tomorrow." Why wait u til tomorrow? Tomorrow may nev come. This is the same excuse ma people give today for not accepti Christ. They seem to think that waiti for tomorrow will be better than toda Some people die in this world waiti for tomorrow, but tomorrow nev comes. There is no tomorrow! Why n make your decision to follow Christ b fore it is too late. Yes, you might ha to give up a lot of things to be a Chr tian; but after all, don't you think it worth a few sacrifices? Philippia 4:13 tells us, "I can do all things throu

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

uestion: Did Nebuchadnezzar literally grass?

nswer: Yes, I think so. We have no wledge on this subject except that ted in the Bible; and I accept univocally everything written there as g literal unless the contexts suggest gurative or symbolic meaning. When Bible tells us this is a parable or a verb or something of the kind, it ns just that. Otherwise it is natural accept the truth expressed in the Bi- as literal, and that is just how I re- this which the Bible says happened he king of Babylon.

Many scholars think this illustrious g was temporarily deprived of his son, and insane people often act ngely, doing things as unnatural to ity as eating grass. Therefore, I think re is nothing improbable in the Bible ement. Nebuchadnezzar just simply his palace and the cares of state and d the life of a peasant for seven rs, doing the things he did in keepn with his limited thinking.

it had not been first the interven- hand of God that brought him into state as a judgment upon the king his rash statement, the end as well he whole experience may have been erent. God temporarily judged him his rash expression. "The king spake, said, Is not this great Babylon, that ve built for the house of the kingdom the might of my power, and for the our of my majesty? While the word in the king's mouth, there fell a e from heaven, saying, O king Nebudnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The dom is departed from thee" (Daniel), 31).

hen when He knew the king was ly to look up, giving credit to God m he became aware was the only one it, he was restored to his place of ndor. "And at the end of the days I uchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto ven, and mine understanding returnnto me, and I blessed the most High, I praised and honored him that liv- for ever, whose dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" (Daniel 4:34, 35). (Read the whole chapter.)

How many of us, even Christians, forget God and all He says in His Word about those who become selfish, self-centered, and egotistical when we seem to be doing well in the natural realm and act as though we have no need of God and His guiding presence any longer? But when He, through some judgment in a form of ill health, the loss of wealth, the death of a friend, or some such means makes us acknowledge our utter dependence upon Him; then we are ready to look up and see Him in His right perspective. Only then are fellowship and normality restored.

The Lord is still saying to everyone through His Word as He said through Malachi, ". . . Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. . . ." (Malachi 3:7). The king of Babylon had to look up. That is just what we all must do.

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Question: What may Israel expect to happen to her as a nation after the one thousand years of Christ's reign upon this earth? Where will the Jews dwell?

Answer: They will dwell in the new earth. You no doubt recall that there is to be a new earth following the destruction of the old which, of course, follows the millennium. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea" (Revelation 21:1); "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17); "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain" (Isaiah 66:22); "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:13, 14).

While we mull over the theological facts involved here, let us not overlook the importance Christ gave when on earth in His human body, and the Holy Spirit since Christ acquired His present glorified body and went to heaven in it, which is expressed through the writers of the New Testament and is so well and fittingly set forth in the last of these verses quoted above. There were certain things the responsible Jew was looking for when Christ was born, as there are such things that a Christian who knows his Bible looks for; and these are just as certain to come as those were that were predicted by the Scriptures to appear in His first coming. The real Christian (Christlike person) will just as certainly be looking for and expecting the things predicted in God's Word concerning the second coming of Christ as were Zacharias, Elisabeth, the Virgin Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna. (Read and compare Matthew 1—2 and Luke 1—2.)

Gentile nations will pass on as their apostasy identifies them with Satan or the antichrist; but the Hebrew nation will have a remnant that will exist as a particularly privileged people forever. They will dwell on the new earth forever. God does not speak idle words and He has told us this fact, pointing out in detail too many times in the Bible for us to forget it or regard it lightly. When it comes to us (the church), we, the body of Christ, will be with Him and in the New Jerusalem forever. Christ and God the Father will be the light in that wonderful city, our future and eternal home. We, the church, shall sit with Christ in His throne, just as He sits with our heavenly Father in His throne now; and Christ, the great Son of David, will rule over the house of Israel forever.

All of this is too wonderful for any of us fully to comprehend now; but we may, and do have, sufficient knowledge from the Word of God to believe. Though our faith may be as minute as a grain of mustard seed; yet, through it, we shall see mountains of unbelief conquered. "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into

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STORIES for our youth



The TRAP

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

LARRY flipped the end of his pencil around and erased his figures. It was the third mistake he had made on his arithmetic homework. "I sure can't hand in this messy paper," declared Larry.

He just didn't have his mind on his work. Jim had found a job helping out at the grocery store. Now Larry wanted a job more than ever.

He had not heard the phone ring, and was surprised when his dad called, "It's for you, Larry!"

Larry held the receiver close to his mouth. "Hello."

"Hi, Larry; This is Jim."

"Hi. What do you—"

"Do you still want a job?" asked Jim.

"Sure!" Larry perked up right away. "May I work with you?"

"No, no!" Jim answered hurriedly. "But Mr. Gordon is looking for a cleanup boy down at the drugstore!"

"Are you sure?"

"Sure I'm sure!"

Larry couldn't believe it. "But how do you know?" he insisted.

"Because Daddy said Mr. Gordon asked him this afternoon whether he knew anyone who might want the job. He told my dad all about it. You could check on it tomorrow."

"I'll have to ask Mother and Dad!" Larry was excited. He waited till his parents were in the living room and then he told them what Jim had said. "All I have to do is sweep the floor real good and take all the trash out back and put it in the big trash can! May I go and see about it, Dad? I sure do want a job!"

Mr. Williams put down his paper. "Aren't you a little young, son? You've never had a job before."

"But I—"

"And what about your homework?" Mother wanted to know. "When will you do that?"

"It's only for about an hour each day, Mother. I can go straight from school and clean up and be home long before supper. Don't worry. I'll still have plenty of time."

"I know you will, son, but I'm afraid you will get careless about it."

"I just don't know, Larry," Mr. Williams said slowly.

"Please, Dad! Please let me try! Isn't it time for me to start learning how to do things?"

"I don't know what to say, son. If it's all right with your mother and if Mr. Gordon hires you, I guess you can try it, and we will see how it works out."

"Oh, thank you, Dad! Thank you! You won't be sorry!"

Jim wanted to walk down to the drugstore with Larry after school. "Let's hurry," he said, "before someone else hears about it."

When they walked in, Mr. Gordon was busy with a customer, so they stood off to one side.

"You two might as well go home. This job is mine!"

Both boys whirled around. It was Frank, the new boy at school.

"It's no one's job yet," Jim reminded him.

"Well, don't worry. It's going to be mine," insisted Frank.

Just then the owner came toward them. "Are you boys here to see about the job?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," Larry spoke right up.

"Well, now," said the druggist, rubbing his hands together, "who first?"

"I was!" blurted out Frank.

"But Larry—"

"Never mind, Jim," said Larry, cat ing his friend by the sleeve. "Let go."

"But he's not telling the truth. were here first!"

Frank followed Mr. Gordon into office. They were gone only a sh time. The boy came out acting lik show-off. "See! I told you! I start work tomorrow!"

"I'm sorry, son," Mr. Gordon said Larry. "I'm sure you are a fine boy, you are a little young. Besides, y friend has has experience, so I just to hire him."

Larry managed to say, "Thank anyway, sir," and stumbled outside.

Jim was angry. "Why didn't you him? You know Frank told a lie ab working before! He didn't even tell truth about being first! You should h told Mr. Gordon. I don't think you re wanted that job!"

The younger boy tried to hide his appointment. "You know I wanted t job!"

At home Larry didn't have much to s He told his folks about not getting job and got started on his homework

The next afternoon was about same. He was still thinking about job, but he tried to keep busy with chores. He had just finished clean the yard when Dad came in from wo "I saw Mr. Gordon this afternoon," said.

Larry didn't answer. He told him he didn't care.

Mr. Williams continued, "He said new cleanup boy didn't work out v well."

Now Larry was interested! "W happened, Dad?"

"Well, it seems that the boy told he had done that kind of work bef but he didn't know a thing about w had to be done. He didn't sweep floor very well, and when he took trash out back, he left most of it s tered on the ground."

"That's too bad," said Larry. "I gu he got caught in his own trap."

"What do you mean? What kind trap?"

"Frank told Mr. Gordon a lie ab having worked before. I guess he trapped in his own lie."

"I see what you mean," said D "But that's the way it always is, i

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ision of The Past: WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

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n having the exercise of his "free ill" inasmuch as God had made him a e moral agent; and he must persevere keep his faith to the end.

Historically, the Baptist movement, as organization, was rather slow in deopment. This was due to the fact at Baptists held to unique opinions on ny views which branded them as retics in many circles. Among these (1) they feel that there is no place the priest or the sacrament; (2) bapm is by immersion to believers alone, th no place for infant baptism; (3) d that the church and the state should separate.

In March 1660, "A Brief Confession of claration of Faith" was recorded in the urthouse in London, marking the beginng of what has been known for years the Free Will Baptist denomination. e Christians who filed this statement d that they were "falsely called Anaptists" and they wanted to "inform all n in these days of scandal and reoach of our innocent belief and prace; for which we are not only resolved suffer persecution, to the loss of our ods, but also life itself."

Feelings were strong in those days, d as a result in 1703, a Baptist church the Arminian faith from Pembrokeire, Wales, came, pastor and all, to ttle on the Delaware River in Northn Pennsylvania.

Churches were being established in e northeast colonies, and one of the eat preachers of all time, George hitefield, came preaching that you st be born again. One young man, njamin Randall, a member of the Conegational Church, did not like his eaching. However, he could not resist e power with which he spoke. The essage had a moving influence on him though he did not accept it. He deribed it this way: "The power with ich he spoke was a torment to me." heard him on a Friday night and beme more bitter. On Sunday he could t resist going one more time. On the y from his home in New Castle, New mpshire, to Portsmouth, a stranger me riding slowly down the streets with e solemn news of Whitefield's death. could not rest easy, searching the riptures, praying, and fasting. Finally he let Hebrews 9:26-28 lead him to accept Christ as his personal Saviour. "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

A year later he was married, and after six years of seeking God's will in his life, having his Congregational minister cease fellowship with him, and the church go down to a shell of a church . . . Mr. Randall was mightily used by God as a pastor and in extensive evangelistic work. As a result of the small beginning with this one man, a strong Northern Association of Free Will Baptist Churches came into being in the Northeast.

Meanwhile, in the South, the lord proprietors made it known most emphatically that North Carolina was to be "a haven for religious freedom." In the charter for North Carolina, this was set forth in Article 18. In 1666 a pamphlet advertising the Carolina Colony gave full assurance of this freedom.

Records also reveal that to this state came Paul Palmer preaching and established a General or later known as Free Will Baptist Church in 1727 in Chowan County. Brother Palmer was an evangelist rather than a pastor. His converts numbered into the hundreds and Free Will Baptist churches were flourishing. Being widely scattered, and having no pastors or teachers, they had to depend on Palmer's rare visits for their religious instruction, and many of them fell by the way while very few made any appreciable progress in the Christian life.

A gradual transformation of the Free Will Baptists to Particular Baptists took place between 1750 and 1775—amounting to somewhat of a revolution. This was as a result of the ministers being untrained. Had it not been for their loyalty and the loyalty of many staunch Free Will Baptist laymen, the entire denomination would have been changed over to the Calvinism doctrine of Particular Baptists who were past masters at proselyting—and still are. Brother Dodd's history gives a list of ten churches in Eastern North Carolina who changed over in a period of six years.

From that time until November 5, 1935, the Free Will Baptist history has been one of ups and downs. The ups included years of peace, evangelistic furvor, and new churches being added in North Carolina; and other states in the South, in the West, and in the North. Then came the periods of proselyting, and some went, as we have mentioned to the Particular Baptists; some to the Campbellities, to the Free Masons, to the Free Will Holiness—and one big sell out of the Northern Free Will Baptists to the Northern Baptists with 1,100 churches, 100,000 members, and over 4,400,000 in mission funds, as well as colleges, etc.

Many factors entered into these turbulent activities. Among which are these: (1) We never have been able to agree completely on all points of doctrine, each geographical section approaches feet washing, for instance, differently; (2) some ministers, willing to preach a watered down gospel for better benefits, went along with other denominations; and (3) influences from the outside, with proselyting by more highly trained ministers, had its toll.

With the ups and downs through the years, yet steadfast in the faith, finally on November 5, 1935, at Cofer's Chapel church in Nashville, Tennessee, what looked like the beginning of a broad vision of a truly great, united Free Will Baptist denomination came into being in the first session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Plans were made for what later was accomplished: a Bible college, a foreign mission department, a home mission department, and a national executive secretary. There were departments for the Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, Free Will Baptist league, and for the laymen.

Twenty-six years saw remarkable progress. Churches were being organized, young men were answering the call to preach or be missionaries, and God was being glorified. Once again Satan began to make his appearance. All was still not well in the 25 states of the association. We are aware of what happened. (To be continued next week.)

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THE POWER OF INTERCESSION

Away in foreign fields they wondered
How their simple word had power.
At home the Christians, two or three,
Had met to pray on hour.
Yes, we are wondering, always wondering,
How? Because we do not see
Someone, perhaps unknown and faraway,
On bended knee.

—Author Unknown.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 23



WHEN GOD'S LOVE IS REFUSED

Lesson Text: Isaiah 5:1-7, 20, 21

Memory Verse: Isaiah 5:20

I. INTRODUCTION

Rejected love impoverishes the one who should have received it and breaks the heart of the one who offers it. God offered His love to Israel, as we saw in last Sunday's lesson, but Israel refused to receive it. Because of her refusal the nation was doomed to Assyrian Captivity and the great heart of God, who loves most dearly His people, was deeply saddened.

What was true of Israel, the Northern Kingdom, was later true of Judah, the Southern Kingdom. About 135 years after the fall of Israel, Judah fell to the Babylonions. But years before this terrible event lived a prophet of Judah named Isaiah. God was able to use this prophet because he prophesied during the last years of Israel's life and knew of her weak, wicked kings and of the nation's idolatry. Isaiah's heart was filled with sadness at what he knew and hoped that his beloved Judah would be spared a similar fate. Such tenderness of heart and depth of concern were admirable qualifications for the man of the hour to warn God's people in the south.

We should be thankful that God has raised up preachers who will fearlessly warn us of our sins and the inevitable penalty for all wrongdoing. As Isaiah was hated by some because of the frankness of his words, so many pastors today are abused for their boldness of speech. In this day and time God needs more Isaiahs, more Amoses, more John the Baptists, and more God-fearing, gospel-preaching, soul-winning men of the Lord to stand in the pulpits of the land and tell the people the whole counsel of God. —The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Out of the goodness of His heart, the Lord makes available the needs of His people (Isaiah 5:1).

B. When people truly love the Lord, they produce fruit that is pleasing in His sight. (v. 2).

C. Men should never blame God when they fail to display the fruit of righteousness (v. 3).

D. While God gives enablement for righteous living, He does not force men to turn from sin (v. 4).

E. God has power to put a protective hedge around a whole nation, or to remove the hedge (v. 5).

F. Sometimes judgment comes in the form of divine intervention in natural laws (v. 6).

G. As a parent weeps when his children do not respond to his care, God was grieved with the spiritual condition of His people (v. 7).

H. Severe judgment becomes the portion of any people who ignore God's laws and do what they think is right (vv. 20, 21).—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We once read a story about a thief who broke into a store, and instead of stealing things he changed the price tags on all of the goods. They found that items that had been expensive were now marked very cheap, and items that had been very cheap were very expensive. It made havoc of the store until the errors could be corrected.

It appears that the people of Israel and Judah had gotten their values all confused. Things that were of little consequence, they valued; but things of great value they looked upon with little consequence. The price tags were all mixed up. Their normal and social standards were in a chaotic condition.

It appears that something of this nature has happened in our own country today. Material things that have little value in the light of eternity are given great value by most people. God's Word, prayer, and the church that are valuable in the light of eternity are given little value. This is the reason that our mo and social conditions are in such chaotic condition.—The Bible Teacl (F.W.B.).

B. Through the ages of history fire l been useful in many ways. Long ye ago our ancestors sat around open fi to warm themselves. We do the sa when we go camping, but more often are warmed by fire in our furnaces. use fire to cook our food, and manuf turers use it to shape metal into to and other useful things. Let's take f as a symbol of God's love. Because loves us we are warmed by His fello ship, we are provided with food, we a given clothing and shelter, health a strength.

But suppose we do not want to warmed and helped by fire. Suppose drag the fire out of the fireplace a throw it on the floor. It is likely th the whole house will be destroyed.

It is dangerous to reject God's lo too. If we refuse to be warmed by we shall be burned by it. It is a mista to suppose that love prevents puni ment. Rather, love requires punishme of those who do wrong. God tolerat wickedness for a time to give the wick a chance to change their ways, but would not be love to let evil go on stroying human happiness forever.

Because God loves the people He h made, He gives clear warnings that struction awaits those who refuse H love. But He loves us so much that gave His only Son to rescue us from th destruction. If we refuse His love a salvation we destroy ourselves. But we accept His love we are saved a warmed eternally.—Standard Comme tary.

C. There is an old proverb that say "What may be done at any time will done at no time." Israel and Judah p off doing what God wanted them to until it was too late to do anything. A other proverb says, "Some refuse roa meat, and afterwards long for the smo of it." What once we could have h simply for the taking (by faith), m someday (because of neglect) be forev removed from us. "How shall we esca if we neglect so great salvation?" sinner, hurry to Christ while there time. Once the door of mercy is clos to you, "it will be all over."—Selected

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What you say to God in prayer may less important than what He says to yo Maybe you should talk less and list more.—Selected.

ILL YOU BE READY?

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st which strengtheneth me." Above things, have faith in God, praying patiently waiting until God sees fit supply our needs. The song says, ayer is the key to heaven, but faith cks the door." Faith is a small word great meaning. Do you have faith od? Or do you just expect miracles n you need something? Do you pray od and ask for His will to be done? often Christians feel that prayer is easy way out. They ask God for ething and feel that it will be given hem, no matter how far out of His their prayer may be. When they do receive an answer (at least they think don't) then they say that God does answer prayer. They fail to see that e are time when God has to say no ur prayers. Most people wait unto get into some kind of trouble to in praying. They never think of pray- until something goes wrong, then expect God to answer their prayers. oo often people seem to feel they are gers at God's door when they pray. y should feel as a son in God's house that is what we are according to thew 7:7, 8: "Ask, and it shall be n you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, it shall be opened unto you: For ry one that asketh receiveth; and he t seeketh findeth; and to him that cketh it shall be opened." God will wer our prayers and supply all of our ds if we will put our trust in Him. will light our pathway and there will no more darkness. "Ye are the light he world. A city that is set on a hill not be hid. Neither do men light a dle, and put it under a bushel, but a candlestick; and it giveth light unto that are in the house. Let your light shine before men, that they may see r good works, and glorify your Father ch is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). everyone would light just one little dle rather than stumble in the dark- s, what a grand world this would be! s is so true! If we would light one e candle and live for Christ, and let ist lead us through our darkest nights, problems would be solved; our wish- and dreams, hopes and desires would become realities.

f Christ were to come today, or even morrow, will you be ready? Or will ist say to you, "Sorry, I never knew ; go and serve the one you have ved before"? Do you ever stop and nk what your next step will be, which road you will take, and who will guide your life?

Which Road to Follow?

I saw two roads before me,
And the age-old question asked;
Which one was I to follow?
Which one would fill my task?

One was full of worldly things,
Luxuries that fit my taste;
I started forward, but then I stopped,
For there was Satan's face.

I turned around and there before me
Was something great to see;
For there was love and happiness,
And God called, "Come to me."

I paused, then started forward
Onto that glorious sight;
And when I saw God smile at me
I knew I had chosen right!

My friend, if you have never thought of these things, you had better start doing some serious thinking. Will you be ready? Remember what we are is God's gift to us, and what we become is our gift to God. Ask yourself these questions: Where do I stand with God? What will my next step be? Will I be ready when Christ comes? **Stop and think!** What will your gift be to God? The greatest privilege we possess is the privilege of choice. Each individual had the privilege of walking with God or turning away from God. Friends, which choice will you accept? Will you be ready?

The above message was given by Miss Tew on March 28, 1971, at the observance of Youth Sunday, Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina. The YFA and AFC auxiliaries of the church were in charge of both the Sunday school and worship service during Youth Sunday.

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Questions & Answers

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the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10).

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Change of Address

The Rev. Harry Jones wishes to announce a change of address from Route 6, Box 147-A, Greenville, North Carolina, to Route 3, Box 325, Greenville. His new telephone number is 752-6385. His correspondents are requested to observe this change.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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it?" Larry's father reached down and dusted off his shoe. "Do you want to know what else he said?"

Larry turned to his father with a puzzled look.

"He said he knew you were a little young, but wondered whether you'd be willing to learn—"

"He did?"

"Yes!" said Mr. Williams, trying to keep from smiling. "He wants to know whether you can come to work tomorrow."

"I'll say! I mean, I can, can't I, Dad?" Larry was so excited he hardly knew what he was saying. He knew this would be another night that he would have trouble sleeping. But it wouldn't be because he was trying to hide behind a lie! —My Pleasure.

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Additional Course Offered for Summer Session

President W. Burkette Raper announces an increase in the course offerings for the 1971 Summer Session at Mount Olive College.

He said that in addition to those courses previously announced, Introduction to the New Testament will be offered if the demand warrants. He noted that the course would be taught by the Rev. C. Sheldon Howard and would be available for college credit as well as an audit.

A brief description of the course is as follows: Religion 102, Introduction to the New Testament. Three semester hours. A careful examination of the writings of the New Testament against the background of the early Christian community.

Interested persons are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity.

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JUST WHAT TO SAY

Set us afire, Lord; stir us we pray!
While the world perishes, we go our way.
Purposeless, passionless, day after day—
Set us afire, Lord; stir us today?

—Author Unknown.

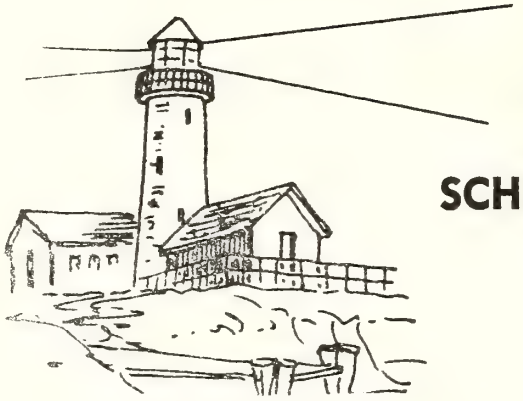
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Whatever makes men good Christians makes them good citizens.—Daniel Webster.

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SCHEDULE OF CAMPS FOR 1971



The Rev. Jack Mayo, Director

General Information

Camp Vandemere will have 4 one-week camps during the summer of 1971. Each camp session will begin on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m., and last until after lunch on Saturday.

THE DATES OF THE CAMPS ARE:

JUNE 13 . . . . . GIRLS (13 yrs.–18 yrs.)
JUNE 20 . . . . . BOYS (13 yrs.–18 yrs.)
JULY 4 . . . . . GIRLS (8 yrs.–12 yrs.)
JULY 11 . . . . . BOYS (8 yrs.–12 yrs.)

If the need should arise, an overflow camp will be arranged.

The Rev. Jack Mayo will be directing the camps, along with a good staff.

The price of the camp is $27, which takes care of food, insurance, and lodging. The $27 fee includes a $2 registration fee to be mailed with your application, the remaining $25 to be paid upon arrival at camp. Each camper will be responsible for transportation to and from camp.

The camp is being planned with the aim of extensive spiritual refreshment and happy fellowship. There will be devotions, serious discussions, worship and water sports, in addition to other sports.

Each camper will be required to use discretion in the type of clothes and bathing suits worn (no short-shorts or bikinis), attend all discussions, worship, and devotions. No swimming except at designated times and only under strict supervision.

Each camper is required to bring his own sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, enough clothes for the week, and comfortable shoes. School clothes will be adequate with one set of sport clothes for pictures. Each camper is also required to bring a Bible, note pad, and pencil. Flashlights, radios, cameras, and musical instruments will be helpful. There will be a concession stand on camp so the campers will need some spending money.

One day will be designated as field day (probably Thursday). The campers will be asked to write home at least once and parents are encouraged to write the campers.

Send in your applications along with the $2 registration fee (which is nonrefundable) to:

The Rev. Jack Mayo

GRANTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 28529

Applications must be in three weeks before camp time.

Application

Name_____ Address_____ Phone_____

City_____ State_____ From _____ Church.

Age_____ Date of Birth_____ Are you in good health? _____

Do you have any physical disabilities?_____ Is there any reason you could not take part in sports? ___

Are you under a doctor's care?_____ If so, for what?_____

Would you be willing to do some light chores?_____ Will you cooperate with the staff and workers at camp?_____

I am applying for the week of _____

Signed: _____

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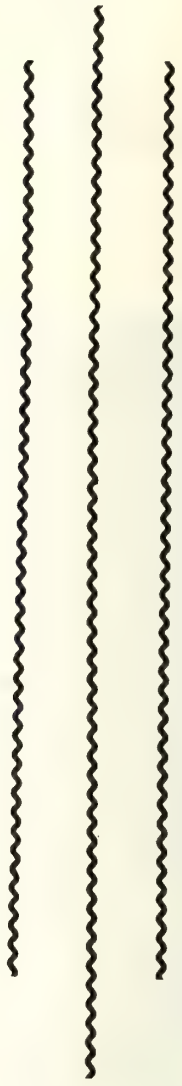
Halfway is dangerous.
Dangling between being lost and being saved
Is no fun.
Salvation is still found in God—and in Him only,
Though they try to find it in other places.
But every other place is temporary.
And eternity counts—
It isn't just a day or a tomorrow;
It is a thousand thousand and more.
No reason is good enough to turn God off or shut Him out.
The one who does loses more than inward peace.
He loses spiritual life and eternal happiness—
Even though he knows God halfway.

Halfway is dangerous.
Holding to Satan's world with one dirty hand and trying
To hold to God's with one clean hand
Is impossible.
Hide, you say?
Try and try and try, to no avail.
You cannot hide from an all-seeing God
Who is everywhere at all times.
Run away then?
Lose your breath trying.
You cannot run fast enough or far enough
To escape a God who is there before you get there.
If you're halfway, He knows it.

Halfway is dangerous.
Being suspended between heaven and hell
Is lingering in despair.
Halfway is always closer to one than the other.
It is always closer to hell.
If you are not with God,
Then you are against Him.
The outcome of being against Him:
Bound for torment, both now and forever.
You can't decide what you want?
Well, indecision is fatal.
Not deciding for is as bad as deciding against.
You have nowhere to go but hell, without Him.

Halfway is dangerous.
Confusion dwells. Blind travel
Leads you into greater evil
Until its power clutches your heart and soul,
And you moan in anguish, unable to break loose.
Hooked! Not necessarily on drugs and sex
But on the evil which provides the hang-ups
And lures you to them.
Evil, the power behind all your problems—
Drugs and sex included.
Good, the power behind their solution.
God is good; but you'll never know how good, if you're halfway.

Halfway is dangerous.
Sin will urge you to stay there,
But God will never accept you halfway.
Halfway is dangerous.
Halfway is lost!



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Vision of the Past:

WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

(Continued from last week.)

by
THE REV. R. T. SASSER
Delivered at the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention
Mount Olive College
April 17, 1971

s we view it, the majority of the ble that led to the withdrawing of own State Convention of Churches n the National Association was due he fact that the officials of the Na- al Association wanted complete pow- over everything. They wanted the erous gifts from our state with a it of "controlling the purse strings" ct words of the executive secretary ne meeting of the Association). And they didn't approve of Mount Olive ege; and they wanted our Press at en, North Carolina, to give commis- s to help with expenses; yet they ted to be in competition with it. about 20 years they had tried to e it to Nashville.

uly 13, 1961, was a sad day for the majority of staunch Free Will Bap- s in North Carolina, as this was the that the National Association in one ter power move removed five North olina men from national committee ces, contrary to the methods provid- or such an action by the constitution. en years have passed, our North olina State Convetnion of Churches is only "holding on," but also is mak- progress in many ways. Our Press grown by leaps and bounds, with ee branch stores. Our Mount Olive ege has made remarkable progress. st of our churches have had one or e building programs to enlarge and vide more comfortable facilities. Our iliary activities; such as missions, gmont Assembly, the woman's auxil- y program, etc., are growing.

nd now, let us review briefly how G has blessed the activities of our own State Sunday School Convention during its brief history.

Through the years, the various conferences of our state had some type of Sunday school organizations, but had not come together as a state body for a united group with goals, incentives, and training objectives. Acting in response to plans proposed by the 1939 session of the State Convention of Churches, representatives of a goodly number of Sunday schools of the state met at the Little Rock church in Lucama, on September 10, 1940, for the purpose of organizing a State Sunday School Convention. Various committees were instituted to make suggestions for organization. Brother William Mishler, promotional secretary of the National Sunday School Convention, came to help organize our proposed convention in harmony with the National. The Rev. R. P. Harris presided over the organizational meeting.

A member of the nominating committee approached a young man, age 28, of the local church who was busy with some activities of the local church entertainment committee. He was told, "The nominating committee would like to talk to you." The talk revealed their report to him that the Lord had led them to recommend him for the office of president of the convention being organized, and they asked him how he felt about it. He replied, "This is the first State Sunday School Convention I have ever attended, and I don't know much about it, but if you and God feel my narrow shoulders are wide enough, I'll do the best I can." He was elected.

Later that fall, a planning meeting of the executive committee and officers of the various district Sunday school conventions met at the Greenville church. A four or five point program of progress was established: First, the need for a State Sunday School Camp to be used for inspiration, instruction and recreation. Six months later the campaign, statewide, got underway, with a small glass bank in each Sunday school, asking each Sunday school to "save" 10¢ each Sunday, and send the bank with its $5.20 to the next convention. This and other methods of finance, such as registration fees at the annual convention, provided the down payment for Cragmont Assembly. This plan was a direct revelation by the Holy Spirit to the young president. He has kept one of the banks through the years as a constant reminder that "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

The second point was the need for some kind of training program for Sunday school teachers and officers and the word "institute" was added to the name of the convention, with each session to have some form of training, included in the program.

The third point was to encourage schools to provide better facilities by adding on Sunday school rooms. Today, there are more Sunday school rooms in the county in which the convention was organized than there were throughout the entire state at that time.

The fourth point was to establish a field sercetary work program. The secretary was to answer calls from schools to lead in training programs for our Sunday school workers throughout the state. This was to begin on a free-will offering basis to begin with. It is significant that the present secretary's wife was the first secretary. Brother L. E. Ballard has served well on a part-time "paid" basis since 1953. In the memory of many of our older Free Will Baptist members, this is the first such office for any length of time in the history of our denomination in this state. The goal was to begin on a part-time basis and work up to full-time basis. This work includes six phases: workshops in schools; Sunday visits to schools over the state; printing

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SUNDAY, MAY 23

LOWEST TEMPERATURE

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:28

The lowest temperature ever authentically recorded in the United States was 65 degrees below zero, fahrenheit, at Fort Keough, now Miles City, Montana, in January, 1888.

I wonder how low the temperature inside our churches would be if it were measured by our spiritual passion for the lost or by missionary zeal. A thermometer would have a hard struggle to stay above zero if the mercury in it moved according to the real concern for sin-damned and hell-doomed sinners around us—sometimes under the same roof with us, sometimes in the same office with us, sometimes dining at the same table with us.

PRAYER THOUGHT

A comfortably warm church can be cold in spirit; spiritual coldness causes more distress than physical coldness.

MONDAY, MAY 24

HER SMILE WORTH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:1-13

How much is a smile worth? Judge Harold Canavan in Municipal Court in Boston has awarded $10,000 to Mary Shafter, age 6, for an injury that impaired her ability to smile. The child's father, suing for his daughter, said she was injured when struck by an automobile in July, 1961.

It makes us to remember that a laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market. The smile gives evidence of a merry heart. And the Bible says: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: . . ." (Proverbs 15:13). "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: . . ." (Proverbs 17:22).

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our inward happiness is often reflected by our facial expression. If we are Christian people, let us show this to others by our smile.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

MOTHER REFUSES TO BURY HERO'S ASHES IN WINTER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:3

In Farmington, Maine, after World War II, a soldier was brought home for burial. In a sealed casket, the body of Private Earl E. Sawyer was kept in his mother's parlor from November 15th until the coming of spring. The mother said she could not bear to think of her son's body in a cold vault during Maine's harsh winter.

"My feelings on this may seem unusual to a majority of people," Mrs. Rita Brown declared, "but the fact that my son is home again brings me a great deal of comfort."

Sawyer was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. His body was buried when the warm weather came.

Sometimes now we find not a dead and unburied body in the home, but a dead love and a dead home wrapped about with the grave clothes of the impious forgetfulness of God. Homes do die sometimes in houses.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The live home is one that is alive with God. Unless God dwells in a home, it is little more than a house.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

COST OF A LOOK

Scripture Reading—Psalm 24:4

In Muncie, Indiana, John Stephenson was looking over things to be auctioned from a dead neighbor's household goods. He saw an old wall clock and made a mental note he'd bid for it. Then he took it down to examine the works. Out rolled $4,062 in bills ranging from $1 to $100. The money might have been his if he'd bought the clock before finding the cash. Instead, it went into the estate. He got a prize, however, for finding the money. Lawyers for the estate gave him the clock.

But it has cost more for people to look upon the wine ". . . when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, (because) . . . At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:31, 32).

PRAYER THOUGHT

Outward appearances are not always a true indication of that which is within. As the old clock contained a small fortune, some old people have inside them the greatest of treasures, Jesus Christ.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

A PUSHER PULLS 'EM

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:1

In St. Louis—last year—during a recent bogus bill scare, a counterfeit "pusher" gave the U. S. Secret Service a collective red face. The man entered a restaurant, ordered lunch, and gave a bad ten-dollar bill in payment. The waitress went to a next door tavern to break the bill, returning with his change. His lunch finished, the man sauntered into the tavern, ordered "drinks for the house," and paid for them with a bogus twenty-dollar bill. As part of his change, he was handed back his fake ten-dollar bill. The counterfeiter made a quick recovery. He ordered more drinks and paid for them with the fake ten-d bill. And he left—undetected.

But God to whom the midnight is as noonday, saw him. And to God the "p er" who pulled three fast ones, must an account.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Shady deals pulled by us on unsusp ing people might go undetected in this but the life to follow will be another s

FRIDAY, MAY 28

PLAYING WITH SIN

Scripture Reading—Job 13:23

A young girl ventured to grasp a wire that was hanging from a post. did it in playful fun. Instantly a fe scream proclaimed the fact that her h was fastened to that burning current— she was helpless in its grasp. The o hand was quickly raised to loosen her fened fingers, and it, too, was caught— there she hung in agony. Her mother ru to her side to pull her down, but she flung off by a shock from the girl's b She seemed lost indeed. At last, a man understood, took an axe and severed wire by striking it against the post. current was broken, and the girl fell sw ing on the ground. Her life was sa but her hands were cinders for the re her life.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The plights of sin are more serious more damaging than any electric cur As we avoid contacts with "live" wires, should also avoid contacts with sin.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

ASK THIS QUESTION

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 5:17

The pastor of a fashionable congrega startled his members one Sunday mor by flinging this question at them: "W have you done today that nobody bu Christian would do?"

Ask this question of yourself. W would be your answer?

PRAYER THOUGHT

Christians are known by their dot so are sinners. Do our actions truly re sent our "profession"?

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LOOK—SEE CHRIST

Look backward . . .
See Christ dying for you.
Look upward . . .
See Christ pleading for you.
Look inward . . .
See Christ living in you.
Look forward . . .
See Christ coming for you.
—N. C. C. News

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Training Institute in Coop Education

r. Charles L. Sapp, director of coop-ive education at Mount Olive College, ounces that August 9-20 Mount Olive ege will sponsor a training institute cooperative education for private r colleges. Colleges from across the n that desire trained personnel in erative education will send forty icipants and thirty observers to nt Olive College for two weeks of nsive training. Participants upon re-ing to their own institutions will be to assist them in planning and implementing programs in cooperative education.

Mount Olive College will make its third placement of students this summer. The job situations into which students are being placed offers a comprehensive experiential opportunity that cannot be obtained in a classroom setting.

Employers of all kinds are using coop students; these include schools, hospitals, libraries, homes for children, industry, business, scientific laboratories, community-service agencies, and federal, state, and local governments. Cooperative education provides many advantages for the student; such as, (1) Taking jobs periodically while studying alternately offers a chance to confirm or deny career goals before leaving campus. (2) Students who need financial assistance in college have a ready-made, and at the same time, pertinent way of helping to pay for their education, because coop jobs are paying jobs. (3) Many coop students find permanent employment while on the plan. Others transfer easily to senior colleges where the coop program can be continued at the senior college. (4) Work experience as a student means better chances of satisfactory employment and more rapid advancement after graduation. (5) Working at a real job while yet a student gives one the opportunity to accept responsibility earlier, leading to a more rapidly developed maturity, and a feeling of self-confidence. (6) The means of adapting one's life to an ever-changing environment are enhanced. A student does not have to wait until graduation to discover what reality is — he sees that reality while still a student. (7) Studies take on greater meaning as classrooms concepts are reinforced by practical examples. (8) The opportunity for heightened motivation is present; study goals are more rapidly and concretely related to occupational goals.



Left to right: Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president, Mount Olive College; Dr. Charles L. ap, director of cooperation education at the College; Charles Harrell, business manager at College; Dr. Richard Steele, nationally known cooperative education consultant from ow Springs, Ohio; and Herman Meinersmann, assistant to the president at Wesley Col-, Dover, Delaware.

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Mount Olive College Students Elected To State Offices

Two Mount Olive College students were elected to offices in the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science at the annual meeting of the Academy held at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, recently. Wayne Moser from Raleigh, North Carolina, was elected president of the Collegiate Academy; and Dennis Dawes from Clinton, North Carolina, was elected historian for the 1971-72 term.

Students from the Henderson Science Club of the College who attended the meeting were Faye Cratch, Aurora; Gail Mumphrey, Richlands; Diane Johnson, Benson; Edward Morris, Kenly; and Moser and Hawes. Club advisor, Mrs. Lorelle Martin, accompanied the group and served as a judge for the biology division papers on research conducted by college students throughout the state.

The local club has been active in the

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Old-Fashioned Service Held at Wilmington Church

The members of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina, enjoyed an old-fashioned service on Sunday night, April 24.

The meeting began at 6:30. The women came dressed in long dresses and bonnets typical of a bygone era. The men were dressed in overalls and plaid shirts. The children were dressed in a manner similar to their parents. Lighting inside the church was furnished by kerosene lamps and lanterns.

The congregation enjoyed singing the old-time songs; such as, "Amazing Grace," "Come, Thou Fount," and "The Old-Time Religion."

The pastor, the Rev. W. L. Bronson, pictured below, brought a message with the subject, "The Old-Time Religion," using the song as his outline.



After the worship hour, the congregation gathered in the basement of the church and enjoyed a period of Christian fellowship and refreshment. The old-fashioned service proved to be a most successful one.

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Superintendent of Children's Home Speaker at Union Grove Church

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fremont, North Carolina, on Sunday, May 23, for the seven o'clock worship service.

The pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

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Fifth Union Meeting, Eastern Conference, Arapahoe Church

The Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will convene at the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, on Saturday morning, May 29. The Rev. Davie Brinson is the pastor of the host church. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotional, the Rev. Cecil Rose
—Welcome, the Rev. Davie Brinson
—Response, the Rev. Preston Haddock
10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for the Children's Home
10:50—Report of Denominational Enterprises, the Rev. Rudy Shepard
11:15—Business
11:30—Special Music, Host Church
—Report Finance Committee
11:45—Announcements
11:55—Worship Service:
Message, the Rev. James E. Howard
—Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Rose Hill Church to Host Second Union, Central Conference

The Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will be host to the Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference, Saturday morning, May 29. The host pastor is the Rev. N. D. Beaman. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, "All Hail the Power"
—Devotions, the Rev. Kemery Ard
10:15—Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Joseph H. Lehmann
—Welcome, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. L. B. Woodall
10:20—Reading Minutes of Last Un
—Roll Call of Ministers and Cr
es
—Report of Denominational
prises
11:00—Business Session
11:20—Worship Service:
Hymn, "I Am Resolved"
Union Offering
Prayer
Message, the Rev. Vance Linl
Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us"
12:00—Adjournment

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Albemarle Union and League and Sunday School Conventions

The Albemarle Union Meeting, L
Convention, and Sunday School Co
tion will convene Saturday and Su
May 29, 30, with the Shiloh Free
Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Car
with the Rev. Billy R. Jordan as hos
tor. The schedule programs are a
lows:

Union Meeting
Saturday Morning, May 29

9:45—Devotions, the Rev. W. L.
house
9:55—Welcome, the Rev. Billy R. Jo
Host Pastor
—Response, Mr. Isaac Furlough
10:00—Moderator's Address, the
Charlie Overton
10:05—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Min
—Roll Call of Churches
10:30—Offering for Denominationa
terprises
—Announcements
10:40—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. Robert M
11:30—Business Session:
Reading of Minutes of Last
Report of Children's Home
Literature
Report of Mount Olive Colleg
Literature
Report of Missions, via Liter
Report of Free Will Baptist
Foundation, via Literature
Report of Treasurer
Other Business
12:15—Announcement of Next Unic

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Coming Event

July 6, 7—General Conference of Ori
Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle
Will Baptist Church, Spartan
South Carolina

Only a Child!

by
SARA BRANCH
Route 1
Winterville, North Carolina

ANY times as a child we may have had a "pretend" playmate, if we not fortunate enough to have had her little boy or girl to play with us. how I wish I had someone to play l" was the thought of many of us. as children often do, we might have for walks, "playing like" someone there in our presence, talking and ing beside us. That someone we d a friend. Did we even once think we had a real friend? Let's take a , pretending again that the time is time when we were a child.

e wake up in the morning by the of our mother's voice calling gent- o us, saying, "My sweet child, it's ning! Everyone is awake but you!" s we peer out of the window, we see many magnificent things which God given us. We see the beautiful flow- in bloom, because the season of the is spring—and the flowers seem to pen wide. The trees are all flower- ut too, and oh! a little bird is just ning to fly with its mother! In a l across the way, a farmer is on the tor preparing the land for the com- year's crop. "Yes, Mother, it's time me to get up!" we say.

e hurry and dress and run outside to . But we are so lonesome! All of dden our attention is drawn up to sky, and we see shades of blue that d not be painted by an artist's brush. God himself could have been the st! The glow of the sun warms our e face. Oh, how bright it seems! God could have painted such a pic- e!

e skip along the sidewalk, remem- ng that Mother had told us to play in the yard, and it suddenly begins rain—and we are away from home! remember that there is a shelter in backyard, so we run and run until are safely under it. We remain there l the rain is over. We are cold . . . fter the pitter-patter, we see a huge bow. It has many colors, and we h that we could run to the end of it and find that pot of gold that should be at the end of it. We wonder just how God made it . . .

Just down the block, we see a church steeple standing against the sky. We continue to go on with our walking. The church seems to be as much alone as we, so we walk up the steps and go inside. The sun shines its rays through the stained-glass windows. It is so pleasing to our eyes. We stand in awed silence, acknowledging inwardly that this is God's place. It's so quiet! We walk down the aisle to the front of the church. It is there that we kneel in prayer. Suddenly, someone seems to tap us on the shoulder. We look around ourself, but we see nothing. "Could it be the hand of God?" we wonder.

We get up and continue our walk, because we are just a little child and we do not wish to linger, but for some reason tears fall as we turn our backs to the altar of God. We remember the words of a familiar song, "Place your hand in the nail scarred hand." Could it have been that hand we felt? We walk on with our fists closed. "We are only a child," we keep saying over and over again, but there is a feeling that someone is walking with us, someone who considers us important. Could it be God? "Is His hand in ours as we journey along life's way?" we wonder. Suddenly we hear our mother say, "My child, where are you? I told you to play in the yard." We are brought back to the reality of the presence moment.

One morning thence we wake up, to find that we are no longer a child; but we do find ourself doing much as we did when we were a child; and we are wondering, "Are we just walking along, pretending to have a friend?" In 1 Corinthians 13:11 we read, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." Have we put away our childish things and ways? Where is the hand of God? Do we feel it? Do we have a "pretend friend" or do we have a real friend? Let's leave our childish fantasies and make Christ a real, personal friend and make our walk with Him an everyday affair.

OBITUARIES

Miss Loney McLawhorn

On Wednesday evening, February 3, 1971, God called my dear sister, Loney McLawhorn, home to reap her reward.

In early life she joined the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church near Ernul, North Carolina, and served as a faithful member until her death. She lived to be 75 years old. She and my sister, Rachel, stayed at the homeplace near Vanceboro after the death of our mother and father.

Sister Loney will be greatly missed in the church and community. We know that her place in the Macedonia church can never be filled. However, we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. As we walk through this life, we know that one day we will take one step too far, then we will be closer to our heavenly home than to our earthly home. And there we will meet our loved ones who have gone on before us.

Surviving sister Loney are three sisters: Mrs. W. H. Caroon of Kinston, North Carolina; Miss Rachel McLawhorn of the home; and Mrs. J. J. Blizzard of Deep Run, North Carolina; and a brother, James Earl McLawhorn of the home.

Her funeral was conducted at the Macedonia church Friday, February 5, by her pastor, the Rev. Walter Sutton. Burial followed in the Celestial Memorial Gardens near Vanceboro.

Written by her sister,
Mrs. J. J. Blizzard

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Someone has said that all living is just learning the meaning of words. That does not mean the long ten-syllable words we have to look up in the dictionary. The really great words to master are short ones—work, love, hope, joy, pain, home, child, life, death.—Halford E. Luccock, Christian Herald, Adapted.

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

MISSIONS

Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions of Original Free Will Baptists for the period April 29—May 13, 1971. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind, the church year ends June 30, 1971; therefore, we have about one month and a half to reach this goal. If your church has not sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible so that we may reach our goal.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, April 29	$17,474.35

Receipts for April 29—May 13

Faith Church, Morehead City	$ 50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams Jr., Merritt	5.00
First Church, Tarboro	50.00
Winterville Sunday School, Winterville	50.00
Virginia Beach Church, Virginia Beach, Va.	290.12
Calvary Church, Wilson	19.42
Individual	98.14
White Oak Church, LaGrange	100.00
Kenly Church, Kenly	60.00
Snow Hill Church League, Mount Olive	10.00
First Western District Sunday School Convention	25.00
Rock of Zion Church, Grantsboro	10.00
Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie	75.00
Cabin Church, Beulaville	44.57
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention	2,915.41
Rent on Trailer	80.00
Sherron Acres Church, Durham	222.00
First Church, Greenville	50.00
Harrell's Chapel Church, Snow Hill	65.00
Mrs. Adaline Gray, Kinston	5.00
Selma Church, Selma	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Howell	50.00
Friendship Church, Middlesex	25.00
Friendship Woman's Auxiliary, Middlesex	25.00
First Church, Wilson	300.00
Hearon Circle Church, Spartanburg, S. C.	50.00
Spring Hope Woman's Auxiliary, New Bern	10.00
L. C. Tant, Rocky Mount	10.00
Lee's Chapel Sunday School, Dunn	62.97
People's Chapel Sunday School, Elm City	20.00
Dilda's Grove Church, Macclesfield	42.00
Yelverton's Grove Church, Smithfield	56.60
Yelverton's Grove Woman's Auxiliary, Smithfield	2.00
Rose Hill Church, Winterville	163.72
Friendship Church League, Farmville	18.03
Northeast Church, Mount Olive	100.00
Riverside Church, Goldsboro	50.00
Total Receipts	$ 5,234.98
Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, May 13	$12,239.37

Will We Make It?

The question can be answered only by you as we see the end of the year approaching. We are now within reach of our goal, and with a little effort on everybody's part, we can meet our budget for 1970-71. The budget of $90,000 is a record for our State Convention. I am counting on you in the closing weeks of May and June to raise the remaining $12,000.

JOE INGRAM, **Director-Treasurer**



The idea for a camp is not somet new for Eastern North Carolina Will Baptists. Over two decades there were committees appointec study the possibilities of a camp in area. The people have had a keer terest in a recreational ministry th Christian in its principles. For r years now our youth have been att ing camps that were sponsored by Christian (Disciples of Christ), Metho Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches. in the last few years something has done toward having one of our own

During the sitting of the Eastern ference in 1968 a board of directors appointed and authorized to pro with purchasing and developing a c located in Vandemere, North Carolin Pamlico County, on Bay River.

The camp is located in the tow Vandemere, a historic and picture fishing community, whose name me Village-by-the-Sea. It is about 25 r from historic New Bern and only a minutes by water away from the N and Pamlico Rivers. The broad exp of familiar salt and fresh waters mal ideal as a fishing area and the vast w lands and organized clubs provide some of North Carolina's finest in h ing.

Camp Vandemere is a nonprofit poration duly chartered under the of the state of North Carolina as a rec tional and inspirational center. wholly owned by the Eastern Confer of Original Free Will Baptists of N Carolina and governed by a board of directors elected by the conference.

At present, Camp Vandemere con of about 38 acres of land of which a one half has been cleared. There is old house (just renovated), a bathho and a picnic area.

Plans have been made for **camp summer** for youth, adults, and fam for spiritual retreats and recreati

our Church Auxiliaries

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Kinston, North Carolina

Mrs. Adaline Gray was honored as "Woman of the Year for 1971" in a special ceremony at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, Sunday, May 9, 1971. She was presented a gift from the woman's auxiliary and one dozen red roses from the church. Mrs. Gray was chosen as "Woman of the Year" by the local woman's auxiliary for her loyal service to the church, community, and her family. She has been an active member of the Kinston church for more than seventeen years. She has served as youth chairman of the local auxiliary, AFC sponsor, Bible school director and teacher, Sunday school teacher and department superintendent, co-chairman of the youth church, and missions chairman of the local woman's auxiliary and the Eastern District Woman's auxiliary.

She has directed many Christmas, Easter, and special occasion programs, sometimes writing her own script and making props and costumes. One of her hobbies is baking and decorating cakes which she has done many times for youth socials and other church socials, as well



as for her friends and family on special occasions.

Adaline is a constant visitor of the Lenoir Nursing Home, taking special gifts to the patients and speaking words of love and comfort to them. She never says "No" to anyone that might be in need of a helping hand but meets him with a smile. She works constantly with the unsaved, trying to lead them to Christ. She has driven several hundred miles out of her way to pick up someone that had no way to go to church or meetings at the church. She is a faithful member of her church, and there are very few meetings held in the church that she does not attend.

Adaline is married to Mr. George E. Gray, a Lance Company dealer. Without his cooperation, she would never be able to do the many things that she has felt led to do. Many times he has had to eat a sandwich when he should have had a hot meal because she had to rush to a meeting or to church. Very few husbands would make the sacrifices that "Pete" has made for his wife. They have two lovely teen-age children—Marsha, age 14, and Eddie, age 17. They are both active members of the church, Sunday school, and youth organization. Marsha is pianist for the primary department of the youth church. They are both members of the choir.

Adaline also works outside her home as a telephone operator. She has worked at the Carolina Telephone Company in Kinston for twenty or more years.

Regardless of her many good attributes, the most important thing is that Mrs. Gray puts God first in her life; therefore, the nominating committee for the "Woman of the Year for 1971" feel that she is a most deserving person of this great honor.

Woman of the Year
Nominating Committee,
Mrs. Jack T. Everett, **Chairman**
Mrs. Stanley Jenkins
Mrs. W. K. Smith

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cilities for swimming, boating, and a ll field.

The camp is not limited to Eastern nference churches. We invite any of r churches in the State Convention or eneral Conference to come to Camp ndemere. Let us encourage your urch, Sunday school or class, youth or-nization, etc. to have a spiritual retreat re this summer. Should you so desire, ease write to Ralph Sumner, business anager, 2918 Camelia Street, Kinston, orth Carolina, giving the name of urch organization, date, and number to tend.

David C. Hansley,
Secretary to Board of Directors

ATTENTION FOLKS!

Don't forget Founders' Day at the Children's Home, Saturday, May 22! The day will begin with a worship service at 10:30 a.m., with Dr. James Batten as speaker. The financial goal for the day is $12,000. The service will be followed by a picnic lunch on the grounds. Next comes the fun and games which will involve our children and guests. Who knows? Maybe you'll be a winner of some of the activities. The master of ceremony for the afternoon activities will be the Rev. Willis Wilson, pastor of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina. Come! Bring your family and friends—don't forget yourself!

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Concert at Children's Home

Winifred L. Whitman, liaison-coordinator, announces that the East Rutherford High School and Handbell Choirs will present a concert in the Memorial Chapel at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, Wednesday evening, May 19, at eight o'clock. These high school students from Forest City, North Carolina, will be performing a variety of songs ranging from religious songs to current popular hits. The program is open to the public and the admission is free. The program will be of interest to all ages, but it prepared to appeal specifically to the youth of the Home and community.

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Through faith I turn all my impulses toward that which is divine, and center my love in that which is perfect.—Selected.

Visions of the Past: WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

(continued from page three)

and distribution of **The Sunday School Reporter,** the official publication of our convention; work with the district rallies of the schools; fellowship suppers, etc.; organizing and supervising of Cragmont conferences for the training of those who may attend. These conferences have been so successful and popular that many have had to be turned down since their applications were received after the maximum number had been registered; and, at last, he helps in any way he can to lend assistance to all who desire help —this is by mail and by the use of the printed page, including: our annual yearbook, **The Sunday School Reporter,** various guidelines, and suggestions offered time-to-time for every Sunday school worker and provided periodically.

Today, as we meet for the thirty-first session of the State Sunday School Convention since the organizational meeting, our hearts are made glad for so many wonderful blessings of our Lord on this, what many have believed through the years, was the moving of the Holy Spirit to give us visions and the desire to fulfill our part in trying to make them come to pass. Besides those mentioned before, there have been many who have let God use their time, talents, and treasures in this great opportunity, in the words of our motto: "Work, study, pray," and the Convention's Scripture verse which is found in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Time will not permit mentioning all, but we would like to remember in a special way our second president who went to be with the Lord since we last met, the Rev. Albert T. Coates; and our treasurer, who served so well over the years, Brother Milton Wiggs. The young man who was the first president was not a minister. However, 14 years later God's continued call had to be answered and God has blessed his ministry.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the great host of pastors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, and other officers who through the years have supported the visions of this convention with their financial support; and for the Free Will Baptist Press who also had a vision of the need of this type of work in our state. May God continue to bless all, individually and collectively, is our prayer.

As we lay our **Vision of the Past: Where Have We Been?** on the shelf of memories, and inventory the present and look into the future, we are reminded of what Jesus said, ". . . Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). Paul said, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: . . . forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3: 12-14).

We know that the pages of history in heaven shall record for us—the **Free Will Baptists in the 70's**—the same commendation Jesus did for the woman who anointed His head before the crucifixion —"She hath done what she could: . . ." (Mark 14:8).

If it should be recorded that we did not do what we could, then we will be failures. To such a thought—we would instantly exclaim, "God forbid," and "God have mercy!"

It is the humble opinion of this, your humble observer of the past, that many of our Free Will Baptist forefathers did the best they could with their opportunities. He would challenge us, individually and collectively, that we shall so open our eyes to the **Unlimited Visions** which are available to us as our duties and opportunities as twentieth-century Christians.

The fields are "white to harvest" as never before. Let it never be said of us in the pages of history, that our eyes were blinded to these duties—teaching, preaching, or "observing all things" whatsoever Jesus commanded.

We will receive visions that will be presented to us in the next very short hours of this convention. These visions will help us to understand the present and to prepare for the future. Never let it be recorded about us that we had no vision. If this should be so . . . the result could be that many of our grandchildren would perish spiritually.

In honor and recognition of the **Faith of Our Free Will Baptist Fathers** of the past, let us stand in a moment of silent tribute to their memory.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace."

YFA SCHOLARSHIP

Graduation is close at hand, and n is the time for those young people fr the Central District Youth Fellowsl who would like to apply for the Y Scholarship to make their applications.

You may send your application to t Rev. Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, W terville, North Carolina 28590.

The qualifications are that you ha to be a member of the YFA in yo church, have a transcript of your grad from your local school, a letter of reco mendation from your pastor, and a lett from a member of the church to whi you belong.

Be sure that your application is in soon as possible.

Rev. Willis Wilson

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THE YEAR OF CHANGE

(THE NEW QUARTER SYSTEM)

Religious publishers have decided up a unanimous move to change the dati of quarterly Sunday school material correspond with the seasons. Oth reasons given for the change are that has been increasingly the practice many churches to begin their church ye each September rather than followin a lesson plan on an annual basis, and th change would correspond with the begi ning of the public school year and wou provide a certain psychological adva tage insofar as pupils are concerned.

This new dating will affect the Fr Will Baptist Press literature in the fo lowing manner: Third quarter 1971 wi cover the months of July and Augus Then the change goes into effect. W will call the following quarter "Fa Quarter"—it will include lessons for th months of September, October, and N vember. "Winter Quarter" will cov the months of December, January, an February. Each successive quarter wi be three-month periods designate "Spring Quarter," "Summer Quarter, "Fall Quarter," etc.

We hope that this will not be too co fusing, but that it will make the orderin of Free Will Baptist Sunday school an league literature easier and more co venient. Thank you for your continue support.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: May one who sins over and
er again after he has been forgiven
d forgiveness?

Answer: "Let the wicked forsake his
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oughts: and let him return unto the
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n; and to our God, for he will abun-
ntly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). This indi-
tes that God's Word gives the answer
your question in quite a concise way.
d's Word here says that He will
bundantly" pardon when such a per-
n turns from his continued disobe-
ence to God. We have quite the same
id in the New Testament: "Come unto
e, all ye that labour and are heavy
den, and I will give you rest. Take my
ke upon you, and learn of me; for I
n meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall
d rest unto your souls. For my yoke
easy, and my burden is light" (Mat-
ew 11:28-30). Compare this with, "If
y people, which are called by my name,
all humble themselves, and pray, and
ek my face, and turn from their wick-
ways; then will I hear from heaven,
d will forgive their sin, and will heal
eir land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

In every case where discussion in the
ble is given in so much detail it teach-
that confessions must be genuine and
om a sincere and contrite heart. Jesus
mself warned against bogus confes-
ons. God knows the heart condition
each one who makes any kind of an
npty or heartless confession and will
al with him according to his sincerity
d heart's condition.

One must confess with his mouth and
lieve in his heart in order to be saved,
d of course, the same sincerity must
ominate the confession of sin anytime
r it to be valid. (See Romans 10:9-13.)
or with the heart man believeth unto
ghteousness; and with the mouth con-
ssion is made unto salvation. For the
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m shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:
0, 11); "He that covereth his sins shall
ot prosper: but whoso confesseth and
forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

A heart surrendered to God will render the biblical way of confessing sins, forsaking of them, and the turning to God, motivated by the sinner's desire for fellowship and a feeling of nearness to his Maker. Man was created in the image and likeness of God, and God is never content and satisfied with this likeness marred or blurred by unconfessed sin and sin which has not been forsaken. But when a sinner, whether it may be an unsaved person for the first time or a saint that has in some way disobeyed God's Word, confesses, forsakes his sin, and returns to fellowship with God, not only does God forgive that one, but He and all the holy angels rejoice. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7).

God took the initiative in preparing for us a way of salvation as John 3:14-17 indicates. Whether we have never been saved or have been and are out of fellowship because we have sinned against Him, His invitations call for us to make a decision—make a start. This may need only to be in attitude for no one is right with God when he maintains a wrong attitude. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:8); "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it" (Isaiah 1:18-20); "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1); "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:13); "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love" (Galations 5:6).

The story of the good shepherd in Luke 15:4-7 (read the other parables of this chapter), makes clear the forgiving attitude God represents Himself as exercising toward all sinners; and Matthew 12:31 makes clear the fact that all sins, except that against the Holy Ghost, may be forgiven. The First Epistle of John tells us how to be sure of forgiveness and what results from not confessing them. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:9, 10).

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Question: Please explain, "And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!" (Matthew 24:19).

Answer: In Matthew 24 we have the account of Jesus telling of the great tribulation—the worst time for violence and lawlessness that Jesus says will ever come on the earth. It is also called "the time of Jacob's trouble"; and Christ our Lord speaks in Verse 19 of the distress those will be in who remain on earth, and have the handicap of pregnancy at the time. In order to keep alive they all must flee the environs of Jerusalem. This warning to pregnant women in some nations of Asia, would be appropriate in this our time. Some of the most fleet of foot in the family are mown down when they flee war-torn cities and villages; and therefore, women carrying babies in their arms or those unborn would not be likely to escape. But since the war conditions in the end of this age are to exceed all that preceded, we can hardly imagine the terror these shall experience. It is a good time to obey, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith, the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

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Life is a book in volumes three,
The past, the present, the yet-to-be;
The past is written and laid away;
The present we're writing day by day;
The last and best of volumes three
Is locked from sight; God keeps the key.
—Author Unknown.

STORIES

for our youth



PLAYING FAIR

by Grace Trutt

SALLY and her brother were playing catch in their front yard. Sally knew that Donny wasn't playing fair. When it was his turn to throw the ball, he would throw it so high that she couldn't catch it.

"Please, Donny, don't throw the ball so high," Sally begged him. The sun was hot, and she was getting tired of running after the ball.

"What's the matter, sis?" Donny called. "Can't you catch?"

Sally was tempted to quit playing. However, she was afraid that if she did her brother would go into the house and make a racket. Her mother was sick, and Aunt Bess had come to take care of them and their mother.

"Your mother needs rest and quiet," Aunt Bess told them.

Sally was doing her best to keep things quiet. When Danny, who was only five years old, became restless in the house, she took him outside to play.

Her little brother threw the ball again. It landed in the flower bed.

"Donny," Sally exclaimed angrily, "if you don't play nicely, I'll quit!"

Donny caught the ball as Sally threw it to him and teased, "You won't quit, Sal. Anyhow, I don't care if you do."

This time he threw the ball so hard that she couldn't hope to catch it. Sally chased the ball along the drive. Her face was flushed and she was perspiring. The ball rolled into the gutter and stopped. Sally snatched up the ball. She was very angry. Well, he's been acting up long enough, she thought. She gave a mighty heave as she threw the ball with all her strength.

"There!" she cried. "How do you like it?"

Up and over Donny's head went the ball.

Crash!

The ball hit the living-room window, breaking the glass.

Donny was shocked. He had never seen Sally do such a thing before.

Aunt Bess appeared at the door.

"Well?" she asked sternly. "Who broke the window?"

"I did," Sally answered, almost crying. To think that she would do such a thing when her mother was so ill!

Aunt Bess looked at her unbelievingly and said, "Don't try to shield Donny. I know you wouldn't break a window."

"I did, I did." Sally was crying now. "I didn't mean to, but I did."

"She did too mean to break it," Donny shouted. He felt guilty and wished to clear himself of blame. "She threw the ball real hard, Auntie. She was mad, too."

Sally followed Aunt Bess into the house to clear away the broken glass. She was so miserable. As she brushed up the pieces of glass, she could see Donny. He was swinging under the apple tree, unconcerned with what had happened. Tears filled her eyes again. It just wasn't fair.

Aunt Bess told their father about the broken windowpane as they were eating their evening meal. "I still think Donny broke the window, Dave. Sally is just trying to protect him."

"Did you break the window, Kitten?" Sally's daddy asked.

Sally's heart sank. She wanted to tell him how hot it had been. She wanted to let him know that Donny had teased her by throwing the ball out of her reach. But she remembered how angry she had been and how hard she had thrown the ball.

"Yes," she answered. Her voice sounded forlorn—like the sound of a dog left out in the rain.

Donny breathed a sigh of relief. The father flashed them each a quick look. But all he said was, "You'll have to pay for the window, Sally."

A bell tinkled from upstairs. Sally's daddy arose. "I'll see what your mother needs."

The three of them at the table ate in silence. Sally didn't feel like talking. Then they heard their father coming slowly down the stairs. He was carrying their smiling mother, who was still too weak to walk.

"I feel so much better. I just had to come down," she said.

With their mother seated in her usual place at the table, everyone was soon talking gaily—everyone except Sally. She could still hear the crash of breaking glass, and so she almost didn't hear her mother say to Donny, "Well, my little man, two months is a long time to go without an allowance, isn't it?"

Donny looked at his mother. She was smiling, but her eyes remained firm on him.

"Yes, Mom," he said.

"What do you mean?" Sally's father asked his wife.

"You better ask Donny. I think he's ready to tell the whole story now."

Donny could see it was no use to pretend ignorance. "I made Sally break the window. It was all my fault. I teased her and didn't play fair" His tears flowed as Sally's had earlier in the day. Sally felt sorry for him.

"How did you know, Mom?" Donny asked.

"I saw you from my bedroom window. But even if I hadn't seen you, God sees everything we do. We must always try to do what is right, Donny."

Sally smiled at her mother. It was good to have someone understand. And all at once she could understand Donny too. Suddenly she realized that he had missed the attention his mother usually gave him. She went over to her little brother and put her arms around him and said, "We'll both pay for the window, Donny."—Gospel Herald.

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Mr. Christian says, "The only person who really has an excuse for not being in Bible school is the one who knows all the Bible. But, then, we need that person as a Bible-school teacher."—Selected.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

TTENTION FREE WILL BAPTISTS!

(To Clarify a Point)

It seems there has been some misunrstanding as to the size of the encampents and use of the facilities at Cragont Assembly. In the January 5, 1970, eeting of the Cragmont Board of Direcrs, a motion was passed to limit the mber of campers to 125 per week. The ason for limiting the campers to this mber is due to our limited sleeping cilities (up until this year), cooking d eating facilities, as well as limited ssroom space.

It is quite true that we have added o beautiful and very functional dortory units which will accommodate a tal of 80 campers and four counselors. e question may arise in your mind, If e have added space for 80 more campss, why are we still limited to 125 mpers each week? The answer is very mple. We still have the same limited tchen, dining, and classroom facilities. e have been advised for several years, d especially last year, that the second d third floors of our main building ere no longer stable enough or adeuate to be used as lodging for the numrs we usually placed on these two ors (from 40 to 60 per week). As you n see, by building our new buildings e have provided new quarters for the mber formerly on these two floors, us giving us some extra room in order lessen the load on the other two older ttages.

It has been the practice at Cragmont rough the years to provide rooms when ssible for Free Will Baptists visiting in e area or those desiring to visit the mp. Usually there are some parents ho like to come up either at the beginng or end of the week to bring or take me their child. Many of these parents oose to stay overnight and take part in day's activities. The board of directors cided that since we would not need all e rooms in the motel unit for campers d counselors, that we would let our campers' parents and other Free Will Baptists know that four of these rooms will be kept available for them this summer. This is not a money-making move as it is impossible to make a profit from the rates that are charged. This was done to encourage more of our people to come and see what we have and what we need at Cragmont. These motel rooms as plans now stand will be available each week from May 15—October 15, except during the Ministers' Conference (June 21-25) and the Woman's Auxiliary Conference (August 16-21).

We trust that this information might clarify any question or questions you have concerning the use of our facilities and/or the reasons for using them as we are doing.

Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

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Mount Olive News

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Academy since it became affiliated with the state organization in 1967. It has furnished two presidents, two vice-presidents, and three historians in previous years; but this is the first time that it has had two students to serve simultaneously. Special activities for this year included participation in environmental cleanup day and the state field trip sponsored by the Academy in November. The local students cleaned up the Mount Olive community park and the north section of Highway 117 business. They planned and executed the state field trip to the Voice of America in Greenville, North Carolina; the Texas Gulf Sulfur Company's Phosphate Mine at Aurora, North Carolina; and the Mattamuskeet Wildlife Refuge at New Holland, North Carolina.

Previous Academy officers have included: presidents, Ruby Blackmore and Bonnie Coates; vice presidents, Marsha Barrow and Craig Barbour; and historians, Lee Glover, James Adams, and Evelyn Wells.

Free Will Baptist Historical Collection News

The Rev. Benjamin F. Ringgold, retired minister of the Eastern Conference, has written and given to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College autobiographical material related to his work in the ministry of the Free Will Baptist denomination and his work in the area of marriage counseling. Although confined to his bed since 1960, Mr. Ringgold carries on many worthy services to fellow shut-ins via the telephone as well as to the public through visits paid him.

Mr. Ringgold's biographical notes include much important historical data concerning church organizations, ordination of specific ministers, and various facets of denominational work in the eastern part of North Carolina, and as such, are very valuable in telling the history of the Free Will Baptists. Other ministers and active laymen are encouraged to follow Mr. Ringgold's example and help to preserve the history of the denomination for future generations. Any historical material of this nature would be welcome additions to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection.

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1971 Commencement Exercises

Commencement Worship Service: Friday, May 28, 8 P.M., First Baptist Church, Mount Olive
Graduation: Saturday, May 29, 10:30 A. M., Lawn, Downtown Campus

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MAN'S RELIGION

If a man's religion cramps his soul
And takes away his song,
Or puts his spirit in a cell—
It's wrong—all wrong!

If a man's religion frees his soul,
His spirit fills with light,
And weaves a song into his life—
It's right—all right!
—Author Unknown.

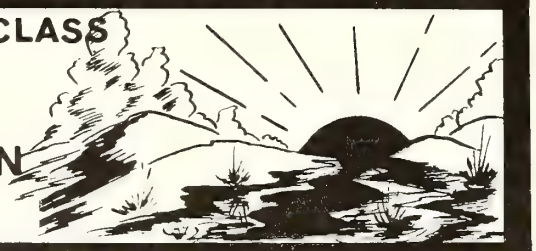
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We're sometimes so busy getting away from something that we lose sight of where we're headed. . . . It's not what we're leaving, but where we're going that counts!—Selected.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 30



The Lord of History

Lesson Text: Isaiah 10:5-7, 15; 14:24-27

Memory Verse: Isaiah 14:24

I. INTRODUCTION

God is not only the Creator and the Upholder of the universe, but He is also its Lord and Sovereign. Though men are free, moral agents and often act contrary to God's will and plan for their lives, God can and does make use of the acts performed through their freedom of will to accomplish His will. Though His works are not always discernible to us, we can rest assured that God has not relinquished His power over men and nations, nor has He, regardless of how evil the times might appear to be, turned world affairs over to the leadership and direction of demons. God is closely observing all that is going on in the world, and though evil may triumph for a season, God can and will transform those works of evil into instruments in His hand to accomplish His own purpose in the world; thus are the forces of evil not only defeated, but they unconsciously work together for the unfolding of God's providence. — The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. There are four schools of thought regarding God in history.
2. Our lesson today furnishes an illustration of God's hand in history.

B. The Rod of Mine Anger (Isaiah 10:5-7)

1. What was Israel's discipline (v. 5)?
2. What was Assyria's motive (v. 7)?
3. God used a wicked nation to punish His people.

C. Assyria's Self-Sufficiency (Isaiah 10: 12-15)

1. Assyria's king did not recognize that he was used of God.
2. He was not grateful to God or his fellowman.
3. He was wise in his own eyes.

D. Assyria to Be Punished (Isaiah 14:24-27)

1. Assyria was used of God, yet she was wicked.
2. God does not allow wickedness to go unpunished.
3. Man cannot thwart the plan of God.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Gold has been called the royal metal because it is beautiful and precious. Its beauty appears in many different forms, but all are valued. Gold is not destroyed by rust or corrosion, and it keeps its value through years and centuries.

The nature of God may be compared to pure gold—altogether good and pure and beautiful, and unchanging through the ages.

When gold is found in the earth, however, it usually is mixed with worthless elements. To refine it, the ore is placed in a vessel of some kind and melted by extreme heat. Worthless parts of the ore, called dross, come to the top and are skimmed off. Then the pure gold can be shaped in forms of beauty.

So it is that the nature of man is refined. Too often in man the gold of goodness is hidden in the dross of selfishness, cruelty, or lust. The whole nation of Judah was corrupted thus. It was refined in the fire of warfare and desolation when the Assyrians swept over the land, and for a time the beauty of holiness was seen in God's people.

In our individual lives most of us have felt the heat of suffering of many kinds, and often we wonder why such pain and sorrow come to us. Perhaps we cannot see all the reasons, but if we really wish to be godlike, we can emerge from our troubles as better and stronger people, refined and purified. "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).—Standard Commentary.

B. Our sins bring God's wrath and anger. If we prayed more, we would not so readily follow evil. Prayer has been called the lost word. If that is true, we need to find it. Prayer is communication between God and man. It is not c plete until we get an answer.

How can we get an answer? First, us pray properly. We should pray confession of sin, and then with than giving and supplication. Second, d have too many preconceived notions how the answer is to come. Third, d be in a big hurry. Fourth, accept Go wisdom. Fifth, make up your mind live with the answer. When we liv proper, prayerful life, God's rod of ger will not be directed toward us.

A faithful pastor endured a terri crisis in his life; his heart was crus with grief and sorrow. At times he t that he could not go on, but the H Spirit spoke to his heart one evening a assured him that what God had plann would come to pass. God's plans can be defeated. This is an encourag word for those who are walking the v ley, for those whose joy has turned sorrow, and for those who are hurt a disappointed and ready to give up.—Bi Expositor.

C. As the Pilgrims neared the coast Massachusetts they drew up a docum in the cabin of the "Mayflower," beg ning with the words, "In the name God. Amen." This was the keynote their personal lives and of the nat which they had come to found in t wilds of the new world. "The deep thing in this Republic today, the stro est, the most shaping, the most det mined thing, the one great cohesive a preserving power is the belief in fathers' God and the feeling that so how He is at the center of all our fairs."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.

Churches and Ministe Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, w needed, for any church that is seekin pastor and for any minister who is see a church to serve and would like to such notice. Please send the necessary formation to the editor of "The Free Baptist." Each notice will run for two sues only.)

The Bethlehem Free Will Bap Church, Duplin County, North Caroli is seeking a half-time pastor (two S days a month). Any minister interes in serving this church please cont Mr. Hubert F. Jones, Route 1, Box 2 Richlands, North Carolina 28574; t phone 324-3620.

NEWS NOTES

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—Minutes Read and Approved
:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

League Convention
Saturday Evening, May 29

:30—Devotions, A. T. Windley
40—President's Message
—Appointment of Digest Committee
—Offering
—Roll Call of Legaues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host League
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Picture
—Treasurer's Report
:00—Adjournment
Pianist, Mrs. Jannett Spruill

Sunday School Convention
Sunday Morning, May 30

:45—Devotions, Mrs. Octavos Wallace
:55—Welcome, Mr. John S. Harris, Superintendent of Host Sunday School
—Response, the Rev. Linwood Boyette
:00—President's Message, Mr. Oscar Webster
:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. E. G. Foreman
:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
:55—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Sunday School
Message, the Rev. Billy R. Jordan, Host Pastor
:30—Business Session:
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business
Report of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

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tter's Creek Church to Host
urth Union of Central Conference

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Cen- l Conference will convene with Otter's eek Free Will Baptist Church, Edge- mbe County, North Carolina, Sunday, May 30. The theme will be, "Follow Me," with Scripture taken from Luke 9: 23. The following program has been planned:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "Where He Leads Me"
—Devotions, Mrs. Johnny Holloman
—Welcome, Mrs. Johnnie Wooten
—Response, Mr. Edward Braswell
11:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus"
11:30—Special Music, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Webb
—Sermon, the Rev. Cicero Etheridge
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Maud Mooring
—Special Music
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Adjournment

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Layman's League Fellowship
Free Union Church

The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will meet Monday evening, June 7, at 7:30, with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina. The Rev. C. L. Patrick is the host pastor.

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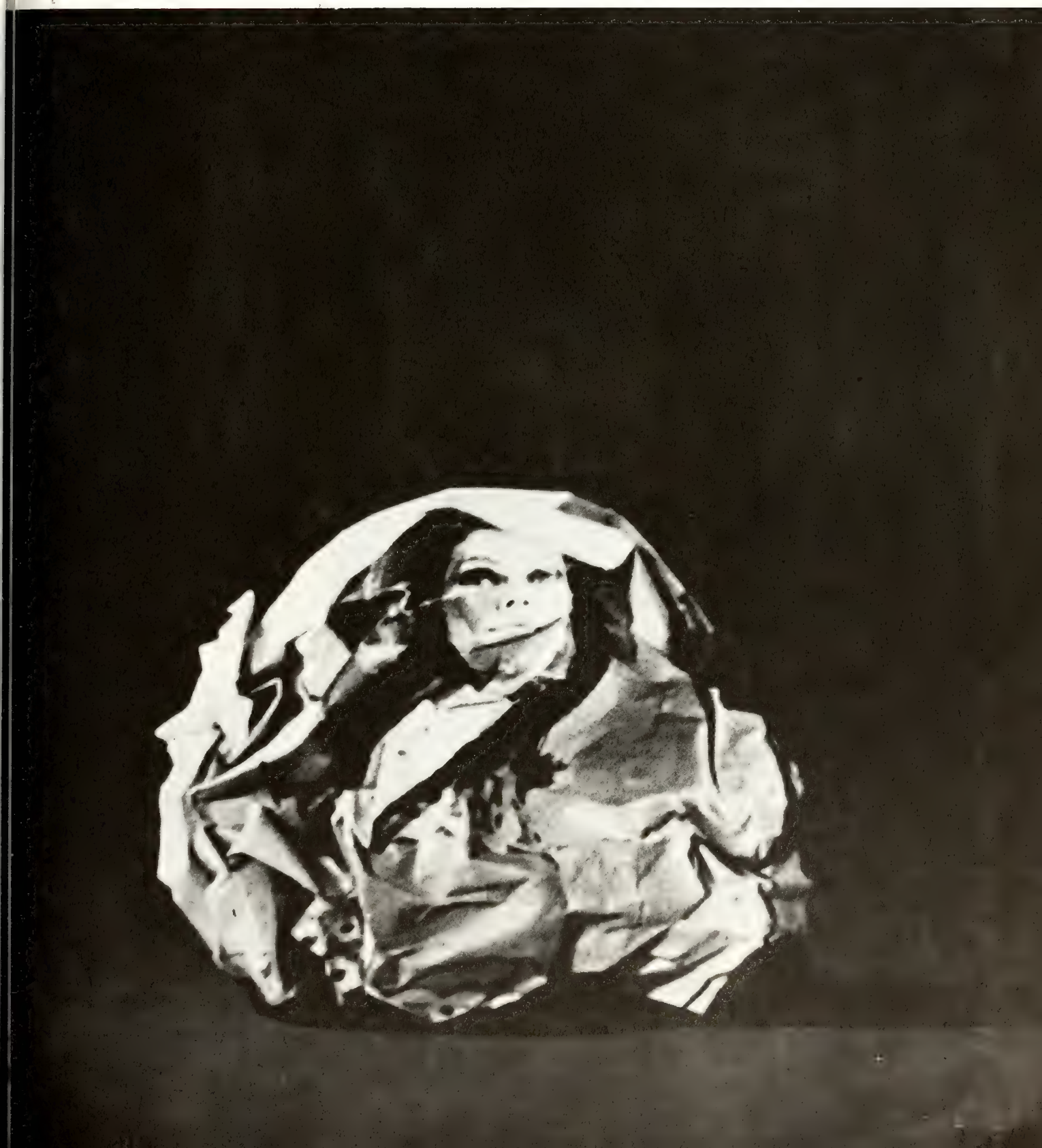
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THROWING DIRTY STONES SOILS OUR HANDS



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THROWING DIRTY STONES SOILS OUR HANDS

She was ashamed. Her spirit was broken. She wept freely but quietly, and cowered at His feet under the hateful eyes of her accusers. She had been caught in adultery—in the very act. She was degraded, and like a whipped puppy, expecting more punishment, she crouched beneath the menacing abuse of their tongues.

Jesus looked at the woman. Then He lifted His eyes toward those assembled—those scribes and Pharisees who had dragged her to His presence, and who were indifferent to her cries when their rough treatment had hurt her. They snatched her to her feet, and Jesus listened as they spoke: "Master, this woman was taken in adultery—in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned; but what sayest thou?"

Jesus knew the people. He knew their hearts, their minds, even the shadows of their characters. They were waiting for an answer, but He gave no oral response. Instead, He stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though not hearing them. But they were not satisfied, and so they inquired again: "What sayest thou, Master? Shall we not stone this sorry woman?"

Jesus stood up, looked intently at those accusing, moral, upright, proper citizens, who were so proud of their holiness, and He almost shook them out of their holy robes when He said, "He that is without sin among you, let him be the first to cast a stone at her." Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground; and the accusers left one by one, from the oldest to the youngest; and Jesus was left alone with the woman.

When He saw that all had left save her, He said unto her, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?"

She answered, "No man, Lord."

And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn thee. Go, and sin no more."

Oh that we could be like Jesus! True, we don't have the power to forgive sin, but we do have the right not to condemn. Sitting in our holy towers, it is so easy to shoot condemning arrows at our erring brothers. It is so easy to be self-styled judges, quick to pronounce sentences, unwilling to review cases in their proper perspectives.

We must remember that we didn't always sit in the holy tower, free from sin. Once, sometime during our climb, each of us has had to dodge the righteous arrows that were aimed at us. Therefore, it is not gracious for us—yea, it is even mean—to draw the bow tightly!

Mark it well: The woman taken in adultery was made a public example of. Accusing her was not enough. She had sinned and they wanted to stone her. They wanted to hurt her to the ultimate. That she was repentant was not enough. They wanted blood. But! what did the Lord say? "Let him among you who is without sin be the first to cast a stone." But no stone was cast that day. A lot of us cast stones today, however; despite the fact that we so often deserve to be the stonee rather than the stoner. Try as hard as we may, it is impossible to hide skeletons in a glass house. Often, though, we who have an abundance of skeletons are the very ones who try to scavenge the bones of others!

The woman sinned, certainly; but she must have repented, else the Lord would not have forgiven her. So is it with each of us who has sinned. If we are repentant, our sin is no longer held to our charge. God remembers it against us no more. The sad thing about it all is the fact that so many of us "Christians" can't be that way. When we get on our feet it seems very hard for us to remember how it was to be down and out.

In our opinion a person who has felt the lash of the whip ought to wield it a little more gently; and those who have been in the cookie jar ought not to make so much noise when someone else gets in it.

"Where are those thine accusers?" asked the Lord. They had left. Their characters were not clean enough to merit their casting stones—and neither are ours! Throwing dirty stones soils our hands anyway!

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

ICTURES SAY MORE THAN WORDS!

t has often been said that one picture worth a thousand words. Maybe these tures will speak for the new buildings ich are now a reality at Cragmont. ese pictures taken on April 27 show ghtly unfinished buildings. These same ldings are now 100 percent finished!



his shows the end view with the en- nce shown. Note the contrast with light lls and dark trim.



This is a view from the side of cottage . 6 facing the main building. The trench wn is for water and sewer lines.



The counselor's room is paneled on the inside walls. Lighting in the sleeping area is flourescent.

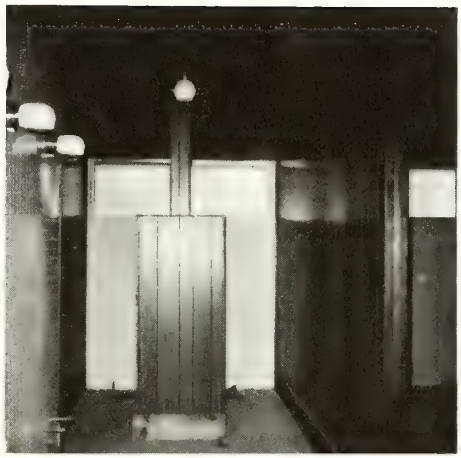


Partition walls for the bathrooms are also paneled. Ceiling is 3/8" stained plywood. Inside bathroom walls are Makolite.

Prayer isn't a trick to change the mind of God, but a way to adjust ourselves to the mind of God.—William B. Ayers.

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Small faith will take you to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to you. —Selected.



Two of the commode stalls are shown here. Swinging doors are now in place. The individual lights on the wall are above the lavatories and mirrors.



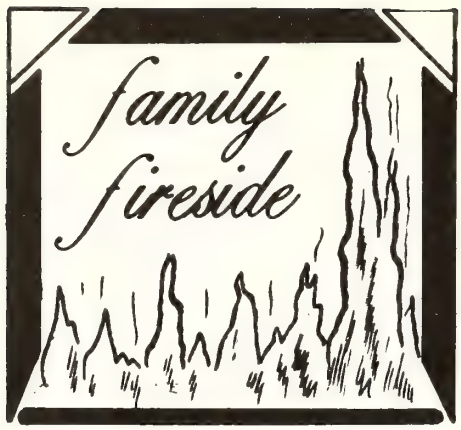
These are the shower stalls. Curtains have also been added here. Our bath accommodations are much better than before.

Our buildings are now complete. We now urge each of our churches, various auxiliaries, and individuals to include us in your giving. We now have a $25,000 indebtedness to pay off. If you have any funds already raised for Cragmont, or are planning to do so for any project, mail it to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 1, Richlands, North Carolina, immediately so that we can begin to retire a part of this debt. We need to pay off these two buildings this year so we can build a much needed kitchen and dining area!

Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

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(More Cragmont News on Page Ten)



SUNDAY, MAY 30

THE BLIND MAN'S CONFIDENCE

Scripture Reading—Acts 27:25

A poet and an artist once examined a painting representing the healing of the two blind men of Jericho. The artist asked, "What seems to you the most remarkable thing in this painting?" The poet said, "Everything is very clear—the groupings of the individuals, the expression upon the faces, etc." The artist found the most significant touch elsewhere. He pointed to the steps of a house in a corner of the picture. "Do you see that discarded cane lying there?" "Yes," said the poet, "but what does that signify?" "The blind man who has rushed to Jesus is so sure he will be healed," said he, "that he has left his cane behind. He will need it no more and rushes to the Lord as though he could already see." Too often we hold on to canes and crutches of our own devising instead of looking only to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith!—*The King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Faith is not truly faith until we let go of our "crutches" and depend entirely upon Jesus.

MONDAY, MAY 31

IF EVERY HOME WERE AN ALTAR

Scripture Reading—Exodus 29:37

If every home were an altar
Where holiest vows were paid,
And life's best gifts in sacrament
Of purest love were laid;

If every home were an altar
Where harsh or angry thought
Was cast aside for kindly one,
And true forgiveness sought;

If every home were an altar
Where hearts weighed down with care
Could find sustaining strength and grace
In sweet uplift of prayer;

Then solved would be earth's problems,
Banished sin's curse and blight;
For God's own love would radiate
From every altar light.

—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Make your home an altar and perhaps fewer rebellious souls would leave it. Where Christ is, there is unity.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

GOD NEVER SLEEPS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 124:8

A mother and her little four-year old daughter were preparing to retire for the night. The child was afraid of the dark, and the mother, alone with the child, felt fearful also. When the light was out, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window. "Mother," she asked, "is the moon God's light?" "Yes," said the mother. "God's light is always shining." The next question was, "Will God blow out His light and go to sleep?" And the mother replied, "No, my child. God never goes to sleep." Then out of a simplicity of a child's faith she said that which gave reassurance to the fearful mother: "Well, so long as God is awake, I am not afraid."

No wonder Jesus said, "Except ye become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." How often we allow fear—of darkness, of failure, of suffering, of death—to rob us of our sleep and of our joy in life! God's light never goes out; He is ever awake to our needs.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God slumbers not nor sleeps. He watches always, conscious of our needs and fears.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

DENYING CHRIST

Scripture Reading—Lamentations 2:13

A boy in Sunday school unmercifully denounced Peter as a coward for denying his Lord and said that he knew he would have been faithful. Several weeks later his teacher noticed that he was much depressed and in a private interview asked the reason. Then he told how he was present when some boys talked against Christians and the Bible in a mean and irreverent way and he had not said a word in reply. He felt that by his silence he had denied his Lord and was as bad as Peter. How many older people have been guilty of similar denials! —*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just think! To allow one to use the Lord's name is vain in your presence without reproof might very well be considered by the Lord as a denial of Him.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

DO YOU KNOW ME?

Scripture Reading—Esther 1:8

I am the greatest criminal in history.
I have killed more men than have fallen in all the wars of the world.
I have turned men into brutes.
I have made millions of homes unhappy.
I have transformed many ambitious youths into hopeless parasites.
I make smooth the downward path for countless millions.
I destroy the weak and weaken the strong.
I make the wise man a fool and trample the fool in his folly.
I ensnare the innocent.
The abandoned wife knows me; the hungry children know me.
I have ruined millions and shall try to ruin more.
I am alcohol.—*H. W. Gibson.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Alcohol does more than wreck the b
It wrecks homes and lives. Beware of i*

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

TOO BUSY

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:4

The story is told of a young man
stood at the bar of justice to be senten
for forgery. The judge had known
from a child and known the family i
mately. The boy's father was a fam
legal light, having written some of the
material on the subject of "Trusts."

"Do you remember your father?" as
the judge in stern fashion, "that fa
whom you have disgraced?"

"Yes," said the boy, "I remember
perfectly. When I went to him for ad
and companionship he often said to
'Run away, boy, I'm busy." My father g
all his time to his work and little time
me. So here I am."

The great lawyer had written much ab
trusts, but had missed the greatest trus
all—his own son. God has laid defi
responsibilities on Christian parents. W
a tragedy, to make the mistake the g
lawyer made.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Too busy for your child? Take care
the day come when because of your b
too busy he ends up in trouble and po
an accusing finger at you.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

ENCOURAGEMENT

Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 7:12

When our souls are much discouraged
By the roughness of the way
And the cross we have to carry
Seemeth heavier everyday.
When some cloud that overshadows,
Hides the Father's face from view,
Oh 'tis well to remember
He hath blessed us hitherto.

—*Selected*

PRAYER THOUGHT

*God has blessed us beyond measure
will continue to if we but trust in Him.*

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Meditate on the fourth and fifth wo
of Galatians 5:22—"Longsuffering
gentleness."

We know our lives may bring us
fering that requires patience. We p
that we may enter these trying times
our lives with gentleness, not rebelli
with long-suffering, not resentment;
that gentleness may grow and deepen
our hearts.—Copied.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

WORKING ON A PARSONAGE



A little more there Rodrick!

Recently we have been reconditioning a mud hut at the Kutange compound. In the picture you see Rodrick (a young African evangelist) and I (Joe Barrow) whitewashing the inside of the hut. We were putting on the finishing touch. Already we had put in cement floors, closed in a veranda, put in windows, and remudded the hut. Luckily the roof was in good condition and did not need retatching.

The Rev. Chikakutu expects to move into the hut in May. He will pastor the Kutange Evangelical Church. Please pray that he and his family can adjust to their new home quickly and that God will use them to build up the church there.

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IT IS VBS TIME AGAIN

With the ending of the public schools, we in the church look forward to the time of VBS. Our children this year are going to be studying their lessons and striving to learn more about how they can present their talents and energies to God's work.

Let me suggest that in your opening exercises, that you appoint either one or maybe five different persons to present information on our mission fields each day. This could be a great opportunity to show to the youth the work that we are striving to do for God.

As a suggestion for the information to be used, may we suggest the programs in the woman's auxiliary program book, **Devotion.** This could be done as follows:

Monday—Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow—Rhodesia, Pages 25-27

Tuesday—Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Timmons—Mexico, Pages 37-39

Wednesday—Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones—Philippines, Pages 46-48

Thursday—Pam Temple—Youth Preparing, Pages 40-42

Friday—Summary of Missions—Using article on Pages 9-11, "This Is Our Field."

These presentations could be done in about five minutes and would add to the day's work. Also, you could let your children write a short letter to the missionary on each day, Monday through Wednesday. I am sure they would be glad to hear from our youth. Their addresses are as follows:

1. Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow
   P. O. Box 5
   Chiredzi, Rhodesia
2. Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Timmons
   Route 1, Box 11
   Quemado, Texas 78877
3. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones
   25 A Matiyaga
   East Avenue Subdivision
   Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

You could encourage your youth to present their offerings each day to God and let this be sent to support missions. If further information is desired, please contact North Carolina Free Will Baptist Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

—JOE INGRAM, Director-Treasurer

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Laurence Bartlett, illustrating how important the Bible-school teacher and his example are, said, "First, I learn to love my teacher; then I learn to love my teacher's Bible; and then I learn to love my teacher's Saviour."—Selected.

MEETING WITH THE WOMEN



Each Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 an improvised bell is rung. For a bell an old round disc and iron pipe are used. The bell reminds the women of the Kutange village that it is time for their women's meeting.

Mrs. Davis (AEF missionary's wife), the two African evangelists' wives, and I (Faye Barrow) are usually the first to arrive at the meeting. We go inside the little church and start singing hymns. Gradually the women arrive. Usually we sing ten to fifteen minutes in order to give the women time to come. Africans have no concept of time. They have all day and are in no hurry.

Then our program begins. A short devotion is given by one of the evangelists' wives or one of the missionaries. Then there is a short time of prayer. Next the roll is called. Each lady answers by saying a verse of Scripture. All memorize the same verse. If the verse is short I say it in Shona, the native language. However, if it is long, I say mine in English. Lastly, after an offering is taken, we are dismissed by prayer.

Much prayer is needed for these women. Most of the women move often. Their husbands go where the work is. Also they are not very much interested in spreading the gospel. Pray that God will give them a desire to witness and a vision for the unsaved.

Another problem is attendance. Sometimes there are twelve and then at another meeting there are only a few. Today, April 28, there were only three women present. Last week we had nine present. It is difficult to get the women to come regularly. The irregular attendance makes it hard to have an effective program.

As you see in the picture there are some children that occasionally come

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Wilmington Church Nears Completion

The Rev. William L. Bronson, pastor of the First Original Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina, would like to keep the public informed as to the progress being made on the new building. He states, "Things are



going real well and it appears that we will be able to conduct our first service in our new building in two or three weeks. As this day draws near, our spirits grow higher. Please continue your prayers in our behalf as we need the prayers of those we love."

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Powhatan to Host Cape Fear Union

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene on Saturday morning, May 29, with the Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church near Clayton, North Carolina. The moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, will preside. The local church pianist and organist will provide music for this service. The scheduled program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotions, Mr. Billy Nowell
—Welcome, the Rev. Melvin T. Moore
—Response, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Report of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Worship Service:
Hymn
Special Music, Powhatan Church
Offering
Message, the Rev. Earl Glenn
12:00—Treasurer's Report
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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First Union Meeting Of Western Conference

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with the Rains' Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Johnston County, North Carolina, Saturday, May 29. The Rev. R. H. Jackson is moderator with the Rev. C. F. Bowen, clerk. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Opening Devotional, the Rev. Jimmy Barnes
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. Bill Futch, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. Luby Tyner
10:20—Business Session
11:00—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing
Special Music, Host Church
Offering for Children's Home
Sermon, the Rev. John Rollins
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional, the Rev. Ralph Aycock
1:15—Business Session
2:15—Adjournment

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Western Second Union at Free Union Church

The Second Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene Saturday, May 29, at 10 a.m., with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Sp... Hope, North Carolina. Each church ... the district is urged to send its rep... along with its delegates. Also past... are urged to attend, and visitors are ... come.

During the business session there ... reports and information concern... the various denominational enterpri... The host church will bring special mu... with the morning message by the R... Eugene Sumner, assistant superintend... of the Children's Home at Middles... North Carolina.

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Fifth Eastern S. S. Convention Arapahoe Church

The Fifth Eastern Sunday School C... vention will convene at the Arapah... North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Chu... Sunday, May 30. The pastor of the h... church is the Rev. Davie Brinson. ... scheduled program is as follows:

10:00—Prayer
—Convention Hymn
—Welcome, Thomas Hott, Supe... tendent of Host Sunday Schoo...
—Response, George Mason, Orie... Church
—Offering
—Recognition of Pastors, Delega... and S. S. Officers, Harvey W... ford, S. S. Convention Preside...
10:20—Sunday School Lesson, Fran... Wetherington, Wintergre... Church
10:45—Program, Host Sunday School
11:00—Message, the Rev. Davie Brinso...
11:30—Business Session
11:45—Memorial Service for E. M. P... cott, Conducted by the Rev. Da... Powell, Bethel Church
12:05—Benediction

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Ordination Board of Western Conference to Meet

The Rev. William L. Dale, secretary ... the Board of Ordination of the West... Conference, announces that the ordai... ing board will meet with the Frem... Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, F... mont, North Carolina, Friday eveni... June 4, at 7:30. Anyone having busin... to take up with the board are urged ... be present for this meeting.

Coming Events

July 6, 7—General Conference of Origi... Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle F... Will Baptist Church, Spartanbu... South Carolina

lication Service Held
Otway Parsonage

A dedication service for the parsonage Otway Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, North Carolina, was held Sunday, May 23. Lunch was served on the grounds and special singing was held in the afternoon. The people of Otway are thankful for the Lord's blessings that allowed them to erect this fine addition to their church property.

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is Holliday to Deliver
calaureate Sermon

The Rev. Louis A. Holliday of Manning, South Carolina, has been selected to deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon to the 1971 graduating class of Manning High School, at 8 p. m., May 30.

Mr. Holliday is past president of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and is presently serving as pastor of the High Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Manning.

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stern Second District
nday School Convention

The Second District Sunday School Convention of the Western Conference will convene Sunday morning, May 30, with Flood's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Spring Hope, North Carolina. The president of the convention, the Rev. Lester Duncan, will preside over the session which has as its theme, "Brotherly Love"; with Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 13:1. The convention will begin at 9:45 a.m. and the program is as follows:

Song Service, Ben T. Bissette
Devotions, Elijah Bissette
Welcome, Jan Mitchel
Response, Mrs. Gail Dawes
Business Session
Sunday School, Jan Mitchel, Superintendent
Intermission
Song Service, Ben T. Bissette
Offering for Children's Home
Convention Message, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
Business Session
Awarding of Banner and Trophy
Adjournment

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rter Conducting
neville Revival

The Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, is presently conducting a series of revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pineville (near Charlotte), North Carolina. The services began Monday night, May 24, and will continue through Saturday night, May 29. Special singing is being featured each night at the services. Time for the meeting is 7:30 p. m.

The Pineville church is in the process of planning the building of a new sanctuary and a new educational facility. The church is in the Piedmont Conference, and the Rev. Paul T. Warner is the pastor.

AN OPEN LETTER

by the Rev. P. C. Wiggs

Since so many individuals from my former pastorates have contacted me in person or by mail stating that they would be happy to have me pay them a visit at their church and bring the message of the hour, I would like to state that nothing would thrill me more than to do just that. However, I would not feel free to come on a visit for that purpose without a special invitation from the church as a whole, or from the pastor.

The following is a list of the churches I have formally pastored, all within North Carolina: Aspen Grove, Fountain; Belhaven, Belhaven; Barnes Hill, Nash County; Welcome Home, Beaufort; Black Jack, Greenville; Dilda's Grove, Fountain; Deep Run, Deep Run; Dawson's Grove, Enfield; Edgewood, Macclesfield; Friendship, Farmville; Hickory Grove, Bethel; Hickory Chapel, Ahoskie; Howell Swamp, Walstonburg; Hull Road, Snow Hill; Holly Springs, Kenly; Juniper Chapel, Vanceboro; LaGrange, LaGrange; Otter's Creek, Fountain; Owen's Chapel, Elm City; Piney Grove, Beaufort County; Shiloh, Pinetown; Sidney, Belhaven; Memorial, Chocowinity; Williamston First, Williamston; and Sound Side, Columbia.

I certainly will be glad to hear from these churches. If you would like for me to visit with you and speak on any Sunday morning or evening, give me a suggested date that you would like for me to come. If that date has all ready been taken, I will advise you and suggest an open date.

I feel that such visits would be of mutual benefit to all concerned, and a real spiritual blessing to me. Any individual that might read this, please call it to the attention of your church or pastor. I will be looking forward to hearing from you. You may get in touch with me by writing Route 2, Box 160, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801, or by telephoning, Tarboro 823-5958. Please keep in mind, if I speak for you I will be sitting in a wheelchair.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR PASTOR

We do not know who will be calling our pastor, the Rev. Willie E. Stilley, to serve their church for another year; but whoever does will be getting the best pastor we can ever remember pastoring our church, Sts. Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Craven County, North Carolina, and we have been members of this church for a long time. We joined the church as children and are now getting along in years.

Our church has enjoyed the most spiritual blessings these six years with Brother Willie as our pastor. Also we have had the most converts and rededications in the history of the church.

Some of the material things accomplished during his pastorate are: installed automatic heat and air-conditioning, painted the church inside and out, bought new carpet, purchased an additional piece of land, and built a fellowship building.

Our church and Sunday school attendance are good and we have enjoyed this man of God as our leader. When visiting in our homes he is so friendly and understanding. When there is sickness or a death in the community, he is so compassionate and so much comfort. In every need he is always there with a helping hand.

Our prayer is that God will bless Brother Willie wherever He sees fit to use him; and we know his life will be a blessing to those he serves as he truly is a man of God with a message to those who will listen.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Avery

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General Conference News

The General Conference will meet at the Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 6, 7. Motel accommodations may be secured by those wishing to attend at the following places, all of which are within two blocks of the church: **Ramada Inn**, double, $16; single, $12; telephone 803 585-4341; **Holiday Inn**, double, $17; single, $15; telephone 803 576-5220; **Howard Johnson's**, double, $18; single, $15; telephone 803 585-2241; and **Peach Blossom**, double, $14; single, $11; telephone 803 583-3653.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencement Worship Service and Graduation Exercises

The 1971 graduation exercises at Mount Olive College will take place on May 28 and 29 according to an announcement made today by President W. Burkette Raper.

More than ninety students, the largest graduating class in the history of the College, are expected to receive Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees this year.



The Rev. James White

The commencement worship service will be on Friday, May 28, 8 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Mount Olive. The speaker for this occasion will be the Rev. James White, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Mount Olive and the father of James White III, a member of the graduating class. Following the worship service the Alumni Association will hold a reception honoring the 1971 graduates.

Commencement exercises will take place on Saturday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m., on the lawn of the downtown campus. The Honorable J. Russell Kirby, an attorney of Wilson, North Carolina, and a member of the North Carolina State Legislature, will deliver the commencement address. Mr. Kirby is chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and also chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, an agency which administers a multimillion dollar student-aid program for North Carolina College students.

Music on both occasions will be provided by the music department of the College under the direction of Mrs. Viola Hilton.

All friends of the College are cordially invited to attend both the commencement worship service and the graduation exercises.

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GRANT MADE TO THE COLLEGE

A grant to Mount Olive College in the amount of $20,013 from the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges was announced by President W. Burkette Raper. Mount Olive is one of twenty-six fully accredited church-related colleges of North Carolina which participated in the distribution of $715,000 by the Foundation.

The Foundation was organized in 1954 for the purpose of providing voluntary support to church-related colleges from business and industry and other private sources. Nearly 500 contributors made possible the 1971 grant.

Archie K. Davis, chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company in Winston-Salem, is also chairman of the board of trustees of the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges. Lawson Withers, senior vice-president of the Wachovia Bank in Goldsboro, served as the local area chairman of the Foundation during 1970-71.

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Nowhere is the child of God safe without prayer; nowhere is he in much danger with it.—Moses E. Lard.

Mrs. Dianne Brown Riley Is Named Alumni President

At its annual meeting on May 1, 19 the Mount Olive College Alumni Asso tion selected Mrs. Dianne Brown Riley



Fremont, North Carolina, to serve as president during the coming year. M Riley received her A.A. degree fr Mount Olive College in 1967 and her B degree from Atlantic Christian Coll in 1969. Mrs. Riley was very active extracurricular activities during the ti of her study at both Mount Olive C lege and Atlantic Christian College. S is a member of the Pleasant Plain F Will Baptist Church near Selma, No Carolina.

Mrs. Riley is presently teaching at Fremont Elementary School, and she married to Dennis G. Riley. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Treat Bro of Selma.

In announcing Mrs. Riley's election the alumni association's presidency, M Hilda F. Owens, director of Counseli Service and Alumni Affairs, comment "Dianne has often demonstrated her terest in and loyalty to Mount Olive C lege. With her enthusiasm and lead ship abilities, Dianne brings to the alun presidency the needed qualities strengthen the role of the alumni Mount Olive College."

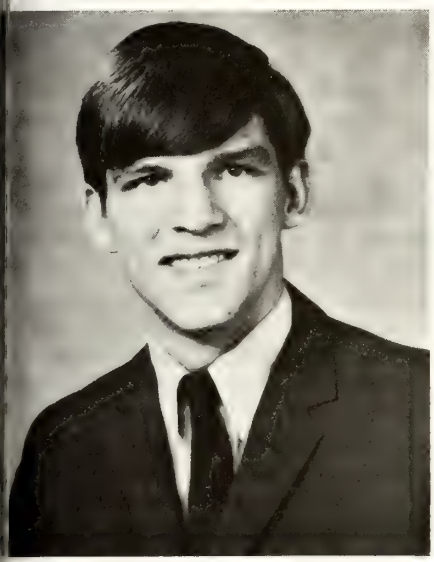
Other officers to serve with Mrs. Ril during the 1971-72 year are the R H. Adrian Grubbs of Greenville, No Carolina, vice-president; Mrs. Melis McCoy Barnett of Kinston, North Ca lina, secretary; Robert H. Black of Gol boro, North Carolina, treasurer; the R Leonard B. Woodall of Snow Hill, No Carolina, representative to the board trustees; and Mrs. Anna Garris Hill Ayden, North Carolina; Mrs. Sher

uires Cox of Greenville, North Caro-a; Miss Linda J. Godwin of Wilson, rth Carolina; and Howard F. Bryan of tesville, North Carolina, members-at-ge.

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SGA PRESIDENT ELECTED

n recent student elections on the unt Olive College campus, Mr. Eddie tton was elected to serve as the dent Government Association presi-nt for the 1971-72 academic year. Dut-n is a freshman at the college and is e son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Dutton Peachland, North Carolina. He is a mber of the Peachland Free Will Bap-t Church.



While at Mount Olive, Dutton has serv-as treasurer of the Student Govern-nt Association, vice-president of the nderson Science Club, vice-president of e Free Will Baptist Fellowship, and a mber of the 1971 "Olive Leaves" staff. is a Bryan Scholar and a member of i Theta Kappa Fraternity. He was on e Dean's List at the end of the fall mester and has just recently been elect-to serve as chief marshal at the col-ge.

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One of the best ways to show love for ur country is to support one of the stitutions that has made it great—the urch.—Selected.

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Some won't believe the Bible, but will lieve every word of a radio commen-tor.—Selected.

AYDEN SEMINARY – EUREKA COLLEGE

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING

Information Submitted by Cora Lee Spivey and Anna Hill at the Request of President Leonard Earl Harris

The Ayden Seminary—Eureka College Alumni Association held its annual meeting at the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Wednesday, May 12.

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, president of the Association, called the meeting to order at ten o'clock, with the congregation singing the "Doxology."

The Rev. E. C. Morris led in prayer, after which Mr. A. F. Rowe Sr. gave the welcome. In the absence of the Rev. James A. Evans, the president gave the response. Additional remarks were made by the president at this time.

Mr. Gary Barefoot, librarian at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, brought greetings from the College Alumni Association. He expressed pleasure at being at this meeting and cited the good work that the alumni were doing for Mount Olive College.

An invitation was issued by Mr. Barefoot for the alumni to visit the college. The response was favorable, and a committee, Mrs. Anna Hill, chairman, was oppointed to see to this matter. Mrs. Hill is to work with Dr. W. Burkette Raper and Mr. Barefoot in the plans of arranging the date best suited. The suggested date was in October as the College is now so busy closing the year's activities. The suggested idea was for the chapel program (in this October visit) to be given by the Alumni Association members.

Fifty dollars was donated by the Association to be used by the College Historical Department for binding or purchasing needed materials; such as, pamphlets, etc.

Mrs. Anna Hill conducted an impressive memorial service. The communion table was covered with a royal blue satin cloth on which was placed a brass Bible stand holding a large Bible. The brass altar set stood back of the Bible, the candles being lighted, representing Jesus, the Light of the world. Flanking the Bible stand were four unlighted candles, two on either side, which were lighted during the ceremony. As each one was lighted, Mrs. Hill told what they represented: the first one represented Ayden Seminary; the second, Eureka College; the third, the alumni of both institutions; and the fourth, the deceased alumni of both institutions. Interspersed between the candle holders were three white roses on either side, representing the six deceased members since the last annual meeting. A seventh rose in the center represented the unknown deceased members.

At the beginning of this service the Rev. E. C. Morris was asked to read a portion of Scripture from 2 Timothy, Chapter 4.

The nominating committee gave its report. The slate of officers were reelected for the coming year 1971-72. They are as follows: President, Dr. Leonard Earl Harris; vice-president, Mr. A. F. Rowe Sr.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Spivey; and assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Anna Hill.

Mrs. Mary Tripp Dunn was welcomed into the association as an honorary member.

Recognition was given to the late Frank Hart, prominent landowner of Ayden, an alumnus of the Ayden Seminary, for his bequest to Mount Olive College in the amount of $10,000. Hart Dormitory at the College is named in memory of members of the Hart family for their pioneer work in Christian education among Free Will Baptists, including their generous support of Mount Olive College.

Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, instructor and owner of the well-known Harris Conservatory of Music in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, assisted by his son, presented special music during the day.

The meeting was dismissed and a delicious meal was served by Bum's Restaurant in Ayden.

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Deeper giving means deeper living!—Selected.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press
* Bookstore, Ayden, North Caro-
* lina, is now observing the fol-
* lowing hours:

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

RULES FOR USE OF RECREATIONAL AND CAMP FACILITIES

In view of previous damage done to camp facilities in general and recreational equipment in particular, the Cragmont Assembly Board of Directors deem it expedient that these rules be established and enforced. These rules are designed for the protection of the investment of the Free Will Baptist people and for the preservation of the equipment and facilities at Cragmont that they may be used and enjoyed by all of our campers.

I. Buildings and Furnishings

A. Each conference will be held responsible for any damages to buildings (holes in walls, doors, windows, etc.) or furnishings (lamps, beds, lockers, etc.) incurred during the week of said encampment.

B. Whether payment shall come from the conference funds or from the person or persons involved shall be left to the director of said encampment.

C. This ruling applies to both intentional and accidental damage. The amount of damage is to be determined by the conference director and the manager of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

II. Recreational Facilities

A. Each conference shall have one counselor designated as recreational director.

B. All recreational equipment shall be listed and checked out to the recreational director for the entire week. Its daily collection shall be his duty.

C. No equipment shall be issued if the said week fails to designate one person as being responsible for the equipment.

D. On the last night of each encampment the recreational director and the Cragmont management shall check all equipment back to the assembly.

E. Each conference shall be held responsible for any lost or broken* equipment. It shall be left up to the recreational director and conference director as to whether the person or persons responsible or the conference shall make the reimbursement to Cragmont Assembly.

III. Application of Rules

All conferences (ministers and ladies included) shall abide by these rules.

Cragmont Assembly, Inc.
Board of Directors

*It is recognized that ball bats may be broken without abuse. Other items such as croquet mallets, badminton rack- etc, ping-pong paddles, etc. will not break if not abused.

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HELP WANTED!

We have a great need for volunteer work crews at Cragmont Assembly prior to our first camp week, June 7-12. We have 48 lockers to be assembled, 80 bunks to carry to our new buildings, two buildings which need painting, plus a tremendous amount of yard cleaning to be done. So we say unto all our good people, "HELP!" Come anytime you can; stay and work a day or a week. Any time that you CAN and WILL give will be greatly appreciated.

Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

(continued from page twelve)

he was a coward, as everyone thought. He hadn't really wanted to fight Cully, had he? He tried to remember exactly how he had felt. Had he been glad that he could use his religion as an excuse not to fight?

With a sigh, Scott tossed his next-to-the-last paper; then minutes later he reached Mr. Grebney's place. The old man was not on the porch today, but through the living room window Scott saw him sitting before the television.

Scott slung the paper, and as he watched it skid to a stop against the screen door, a strange orange glow caught his eye. The sunset reflecting on a mirror inside, he thought idly. But he narrowed his eyes and looked again. Then he realized that the odd light wasn't the sun's reflection. It was fire! The house was burning, and Mr. Grebney sat unaware in it!

Scott dashed up the steps. Through the screen door he saw flames dancing in the hall. He couldn't go that way. And the living room would be next!

Scott rang the doorbell frantically. He pounded the door. "Mr. Grebney!" he shouted. "Fire! Fire!" Scott hurried to the window. The old man had not moved. Now the turned-up volume reached Scott's ears. Mr. Grebney would never hear anybody over that noise! He'd have to go in. But how? The front w way was a sheet of flames and smo

Scott raced to the back of the ho He turned the knob on the heavy woo door and shoved with his shoulder. door held solidly.

Scott paused, breathing rapidly. W should he do? The nearest neighbor two blocks away. If he went for h even on his bicycle, it might be too for Mr. Grebney. The smoke and fu might be too much for him.

Scott clenched his fists. He had choice. He'd have to get in by the fr door—through the flames.

"Lord help me," he prayed.

Scott lifted his heavy newspaper over his head and leaped down steps. He threw the sack under water faucet in the yard and wet it best he could. Back to the porch. H ing the canvas over his head and sh ders, he tried the door. The knob t ed in his hand.

He shoved the door wide and plun into the hot blast that rushed at him. an instant he was through the crackl wall. Crouching, he found the door the living room. He slipped through and slammed it shut. Before him, Grebney dozed peacefully in his chair

Was he too late? Was the old m already dead? Scott shook him.

Seconds later, Scott had led the wildered old gentleman out the back trance and had sent a passing moto to turn in a fire alarm. Then he det ed events for Mr. Grebney's daugh who had just returned from shopp for the newspaper reporters, and for gathering crowd.

With the fire, the excitement, an hospital visit, it was long past sun when Miss Grebney took him home.

"Hank called a couple hours ag Scott's mother said, when he'd finally rived and explained the bandages on slightly burned arms. "He's coming eight. He wants you to go to the b ketball game in Fairhope. Do you thi you'll feel like it now?"

Scott grinned. Did he! It was gr to know for certain that he was no co ard. Now he knew, too, that it had t en courage for him to refuse Cull challenge. God had given him t courage when he needed it.—Gospel H ald.

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Some folks expect to talk to the Lo on the Lord's Day in the Lord's hou yet haven't spoken to Him all week Selected.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What is meant by ". . . time d chance happeneth to them all" (Ecsiastes 9:11)?

Answer: We must remember that Ecsiastes is a reflection of what Solon thought as a man that had departed m the hallowed position and relation h God he had enjoyed in his days of owship with God, and his understandg of the purpose for which he had been ated and appointed to the high reonsibility and pleasure of king of Isl in the stead and responsibility David, honored father, had held under God. en he first became king, all the qualof humility and loyalty to God he nifested, qualified him in a unique se for the most honored position on th to which God had appointed him; he departed from God, and in a sense d had departed from him, a fact that lesiastes seems to support except as is brought back to God in the final s of his earthly career that the last verses manifest. "Let us hear the nclusion of the whole matter: Fear d, and keep his commandments: for s is the whole duty of man. For God ll bring every work into judgment, h every secret thing, whether it be od, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 13, 14).

The introduction of Ecclesiastes that field, in his "Notes on the Bible," ote, which seem to give a clear general w of the book, will aid in seeing some the details, I think, and in perceiving reason for these words under ques- n. Solomon, under the guiding hand the Holy Spirit recorded the feelings had and some of the reactions, when had departed from the faith he enjoyd while young; and before he allowed unkenness, adultery, and greed to enter life—a life well preserved for his ker under the guiding examples and monition of his worthy father, King vid.

What a pity that such a wise, well-ined king's son in his youth and suffiently guarded against immoral pitls that some of his half brothers were notorious for having fallen into while they were young men of a high reputation, should completely depart from the path of virtue and plunge headlong into so many notorious sins, and so long a time in those which might have been his most fruitful and successful years! He became the wisest of all men of all ages, because he wanted God to so endow him while he was young. Then women with uncontrolled ambitions and lust were used of the devil to entice him into the hellish paths of pleasure seeking, which when he came into, he became the most foolish of men.

Albert Barnes, in his "Notes on Ecclesiastes," Page 94, says: "The verb from which it is derived seems in this book to refer specifically to death. The word does not mean chance independent of the ordering of Divine providence." In this book Solomon is guided by the Holy Spirit to mention death several times, which may be another warning so often found in the Bible that indicates that sin brings death, even double death to the sinner who, in the face of all God's mercy, remains an unsaved sinner throughout this life. Such a one is dead spiritually to begin with, and will die to reap the rewards of spiritual death.

All who read Ecclesiastes should obey the last two verses and grapple them to his never-dying soul with buckles of steel.

To sum up the whole of the sacred writing, the Holy Spirit used Solomon to pen from Proverbs to the Song of Solomon. One may surely get this instructive admonition to influence him to eternal good. It is a most wonderful experience when one is young and humble enough to dedicate his all to God, and a thrilling experience to have God approve him and endow him with extraordinary gifts, including the greatest wisdom of any of the ancients. But it is the worst of folly to, while in the prime of life, turn from all the highly favored endowments and seek pleasure from the base things and thereby become the most foolish of all men in the use of God's grace so freely bestowed, and to use such knowledge and ability to foster the kingdom of evil, of lust, of greed, and of that which gives Satan, God's arch enemy, the best of opportunities for recruiting his army and planting seeds of dissension in the hearts of many.

Then how wonderful that God could forgive Solomon who finally looked up to Him for forgiveness and cause him to write the last two verses of Ecclesiastes as a part of the divine record!

Let us, you and I, do that which we are admonished to do in the Book of Hebrews. Let us allow all the bad things written about God's people when they were disobedient be an example that hinders us from sinning, and all the good things be an incentive to do as they, knowing that God highly rewards all of His for such obedience. Moses was a meek man, and that is what each of us should be.

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RECORD SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION

A new record has been set by the United Bible Societies in the number of Scriptures distributed throughout the world in a single year. Worldwide distribution by the fellowship of 50 national Bible Societies reached a total of 173,478,568 Scriptures in 1970, according to the annual report released by the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society at the Society's annual meeting in New York City, May 13.

The new record represents an increase of 28,177,702 over the previous year.

Donor gifts to the American Bible Society made possible the distribution of 132,152,756 Scriptures in the United States and elsewhere during 1970. More copies of Scripture were distributed in the United States last year than anywhere else in the world. Distribution in this country by the American Bible Society accounted for 99,595,467 of the world total.

In countries and territories where Bible Society work is not fully self-supporting, Scripture distribution is largely underwritten by the United Bible Societies World Service Budget, which is financed by member Societies able to share in the cost of worldwide distribution. Contributions for this purpose last year totaled $6,710,000, of which $3,557,731, or more than half, came from the American Bible Society.

STORIES

for our youth



The COWARD

by CARROLL S. KARCH

PUSHED from behind in the after-school stampede emptying onto the campus of Weston High, Scott James stumbled against the student in front of him.

"Hey! Watch who you're shoving!" The boy turned to confront Scott.

"Sorry," Scott apologized, slightly ducking his sandy bristle.

"Oh, so it's you! The newest boy at Weston and already teacher's pet. You pushed me on purpose!" accused the boy. He was stocky Walt Cully, who also was in Mr. Allen's history class.

"It was an accident. I said I was sorry," Scott replied.

"Hear that, boys? He said he was sorry," Cully mimicked in a falsetto voice.

Scott grinned. "That's acceptable to civilized people."

"Oh, so I'm not civilized! Then perhaps I'm crude—perhaps all of us here at Weston are crude. We're not a bit like that fancy city school you came from." Cully punctuated his words with nods as he looked around the growing ring of spectators.

Scott clamped his lips shut. If he said anything more, it would surely lead to a fight.

"No kid's calling me crude," Cully growled. His quick uppercut cracked Scott's chin.

Scott staggered backward. He clenched his fists.

Then Sunday's Bible verse flashed into his mind. "I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" (Matthew 5:39). Cully started it, Scott protested silently. How can I turn the other cheek?

"Sock him, Scott!" Hank Everett urged. "You can beat him!"

Scott shook his head at his friend. He couldn't fight. Especially over something so slight. Above all, he wanted to live as a Christian.

"O.K., boys. Break it up!" It was Mr. Allen pushing his way through the crowd. "Cully, you and James can finish this in the gym."

"I'm ready!" Cully snarled.

"There's nothing to finish, Mr. Allen." Scott picked up the books he had dropped. "I have to deliver my newspapers."

"How about that?" Cully exclaimed. "He's butter clear through."

"Are you sure, Scott?" Mr. Allen asked in the sudden silence.

"Yes, sir." Scott looked at the ground. He didn't want to see the looks he knew there'd be in the teacher's eyes and in Hank's.

"All right, fellows. Fight's over." Mr. Allen dismissed the reluctant group.

"Coward!" hissed a voice as the gathering melted away.

Scott pretended he had not heard, but like a burr next to his skin, the word pricked him all the way to the newspaper office.

What a stupid thing to happen, he thought, as he bicycled along. Though he hadn't wanted to move to Weston, he'd decided there was no use fighting it. Until now everything had been coming along fine. He and Hank had become pals, he had hit it off with Mr. Allen, and he had even been nominated to represent Weston at an out-of-state convention. He'd also got a paper route, and he was saving money for a car. Life couldn't have been better. But now—his shoulders slumped.

At the office he rolled his papers silently, then pedaled to his route and began tossing paper after paper from a heavy canvas bag on his shoulder. Finally he reached the end of his route, the small frame house that sat by itself at least two blocks from any other buildings.

"Hi, Mr. Grebney. How are you?" he shouted to the old gentleman who rocked on the porch, his white hair bathed in the rays of the setting sun. Mr. Grebney lived alone with his daughter, and Scott knew that he didn't hear very well. So he always tried to be nice to him.

"Eh? What's that?" the old fellow trumpeted.

Scott smiled, waved, and went on.

Surely today's happening would make no difference to Hank and Mr. Allen. Scott tried to console himself as he headed homeward. There was bound to be a buzz around school for a few days, but the kids would soon forget, and things would be O.K.

But as the days passed, Scott's hope faded and disappeared like the sun that slipped from the horizon each evening as he wound up his paper route. Mr. Allen seemed to treat him as before, but now Hank was spending less time with him.

Some of his friend's excuses were real. Scott knew. Hank had to help care for his little brother, who had broken a leg. But gradually Scott got the feeling that Hank was avoiding him. He blamed it on the incident with Cully.

Neither did the other kids forget. The boys, by implication and sometimes more directly, made it clear that they had no use for a coward. The girls took their cues accordingly. Instead of making friends and becoming a part of school activities, Scott found himself shunned and his advances declined.

At last, one night when he was feeling particularly lonely, he told his father what had happened.

"I'm glad you didn't fight, Scott," his father said. "Fighting never solves anything. But don't you think you should explain your beliefs to Hank? He'll respect them."

Scott shook his head. "Don't you say anything, either."

"O.K., son. I'll let you handle it. But think over what I've said."

Perhaps Dad did know best, Scott thought the next day as he made his paper rounds. Immediately after the incident he had been sure he'd done right by refusing to go to the gym, but now he was doubtful even of that. Perhaps

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THE UNINVITED DELEGATE

by Sylvia A. Storms

de a certain building tall
/e stand . . . and feel so very small,
great men come from far and near
o represent their countries here—
ones of eloquence unfurled
o solve the problems of the world!

though they try, 'tis all in vain:
"settled" war breaks out again.
eems as though the time's a waste.
f victory there's ne'er a taste.
problems just recur, but then . . .
he delegates are only men.

k! There's Someone by that door.
e's never been inside before.
elegate arriving late?
ome wealthy guest, a potentate?
knocking, knocking . . . Don't they hear?
hey're much, too much involved, I fear!

o can He be? He's humbly dressed.
e doesn't seem like all the rest . . .
t! I recall He's stood before
nd knocked in vain at that same door!
en now, it seems He calls.
an't they hear beyond those walls?

If they could know whom they've shut out!
le'd solve their problems without a doubt,
nly they would heed His call—
he most important Prince of all!
d bring them peace in place of strife;
le'd give to each eternal life!

at a change the world would see
f these great men on bended knee
uld seek His loving presence there—
Inited Nations joined in prayer—
nbly asking Him to lead
n every word and every deed.

v patiently He waits outside,
While mere men try to stem the tide
wars and riots and despair,
oo involved to hear Him there.
uninvited delegate—
hey'd let Him stand outside and wait.

time will come when at His name
ach knee shall bow, each tongue proclaim
t He who stood outside that door
My Christ) is Lord forevermore!
sider now the fate of those
Who find the door of heaven closed. . .

And have we not forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?—Benjamin Franklin.

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One reason prayer fails is that we may expect God to do things for us that He can do only through us.—Selected.

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When you have nothing left except God, then for the first time you become aware that God is enough.—Selected.

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FOR JUNE 6



GOD'S CALL TO FAITH

Lesson Text: Isaiah 30:15, 18; 31:1-3, 6; 32:16, 17

Memory Verse: Isaiah 30:15

I. INTRODUCTION

A nose and throat specialist had to operate on a poor little girl who was unable to take an anesthetic. He took a fifty-cent piece out of his pocket and said, "That's for you to spend exactly as you wish. I'm going to hurt you a little, but take a good look at the fifty-cent piece before I begin, and then hold it tight in your hand and remember what you saw while I'm at work—it won't hurt you nearly so much." When the operation was over, the doctor patted her on the head and said: "You're a brave little girl. Tell me what you thought of while I was at work."

"I thought of the words," she replied.

"The words," said the physician, "the date, you mean?" for he had hardly remembered that the coin had any words on it.

"No, I mean the words, 'In God we trust,'" she said quite simply. "It was the first half-dollar I ever saw, so I didn't know they were there, but it's lovely to have them, so the folks who have half dollars can think about them all the time." Do they?

As Christians we should look to God everyday with a simple faith, never depending on any self-effort of our own to bring about the victories in life over sin and Satan. If the people of Judah had remembered this and had trusted in Jehovah, their history might have been vastly different. Isaiah tried to remind them of this but they, as we so often do, failed to listen to their prophet and so they paid for their mistake by losing one of their most precious treasures: their national liberty. America, listen!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Judah's precarious geographic position.
2. Judah was having to pay tribute to the Assyrians.
3. Hezekiah makes an alliance with Egypt to try to overcome the Assyrians.

B. Wait on the Lord (Isaiah 30:15, 18)
1. Isaiah was opposed to this alliance between Judah and Egypt.
2. He urged the people to trust the Lord and wait for His help.
3. Isaiah knew that Egypt was a wicked nation and faced God's judgment.

C. The Woe Pronounced (Isaiah 31:1-3, 6)
1. The Egyptians were only human and should not be trusted.
2. Their instruments of warfare were material and must not be trusted.
3. Isaiah begs for faith in God who is almighty.

D. The Way of Righteousness (Isaiah 32: 16, 17)
1. Great human resources is not the way to peace.
2. Peace can be attained only through trust in God.
3. The causes of war are in the hearts of men.

E. Faith in a Crisis (Isaiah 37:5-7)
1. Assyria did attack Jerusalem.
2. The servants of Hezekiah then turned to Isaiah.
3. Isaiah plead for them to turn to God and make a prophecy.
4. The prophecy is fulfilled.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Back in 1912 the greatest ship in the world proudly put to sea on its first voyage, carrying more than two thousand people. The magnificent vessel was equipped with every luxury that could be imagined. It carried lifeboats too, but not enough for half of the people on board. There was really no need for lifeboats, the builders said, for this ship was constructed so that it could sink. Its huge hold was made up many watertight compartments. If hull were broken, only one compartm would fill with water, and the ship would float.

The mighty vessel was plowing at speed through the North Atlantic n when there was a terrific crash. ship had run into a tremendous iceb most of which was hidden beneath surface. In the steel hull was a three hundred feet long. Too many the compartments were flooded, and fore dawn the massive Titanic was g Hundreds of passengers lost their liv

This is one of many events that te us not to put all our trust in mate things. Ships can sink, banks and b nesses can fail, money can lose its va a person's health and strength can ish. Only one is worthy of comp trust, and that is God. He is unsinka infallible, sound through the ages. an iceberg in the path of the grea ship, temptation lurks in the way of strongest Christian. But God asks u trust in Him. Only thus do we security.—Standard Commentary.

B. "The reign of Hezekiah occupied of the most important periods in al Israel's history. Hezekiah was a gc king. The Assyrian armies, like a d storm cloud, were threatening the no ern frontiers. Before Hezekiah had c pleted his sixth year, Samaria had fa beneath this invader. This success c whetted the Assyrian appetite for ther conquest. Eight years later Ju was invaded. The first invasion was Sargon and the second by his son, S nacherib. Assyrian history tells us t The critical year in Hezekiah's reign the fourteenth (see Isaiah 36:1). It then we have the Assyrian invasion, king's mortal sickness and his recov and the final withdrawal of Assyri from the land. (This covered four yea

"These stony-hearted Assyrian w riors came year after year, blazing w steel and banners. The watchmen the falls of Jerusalem could see them vance by the smoke of the burn towns.

"King Hezekiah stripped the temple its treasures and took the gold from doors and pillars in order that he mi send them 300 talents of silver and talents of gold to buy them off (see Kings 18:13-16). In desperation h from Egypt was sought. But noth availed.

"Finally the Assyrians built th

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MISSIONS

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European boy is Mrs. Davis' son). attend the meetings to see the flan-graph stories that Mrs. Davis uses the meetings. We trust God will k to them. Pray that we can reach children of Kutanga for Christ as as the madzimai (women).

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pfires around the city of Jerusalem demanded its surrender."—A Look the Old Testament, by Henrietta C. ars.

. When Moses went up Mount Sinai receive the Ten Commandments from l, Aaron was left behind with the ple. They were undisciplined and did have a faith like that of Moses. In ses' absence they demanded that on make them a god—a golden calf. y wanted a god who would make no vy demands on them, a god they ld see and touch and feel. They seem-to have more faith in that kind of god n in Moses' God.

oo many people want a kind of gold-calf god today. They have more faith their planes, ships, and bombs than y have in God. Woe to us when we st in our might more than in the might God!—Ray O. Jones.

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A lot of kneeling keeps you in good nding with God.—Selected.

A PARENT'S CREED

If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns to be confident.
If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.

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Churches

Beautiful is the large church,
With stately arch and steeple;
Neighborly is the small church,
With groups of friendly people;
Reverent is the old church,
With centuries of grace,
And a wooden church or a stone church
Can hold an altar place.
And whether it be a rich church
Or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church
If God is worshiped there.

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Give to God. God gave to you.—Selected.

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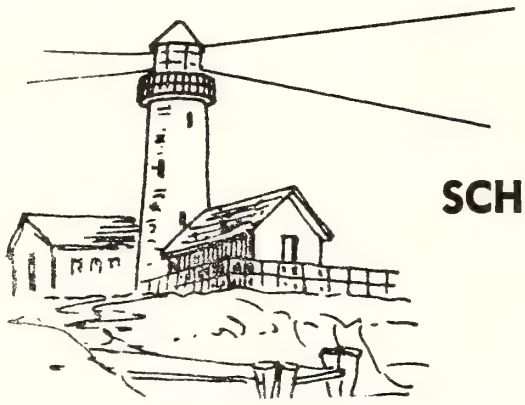
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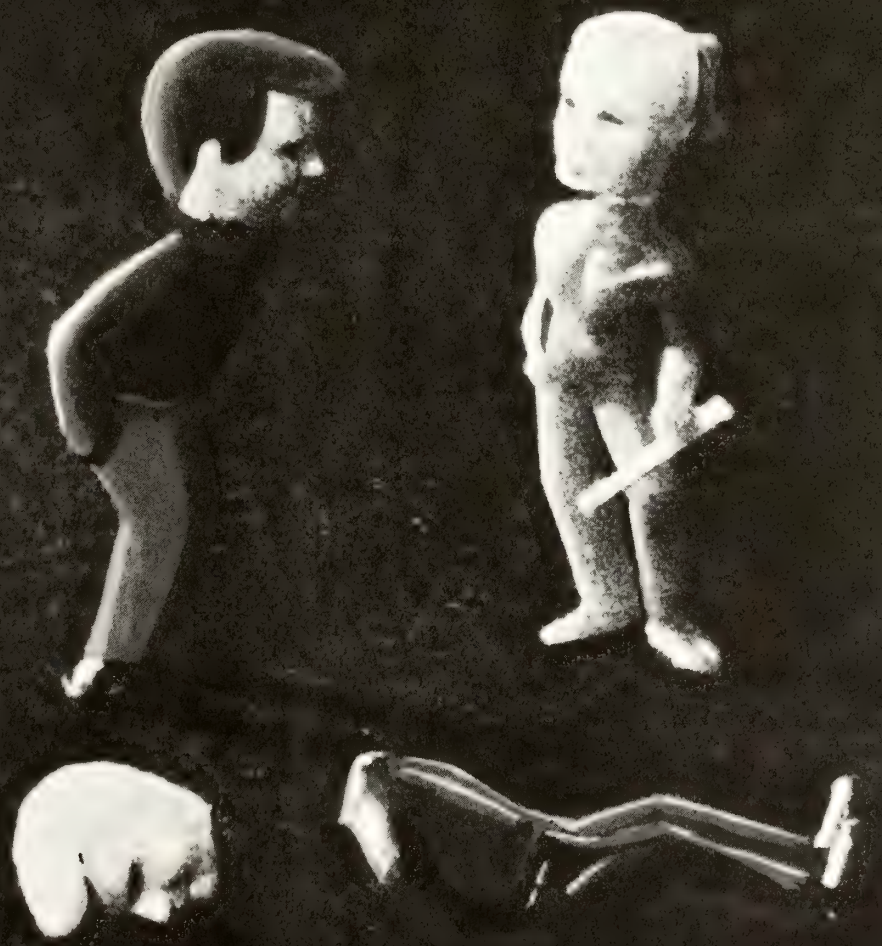
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OFF WITH THEIR HEADS!

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OFF WITH THEIR HEADS!

In days of yore when kings and queens ruled their domains and their word was law, the most terrible utterance to fall from their lips was the command, "Off with their heads!" Their humble subjects lived in terror of this command and in every way sought to stay in the good graces of the sovereign.

We have come a long way from beheading, and we are apt to think the practice barbaric—as indeed it is by modern standards. Some of the offenses that produced such executions were so trivial that we are prone to laugh at them. Yet, for those whose heads were taken, it was no laughing matter. For example, a public statement ridiculing the king or queen was a capital offense; and a person just had better sense than to make sport of "His" or "Her Majesty."

Things are different now. Everyday our vice-president is made sport of because of his outspokenness and because he is more frank than evasive. We haven't always agreed with him, but in considering his rebukers, we can't help but wonder what would happen were he one of the kings of yesteryear. If his disposition happened to be comparable to that of some of the olden kings, many of his "derogators" might just wake up one morning to find themselves headless!

This beheading business causes us to consider some present-day offenses which often go unchecked. No heads are lost because of these offenses, but some souls might be. These offenses are made against the heavenly King; and if we were in the King's place, we might sometimes be inclined to say, "Off with their heads" . . .

—when they are proud and think that they can do everything better than anyone else and feel that they are indispensable. . .

—when they are so satisfied with their present condition that they take no serious thought for their soul's salvation. . .

—when they are stingy and hold every penny for some personal desire, never considering missions, God, or the church. . .

—when they are unforgiving and reserve a place in their hearts where they can store grudges that can be called forth for any convenient occasion. . .

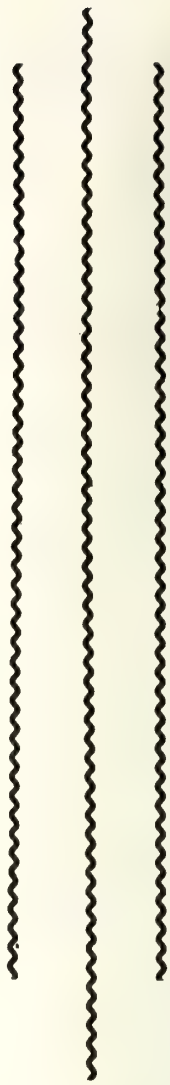
—when they are hardhearted and cannot be touched by poverty, pain, or sorrow, and think that every brother should be his own keeper. . .

—when they are rabble-rousing and stir up discord among the brethren, intent upon destroying the unity of the group. . .

—when they are—well, we don't really need to go on, do we?

Of course the Lord never took anyone's head off. He doesn't do things that way; but in the case of John the Baptist, this man lost his head for **serving** the Lord, not offending Him. He dared to speak the Lord's Word concerning a certain king and queen's sin. How many of us today would be strong enough in our convictions to stand for Him at the risk of losing our heads? Not many! Yet, we need to be.

To be or not to be beheaded is not really a concern of ours. We do so little worrying about offenses. The day may come, however, when we hear a worse judgment than "Off with their heads!" What could be worse? Well, consider if you will, ". . . Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).



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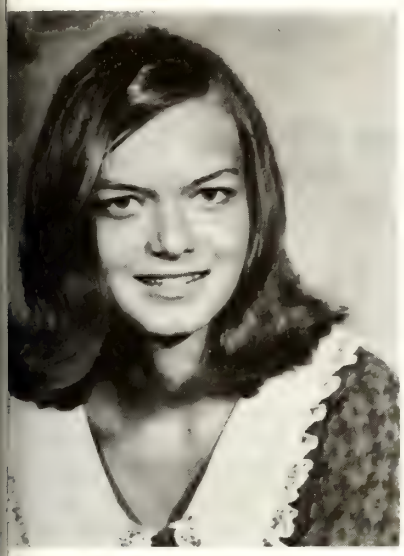
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MISS DEBBIE HARRIS

Miss Debbie Harris is a seventeen-year-old junior at Ayden High School, Ayden, North Carolina, where she is active in various club organizations, including the Future Business Leaders of America and the high school chorus.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris of Ayden, and is a member of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. She is dedicated to her church and is active in all of its activities. She is a member of the Youth Fellowship Auxiliary and is featured often as choir soloist.

Her essay, "The Greatest Need of Our Church," captured first place in the District and State Essay Contests sponsored by the State Free Will Baptist Youth Convention; and as the winner on the state level, she has been awarded a free trip to Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina. She will be attending the General Youth Conference held at Cragmont June 14-19. Last year she served as a junior counselor during this conference.

As the state essay winner, Miss Harris was privileged to read her essay at the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention which met at the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina, May 6. We commend her on her fine composition.

The Greatest Need of Our Church

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WHAT is the greatest need of my church? There could be many answers to the question. First, I think one important need is attendance. God knows the hearts of people, and He knows that they need a place where they can meet for inspiration, fellowship, and worship. He always meets man's needs, and so He planned the church for them. The Book of Hebrews in Chapter 10, Verse 25, tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

If you do not come to church your life is not complete. The most satisfying tasks in the world are found in the church. Two real blessings are giving and receiving. I can testify to you today that I had no permanent satisfaction in my life until I became active in the service of God.

As I look ahead, I find another serious need of my church—friendliness. A church must have a personality. It must be friendly if it is going to attract people. There are many who ride miles and pass other churches in order to go to church to be with friendly people.

Bobby Burns, the great Scotch poet, one day was lonely and dejected; and he drifted into a church and sat there through the sevrices. Maybe he could have been won by friendliness, but the members lost their opportunity. His life might have been different, but the members paid no attention to him. Taking a hymnbook out of the rack, he wrote these words on the flyleaf:

> As cold a wind as ever blew;
> A colder church, and in it but few;
> As cold a minister as ever spak';
> Ye'll all be hot ere I come back.

I really hope my church isn't as bad as this experience of Mr. Burns, but I'll have to confess that it could use a little warming up.

Faithfulness is another essential factor of success. If we are to be successful anywhere, we must have the possession of faithfulness. We cannot build a successful business without workers; we cannot build a successful church without

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SUNDAY, JUNE 6

WHAT FISHING MEANS

Scripture Reading—Acts 22:15

If you are going to be fishers of men, you must go where men are. I wonder if our churches have not made a mistake when they settle down in a comfortable church and put a sign outside, "Welcome." Suppose I went down to the stream and stood on the bank with my rod, line, and bait in my hand, and said, "Come on, little fish, I have a lovely line, and the nicest worm on my hook; come right out of the water and help yourself." How many fish would I get?—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Fishing for men is the best kind of fishing. In this "sport," the fish benefit greatly, as they are brought to a saving knowledge of Christ.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

LIFE'S RICHEST REWARD

Scripture Reading—Genesis 29:27

A young woman in New York held what was considered a splendid position in a school attended by children from wealthy homes. Suddenly she gave it up and went to teach in one of the most squalid districts on the East Side.

"These East Side kiddies have so little," she explained. "School is the one bright spot in their lives. I feel almost like a fairy godmother when in their midst. The children in my other school had everything. They even were conveyed to the schoolroom door by nurses and chauffeurs. There was no 'kick' in it for me."

Such confessions as this prove that Jesus was right when He stressed the fact that the joy that comes from helping others is the richest reward one can experience in life.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Doing good deeds for other people bring intangible rewards, more precious than silver or gold.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

SENDING TREASURES HOME

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

I once had friends who were traveling abroad for several years. They intended to build a home on their return, and the dream of the home that was to be went with them in all their journeying. When they could secure a beautiful picture, statue, or vase, they purchased it, and sent it home to await their coming. Rare and curious treasure which would afterward be linked with happy memories they forwarded for their future enjoyment. I love to think that we are doing the same for our heavenly home in these pilgrimage days on earth. The kindly deed that made a rare picture in somebody's life, the little sacrifice that blossomed into joy, the helpful friendship,—all these we shall find again; and the patience we have gained, the "song in the night" that we have learned, whatever of beauty, tenderness, faith, or love we can put into other lives or our own will be among our treasures in heaven!—*Forward.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Treasures we send to heaven by the good life we live are the treasures that will last and afford future enjoyment. Earthly treasures are no good.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

LITTLE JANE UNDERSTOOD

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:1

At church little Jane had listened to a sermon on "Let Your Light Shine." The only part she remembered was the text, but she didn't understand what it meant until her mother explained, "It means being good, obedient, and cheerful." In the afternoon there was trouble in the nursery, and Jane excused herself for being naughty by saying, "I've blowed myself out."—*Church Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Attitudes sometime can make people wonder as to whether we have the Lord in our hearts. Letting our lights shine always is important.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:9

A young Christian working man told me that he lost a valued tool from his tool kit and recognized it later in the kit of his fellow workman. Being the only Christian at work in the room he felt it incumbent upon him to show forgiveness. So he went to the thief and said, "I see you have one of my tools, but you can keep it if you need it." Then he went on with his work and put the incident out of his mind. During the next two weeks the thief three times tried to give the value of the tool to its rightful owner—once by offering to give him something else of equal value, again by offering his services between hours, and again by slipping money into his coat pocket. The incident closed with a lasting friendship between the two men, because, said the thief, "I couldn't stand being forgiven."—*Henry and Tertius van Dyke in Light My Candle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Showing forgiveness wins more batt than we might realize. Let's test it the n time some trouble arises.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

THE QUIET HOUR

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 30:15

We need the quiet hour to keep the bo in tone. A woman, weary, fretful, si went to her doctor. After listening to recital of her complaints, he said, "W you need is to read your Bible more." S was inclined to resist the suggestion; l the doctor said, "Go home; read your Bi one hour each day, and in a month co back."

At the end of the month she return Looking in her face, he said: "You ha been an obedient patient; do you think y need any other medicine?"

"No; but how did you know that w what I needed?" she replied.

Taking up his well-torn Bible, the d tor said: "If I were to omit my daily read in this book, I should lose my great source of strength and skill."

The quiet hour is good for the body.

We need the quiet hour to deepen spiritual life.

The quiet hour should be carried into work of the whole day by "practicing presence of God."—*H. F. Shupe.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Doctors' offices would be less full o patients would have less complaints if p ple would trust the Lord and rely upon Word as a source of strength.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

MORALITY, OR THE BLOOD?

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 9:27

Morality may keep you out of jail, bu takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep out of hell.—*Syracuse Post-Standard.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Morally good men are not necessa Christian men. Having morals is good, having Christ is better!

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A LADDER OF SUCCESS

100% I did
90% I will
80% I can
70% I think I can
60% I might
50% I think I might
40% What is it?
30% I wish I could
20% I don't know how
10% I can't
0% I won't.

—Selected.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

inancial Aid and Supervised Work Experience Program for Ministerial Students

e following program to assist min-ial students in financing their edu-n and in providing appropriate work eriences has been approved by the d of Trustees of Mount Olive Col-

is the desire of the College to assist ents preparing for the ministry and r church-related vocations in the fol-ng ways:

To provide financial assistance at a l that will assure no qualified and cated student will be denied for fi-cial reasons the opportunity of two s of study in preparation for the stian ministry or other full-time ch-related vocations.

To provide an appropriate program academic study during a two-year od that will make the maximum con-ution to the student's preparation for Christian calling.

. To provide for such students super-d work experience in appropriate ac-ies including pastorate, preaching intments, revivals, youth work, em-ment in church-related institutions, other activities that will contribute their personal, religious, and educa-al development.

n order to achieve these goals the owing recommendations have been roved by the Board of Trustees of unt Olive College:

. That the provisions of the "Church-ege Scholarship" program be extend-to include qualified students who are paring for the Christian ministry or er full-time church-related vocations ardless of their denominational af-iation.

. That a grant-in-aid in an amount to exceed $125 per semester be horized for students who will sign l satisfactorily carry out the terms of supervised work agreement" with the artment of religion.

n the event that adequate funds can secured, it is further recommended that provisions be made whereby students may enter into a "supervised work agreement" for the summer during which over a period of ten weeks they would qualify for an additional $250 grant.

The department of religion will formulate the terms of the "supervised work experience" and enter into agreements with churches and church-related institutions to provide appropriate work experiences for students preparing for the Christian ministry and other full-time church-related vocations. It is understood that the above financial aid provisions will be coordinated carefully with the total financial aid program of the College to assure the maximum use of its financial aid resources and to prevent the awarding of grants-in-aid, scholarships, and other forms of assistance beyond the justifiable needs of the student.

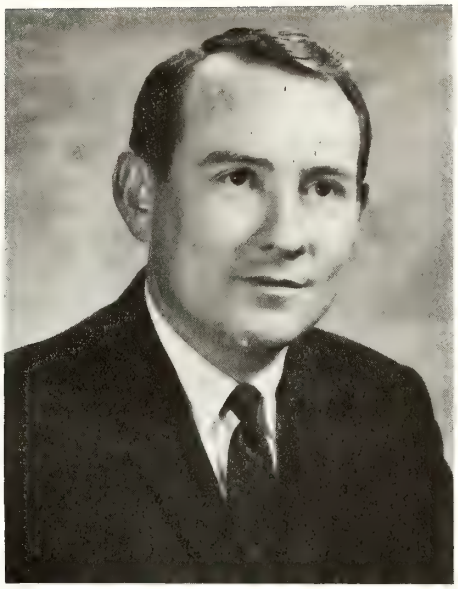
Pastors, churches, and denominational institutions who are interested in the services of ministerial students under the above program are invited to contact Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman, department of religion, Mount Olive College (office telephone 919 658-2502; home telephone 919 658-2343).

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Professors Approved For Academic Tenure

Two members of the faculty of Mount Olive College have been approved by the board of trustees for academic tenure to become effective with the 1971-72 year.

C. Sheldon Howard, professor of religion and campus minister; and Claude H. Moore, professor of social studies, were recognized by the board for their outstanding services during the past three years and were put on a continuing employment basis with the College.



C. Sheldon Howard

Howard is an alumnus of Mount Olive College and holds the A.B. degree from Atlantic Christian College and the Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a native of Newport, North Carolina, and is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister.



Claude H. Moore

Moore, a native of Turkey, North Carolina, is a well-known North Carolina historian, and prior to joining the faculty of Mount Olive College, served extensively as both a teacher and administrator in the public schools of the state. During the summer he will conduct an European Travel Seminar which will include visits to England, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Switzerland, Spain, and Portugal.

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Take some of your spare moments and make them into prayer moments.—Selected.

Winterville Member Is Great Pocahontas



MRS. ALMETA HARRIS

Mrs. Almeta Harris, an active member of the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, was installed as the Great Pocahontas of North Carolina, in impressive ceremonies, May 18, at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina.

For ten years Mrs. Harris has held membership in the Degree of Pocahontas, which is a branch of the Improved Order of Red Men, the oldest fraternal order in the United States. She was installed along with thirty other state officers whom she remembered with orchid corsages.

At her presentation as the Great Pocahontas, her husband, W. Randolph Harris, pinned the jewel of office on her; and during the installation ceremony, her son, Wayne Vincent, sang two solos, "God Understands" and "An Evening Prayer," accompanied by Tommy Manning at the organ.

Mrs. Harris is the mother of two children: Wayne Vincent of Winterville and Mrs. Alvin Ray Wingate of Ayden, North Carolina. She has one grandchild.

One of her duties for the next year as Great Pocahontas will be to make official visits to every council in North Carolina. She holds local membership in the Silver Stream Council No. 48 of Winterville.

Her acceptance speech which she delivered as Great Pocahontas is as follows:

"As I accept this Tomahawk of Authority, I do so by feeling very proud and yet very humble. I don't remember ever feeling this way but twice in my life—once when the doctor laid a baby boy in my arms, and said, 'This is your son,' and again when a baby girl was laid in my arms and I was told, 'This is your daughter.' I felt really proud and humble then, just as I do now.

"I can't thank each of you enough for allowing me to serve as your Great Pocahontas for the next Great Sun. As I have said before so many times, I will do my best to promote this order to have love and understanding, to work and strive to build this wonderful organization so that this Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas will receive the recognition that it deserves.

"When I joined this order ten years ago, it was my dream that someday I would be your Great Pocahontas. So I will have to say that dreams do come true. I have always striven for this order, not for my wishes but for the good of the order. I love the Degree of Pocahontas and feel very proud to say that I am a member of the Pocahontas.

"I know that my ability is limited, but I will do my best with the cooperation of each of you—and I know we can have a great organization.

"To my officers I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for serving this Great Sun. To my husband I give my love. I thank him for being here with me on this occasion and for the beautiful corsage he presented me. To my family and friends I say thank you very much for sharing this happy time with me and for being present today.

"To the ones who helped me with this installation, you will never know how much I appreciate what you have done. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

"In the next Great Sun, if there is anything or any way I can be of help, please feel free to ask me. Again, thanks to all of you—and I love each of you in a special way.

"I would like to conclude with a poem entitled, 'My Prayer,' written by my sister, Mrs. Elsie McLawhorn:

" 'My prayer is when I awake each day
God will guide me along life's way;
Help me in everything I do and say
That I may help others to know the way.

" 'My prayer is when I have grown withered and old
That I may be rich—but not with silver and gold;
But with the love of God strong in my heart,
So everyone can see I have done my part.

" 'My prayer is when I have stood the test,
Others may see I have done my best;
To show them the right way to live
Means not so much to get—but give.

" 'My prayer is that my life has been
Something helpful learned by women and men;
Not to go astray, but always faithful be
So the face of my Saviour someday I see.' "

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MY HERITAGE

A whole Christ for my salvation;
A whole Bible for my staff;
A whole church for my fellowship;
A whole world for my parish.

—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Paula Jean Wood

(IN LOVING MEMORY)

On Wednesday morning, January 1971, at 3:30 a. m., God called our d little girl home to be with Him. Li Paula Jean Wood was born August 1952, and had been very faithful in tendance to her church, Grimsley F Will Baptist Church, Greene Coun North Carolina, when health permit her to go. When she was not able to to church, she would always wa preaching and gospel singing on TV.

Paula Jean is survived by her parer Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Wood of Hookert North Carolina; one sister, Valerie; t brothers, Pat and Andy; all of the hor

The vacancy that she left in our ho has been one of sorrow, but we feel th our loss is heaven's gain, for she lo the Lord dearly and was so faithful Him. We found a little note in her ble the week after her death, where s had written: "Paul Jean Wood, age was saved and joined the Grimsley F Will Baptist Church, October 31, 196

Funeral services were held in t Grimsley church, Thursday, January 1971, by the pastor, the Rev. L. B. M ning, assisted by the Rev. Clifton Rice Kinston, North Carolina; and burial w in the Ayden, North Carolina, Cemeter

Written by her mother,
Mrs. Hyman Wood

Coming Events

July 6, 7—General Conference of Origi Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle Fr Will Baptist Church, Spartanbu South Carolina

uth Receives Young American Award

20-year-old Spartanburg, South lina, youth was honored in Atlanta, gia, Thursday night, May 27, by the pring Division BSA for her outstand- accomplishment in the field of reli-

e Young American Award was pre- ed to Claudia C. Turner, daughter of nd Mrs. Melvin Turner, 113 Andover , Spartanburg, at the 61st National cil Annual Meeting, Boy Scouts of rica. Claudia was named first run- p to the 1971 Miss America during Miss America Pageant in Atlantic last September.

e Young American Awards, first pre- ed in 1968, are given to young men omen between the ages of 15 and ho have achieved exceptional excel- e in the fields of science, religion, ce, government, business, athletics, music, or literature. Previous re- nts include Rex Kern of Columbus, , Ohio State University All-American; Bamford of Haxtun, Colorado, 1968 nal president of the Future Farmers merica; and Madeline Manning of eland, Ohio, Olympic Gold Medal win- for the 800-meter run.

e other nominees were selected for high award this year because of their tanding accomplishments and their rtant contribution to their com- ity. They were Craig R. Rudlin, mond, Virginia, science; Clayton Tay- Oktaha, Oklahoma, service and ath- s; James Heath, Catskill, New York, ice; Virginia A. Stroud, Bacone, Okla- a, service and art; and David Powell, Lake City, Utah, athletics, religion, music.

e awards are presented on behalf of 6-million-member youth organization. recipients do not have to be mem- of Exploring or the Boy Scouts of rica but are honored to call atten- to the many great accomplishments oung people day after day in the na-

Boy of the Year Award

mes Heath was named "Boy of the " by the Boys' Clubs of America on basis of an outstanding record of ice to his home, church, school, com- ity, and Boys' Club. He competed nst representatives of 860 Boys' s. He works part time at his local s' Club and with his town's highway artment.

t Catskill Central High School, Cats-kill, New York, he served as assistant treasurer and president of the student council. He was in the top 10 percent of his class and represented the high school chorus at the New York State Music Festival.

James is also very active in the Second Baptist Church of Catskill where he organized the Second Baptist Youth movement and was elected its first president. He also sings in the choir and has helped revive an interest in the choir in the youth of the community.

He also has found time to participate in the Boys' Club Santa's Helpers program, his school's Save the Children campaign, and helped voluntarily with local recreation and heart fund campaigns.

EDITOR OF COLLEGE YEARBOOK



In recent student elections on the Mount Olive College campus, Miss Penny Edwards was elected to serve as the editor of the college yearbook, "The Olive Leaves," for 1972. Miss Edwards is a freshman at the college and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edwards of Wilson, North Carolina. She is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson.

While at Mount Olive, Miss Edwards has served as advertising manager of the 1971 "Olive Leaves" and she has been an active member of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. She is a Bryan Scholar and was tapped for membership in Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity at the beginning of the spring semester. She has also been elected to serve as a college marshal for 1971-72.

STUDY MADE IN AERONAUTICS

The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College has authorized a feasibility study to be made to determine the requirements for an Associate in Science degree in Aeronautics. Assisting in the study will be Skyways Aviation of Mount Olive with whom the College will enter into a contractural relationship for the program if the study shows that a two-year program in aeronautics is advisable.

In announcing the study President W. Burkette Raper reported that considerable interest had been shown in a flying program by students who enrolled during the current academic year in a course of study at the College taught by Skyways Aviation. The personnel of Skyways Aviation and the availability of an excellent airport facility in Mount Olive have made it possible for the College to consider adding aeronautics to its expanded program of services to the citizens of Eastern North Carolina.

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NEWS NOTES

Revival Scheduled for Steven's Chapel Church

Revival services will be held at Steven's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Benson, North Carolina, beginning Monday evening, June 7, and continuing through Saturday evening, June 12. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the guest evangelist, the Rev. Henry Armstrong. The pastor, the Rev. David Hill, will assist in the services which will feature special music each evening. He and the church congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

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Layman's League Fellowship Free Union Church

The Layman's League Fellowship of the Central Conference will meet Monday evening, June 7, at 7:30, with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina. The Rev. C. L. Patrick is the host pastor.

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The president of a Christian college has said that education should be sixfold in its scope and character. "It would give the student a body strong and supple, an intellect able to think, a heart to love, a conscience for righteousness, an imagination to appreciate the beautiful, and a will strong to choose."—Copied.

MY GOD IS ALIVE

by Jimmy Raper
St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, N. C.

People worship many things this day and time:
Their cars, homes, money, and things that are fine.
You can see they care only for earthly gain,
While their hearts and souls grow hard and vain.
I pray your god is not a new car;
While it may be nice and can carry you far.
What good is it when things go wrong?
Can it make life easier, or in your heart place a song?
If your god is your car, can it answer a prayer?
Can it make life pleasant, without a care?
Your god is nothing but metal and parts,
It doesn't think or love and it has no heart.
While my God is alive and loves me I know,
And is always with me wherever I go.
When troubles arise I can talk to mine,
And He always answers . . . every time.
If your god is a car, I feel pity for you,
Because my God is alive and to Him I'll be true.

People worship many things this day and time:
Their homes, cars, money, and things that are fine.
You can tell they care nothing about a second birth,
Made possible by God sending His Son to this earth.
I hope your god is not your new home,
Even though a house is needed and good to own.
Don't let it take God's place in your life,
For if you do, it will surely bring pain and strife.
If your home is your god, can it drive doubt away?
Or fill your heart with the light of day?
Your god is nothing but board and brick
And it can't help should you get hurt or sick.
While my God is alive and there when I call,
As long as I'm faithful and give Him my all.
He is always there, ready to be my guide
As long as I keep walking close to His side.

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

UNION MEETING REPORT

MAY 29, 1971

The fields of opportunity are white in the area of child care! Through our (dren's Home, God has given Free Will Baptists a wonderful opportunity to ministe the name of Jesus Christ to the needs of children. A real service has been rend and a real Christian mission fulfilled when we have helped children solve their spirit physical, and mental problems. As we depend upon you for our support, it is privilege to share with you information about our operation.

I. Appreciation

We thank you for your wonderful support during the past quarter. Please p for us as we serve our children. We cannot continue without your prayers and fi cial backing.

II. FINANCES

Our income during the months of January, February, and March was about e with last year.

A. Receipts compared with last year:

	1970-71	1969-70	Increas (Decre
January	$16,384.07	$ 7,450.72	$ 8,933
February	19,395.87	24,834.09	(5,438
March	6,523.46	9,168.97	(2,645
	$42,303.40	$41,453.78	$ 849

B. Disbursements for same period:

January	$15,026.63	$12,217.94	$ 2,808
February	17,769.41	16,155.30	1,614
March	19,433.45	21,214.84	(1,781
	$52,229.49	$49,588.08	$ 2,641

C. Earmarked Founders' Day contributions as of May 24 have totaled $4,042.

D. Total income for the month of May last year was $16,348.05. Up to May this year we have received $18,981.39.

III. Assistant Superintendent Resigns

We regret to announce the resignation of the Rev. Eugene Sumner as assis superintendent of the Home to be effective on August 20, 1971. He has served ably in this capacity for approximately two years. Mr. Sumner plans to continue education in September at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) in the of Child Welfare.

IV. Housemothers

During the last quarter, we have lost two housemothers. Mrs. Martha Bunn suddenly following surgery and Miss Pattie Davis resigned near the end of Febru Thus, we are in desperate need to find replacements for these. Anyone intereste serving as a housemother should contact the superintendent.

V. Physical Needs

A. **New Residence:** After Mr. Sumner, who is single and lived in a one-bedr apartment, resigned, the board of trustees realized that we do not have quate facilities for his replacement to reside. It is very needful for this r as director of group care (campus life), to live on campus. Hopefully, more ideally, he should be a family man. Thus, the board of trustees dec

that our only satisfactory choice is to build a new residence as soon as possible. Please send your contributions liberally so we can proceed with this work on a "pay-as-we-go basis."

B. **New Van:** The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has adopted as a special project the purchasing of a new van for the Home. Our ladies across the state are encouraged to help with this project.

C. **New Roofs:** Because of excessive leaking, plus some additional wind damage in the early spring, it became necessary to install new roofs on the Dean's Cottage, the Smith Cottage, the Office Building, and the Superintendent's Home. This project has been completed at a cost of $2,558.88. Please continue to make your earmarked contributions at the rate of $15 per square of shingles (installed) to help us reimburse our general fund.

D. **Painting:** All of our old buildings need painting inside and out. We would welcome your help in the area.

E. **Office Equipment:** We announced earlier that we needed to upgrade our office equipment as a means to keep you informed. Machines needed as listed are: an adding machine, a mimeograph machine, a folding machine, and an addressing machine. We are happy to report that earmarked contributions and pledges have come in to cover the cost of all these machines. Thanks to those who have made this possible!

. Farm

Our Farm operation looks real good so far this year.

A. The crops are off to a good start.

B. We have sold and killed a good number of hogs recently. However, due to good luck with new pigs born, we have over 100 hogs, plus several sows that will be farrowing soon.

C. An effort is being made to upgrade our cattle program. At the present time, we have 50 cows on our farm. These are brood cows bought for the purpose of getting into a "raise our own" calf program. We believe we can see some dividends after approximately two years. Previously, we have bought, fattened, killed and/or sold calves with the hopes of breaking even or making a little profit.

I. Our Children

A. At the present time we have 62 children on campus, consisting of 37 boys and 25 girls.

B. Our two children who were in vocational rehabilitation training in Kinston have recently graduated and have just found work. They will probably be ready for discharge soon.

C. We have two girls in our care who are in college at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

D. One five-year-old girl has just been admitted by vote of the board of trustees. She will come on campus on June 21.

E. These figures add to a total of 67 children presently in our care.

Founders' Day Successful

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home Middlesex celebrated its annual ounders' Day, May 22, 1971, on the mpus at the Home. The day began ith a worship service at 10:30 a.m., ith Dr. James Batten from East Carolina niversity as guest speaker. The serce was followed by a picnic lunch on e grounds. Next came the fun and ames which involved visitors and chilen from the Home. The activities enyed were: contest for the visitors, ngs, relays, bag races, bicycle races, kits at the pool, water activities, bobng for apples, plus many other activities. After the activities everyone enjoyed our pig picking just before going home. We all had a ball! Sure did miss you this year though—hope to see you next year!

Our Founders' Day contributions totaled $4,042.76.

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The perfection of the gospel system is not that it makes allowances for sin, but that it makes atonement for it; not that it tolerates sin, but that it destroys it.—Selected.

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It is always more difficult to quarrel with a person after you have prayed with him.—Christian Advocate.

DEATH TAKES NO HOLIDAY

by Bernard R. DeRemer

Arlington National Cemetery, the nation's number one burial ground, is running out of space!

Drastic reductions became necessary "or the cemetery would have been full within a year," according to the **Washington Post.** With burials reaching 7,000 a year, the Defense Department was forced to bar most veterans, at least until an expansion raises the total gravesites available to nearly 210,000.

Formerly any present member of the armed forces, honorably discharged veteran, or certain relatives were eligible for burial in Arlington—or any of the other 67 national cemeteries, 32 of which are already filled.

President John F. Kennedy, of course, heads the list of some 145,000 buried in famed Arlington's rolling 420 acres overlooking Washington, D. C., from across the Potomac River.

Even with greater life expectancy than ever before and the highly publicized population explosion, overcrowding in cemeteries provides a realistic warning of the voracious grim reaper. One factor has never changed since Adam—there is still one death for every birth!

But God has provided eternal life for all who will receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour from sin and its consequences.

From the Book: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes" (Hosea 13:14).

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9: 27, 28).

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Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray. —Selected.

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It is always so much easier to believe something about Jesus than it is to be somewhat like Him.—Selected.

THE GREATEST NEED OF OUR CHURCH

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them, either. If all of the members of my church were faithful in attendance, it would not hold the congregation!

Why isn't my church a soul-winning church? The church is the only organization that has as its aim, soul-winning. If it loses, all of its work is in vain. I guess some of the indolent people of my church don't realize that our church is falling and that only they can build it up. Maybe if this truth were realized, my church could again grow and be the church it was before all of the disinterest began.

My church is not a live church. The deadest thing in the world is a dead church; the greatest thing in the world is a live church. You can never hatch chickens in a Frigidaire, and souls are never born in a dead and cold church.

On a hot, sultry night, a group of people sat together talking about the hot weather. They just could not find any relief from the heat. Finally, one said, "Let's go to prayer meeting at Blank Church."

"Where did you get such an idea?" another one asked.

He replied, "We can get cool there—that is the coldest place in town."

I also wish my church were a tithing church. A recent newspaper article tells us how the Mohammedans put us to shame in the matter of giving. In 1945 their spiritual leader had an anniversary and they gave him his weight in diamonds. This made a gift of $25,000,000. On an anniversary some years ago, they gave him twice his weight in gold. We are not asked to give to a human being. We are asked to give to Christ in order to bless the world.

In my church, I can show you two different types of people. There are those who have learned the joy of tithing. God has sent rich blessings into their lives. But, there are those who have cut their pledges, who have withheld God's money. Today they suffer as a consequence of their actions. You are not asked to tithe so that the church can get your money; you are asked to tithe so that God can have you. He wants the opportunity of using and blessing you, and of giving you the joy of surrendered will. Yes, I want my church to be a tithing church.

What do I mean when I say I want my church to be a people's church? By that I mean that I want it to be a church which belongs to all people, where everyone feels at home, where every member feels that he is a vital part of the whole. Over a certain church door I saw the inscription, "The rich and the poor meet here; the Lord is the Maker of them all." I want my church to be one where every member can say, "This is my church. I love it and am proud to belong to it."

A great word in a good church is the word, "fellowship." I wish I could keep this as the glory of my church, that all of our members are on an equal footing and that even the least of them is of great value to the church. If even one member finds that he doesn't have a part and drifts away, the church is reaping just that much.

I have been over many important needs of my church, but I have not yet mentioned the greatest need. To me, the greatest need of my church is God. What can it be without Him? What can it do without Him? Where can it go without Him? The answers to these questions are simple—they are "nothing" and "nowhere." My church has many problems that I have mentioned. They need to be cleared up, but how is this possible without God?

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

TOGETHER FOR ONE GOAL!

In any cooperate undertaking it is necessary that all parts that constitutes the whole work together for the realization of the common goal. Cragmont Assembly is not the work of its board of directors and stockholders or any special interest group. It is the work of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches. Therefore, it is expedient and desirable that all members of this body cooperate in this part of our work! This is necessary that our goals might be reached and that we develop this opportunity of witnessing to its fullest potential.

Our goals are the same as they have always been: (1) To provide a rich and meaningful spiritual, recreational, and intellectual experience for our campe and (2) to improve upon the rich herita of twenty-five years of work at Cragmc in both physical facilities and the quali of experiences received by the campe These goals are broad, but complete within the realm of faith, reason, and t cooperative dedication of our people. a time when our youth are in need good, solid, Christian guidance, cont buting to the program of Cragmont A sembly is one way that each of us c help minister to this great need of o young people!

To realize our goals, we must wo together for one united goal. We ha several groups having funds for vario projects at Cragmont. Of course this your privilege as to how your funds w be used; however, we respectfully r quest that each group, church, or in vidual turn in any funds you might ha for Cragmont. Some of you have alrea done this and we appreciate your coo eration. The beginning of Phase 2 (prc ably a kitchen-dining hall complex) our development program will be dete mined by how quickly we are able to tire our present indebtedness ($25,00 Also, we challenge each of the church to add $170 to your present giving f Cragmont. If 150 of our churches wou accept this challenge, this would give $25,000 yearly for developmental pu poses. Again we **urge each** of our aux iaries, fellowships, unions, conferenc churches, and individuals: **let us wo together for one goal!**

Yours in His service,
Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity-Director

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THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH—A MODEL CHURCH

It was:
Happy—"had rest" (Acts 9:31)
Healthy—"edified" and "walking"
Humble—"in the fear of the Lord"
Holy—"comforted" of the Holy Ghost
Hearty—multiplied.

—Selecte

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: If Christians are saved for ernity, how are they to be punished for ir wrongdoing after they are saved?

Answer: The Holy Spirit has caused ul to answer your question in parts. or this cause many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if would judge ourselves, we should not judged. But when we are judged, we chastened of the Lord, that we should t be condemned with the world" (1 inthians 11:30-32).

Some of these Christians at Corinth re carnal or worldly Christians, and d allowed sickness to come upon some that through it He might persuade m back to a life of fellowship with n. Others probably had sinned too evously for that, so He had allowed m to die. Some Christians of our e might be better off to depart this and go to be with the Lord than to come more indifferent to their eternal lfare and the performance of their ty in the field of Christian activities. me of these Christians had been deing the Lord's Supper by their insinity when they partook; some acted part of gluttons. What a crime and w serious is such a sin when committ in our day! I have attended such vices when the whole, except a few ending the services, seemed completeabsorbed in the personal knowledge of Lord's hallowed presence and approval of their attitude in communion h Him. This small minority portrayjust the opposite; some have snickerothers whispered, and others tried attract the attention of the true worners. What a shame!

These are to be pitied and helped when s possible. Paul is moved by the Holy rit to admonish any of us that may l inclined to such folly and rudeness judge ourselves. We that think toher with the natural man are inclinto judge others. The Bible forbids s and says that we are to judge ourves lest we fall into the hands of Him t will judge all justly and reward accdingly.

If the Christian would become sufficiently acquainted with God's Word to determine how He regards every worldly or carnal thought and deed, he would know enough to judge himself the first time he withdrew from the presence of God. Upon attending the first off-bounds social function, he might be found making a clear cut confession which of course would mean that he had determined in his heart to never, never, no never, repeat the sinful mistake; and likewise, if the sin should be gossip or any other breach in the trust committed to him when he was saved. Indifference to a life of communion with God fostered by a disobedience to wholeheartedly carrying out of the commission in Acts 1:8, could be the sin that calls for drastic judgment from God; then the repeated failure one might be guilty of as he has opportunity and fails to witness for Christ. We are all commissioned witnesses of His, and failure to this commitment might mar fellowship to the degree that if not properly confessed and repented of one might backslide beyond recovery. (See Hebrews 6:4-6; 1 Peter 3:13-15, 17, 18; 1 Peter 3:8-12.) "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Peter 2:20-22).

Then the Bible holds up certain rewards for faithful Christians. This should be an incentive to a loyal, faithful life on the part of each of us. "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:13-17).

Then there is this important fact to consider: When a truly born-again soul fails to obey God, he loses the tremendous and exciting joy of continued fellowship with his loving and adorable Lord. The child of God that disobeys loses fellowship just as a son in the natural family loses fellowship with his earthly parents when he fails to obey them; and before such joy and tranquility may be enjoyed again, confession and reconciliation must come. In the case of both there must be a reentering and the carrying on of the activities that belong to this life of fellowship. When David got out of line with God he prayed that God would restore his salvation and pledged himself to win souls and teach transgressors the way. "Christ is the way, the truth, and the life"; and this is the only way back to God when one finds himself out of fellowship. When thinking of chastisement, let us remember that as the natural may deem it necessary to resort to a variety of forms, so may our heavenly Father when His spiritual offsprings in their misconduct call for it. We used to speak of the woodshed in relation to a parent and child's meeting for the former to administer punishment; but much of that, probably too much, has been ruled out by modern experts on child care. It got good results when I knew of it, and I believe that it might get better results than many forms of so-called punishment of today; such as, threatening to deprive the child of his favorite TV program for a given period and especially when the parent gets soft and fails to fully carry out such a threat.

God caused Solomon to write, saying that a parent should not withhold the rod when the child deserves that brand of punishment. When a parent is too soft in his form of discipline, he is not being the symbol of God that the Bible teaches us to be, and in many cases, God's judgment will of necessity be more severe as a result of our lack of proper discipline.

Our heavenly Father makes it clear

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STORIES for our youth



THE FISHING TRIP

SHARON B. MILLER

PETE sat down on the top step of the front porch and plopped his textbooks down beside him. There were a dozen and one things he could be doing.

The fellows were working out, practicing for the softball-team-league tryouts over on the vacant lot on the next block. The basement was littered up with old newspapers. He had promised his father to take them out to the garage. He could wash the family car, for it was a very warm day. The lawn could use mowing, and no doubt his mother had errands to run, but he couldn't get into a mood to do anything.

Why was I born with such a selfish nature? he asked himself miserably. So he had been disappointed! Who wouldn't be disappointed at missing a fishing trip to Lake Claron? But why couldn't he just forget about the whole thing?

It had been the first weekend trip that Pete and his father had planned for the summer. As a rule, his father, a laboratory technician at Bayside Hospital, had to remain on call Saturday mornings, so a weekend away from home was rare for the Adonis family. This time Mr. Adonis had known several weeks in advance that this entire weekend would be free, so Pete and his father had begun planning for this special trip to Lake Claron.

They would leave as soon as Pete got home from school and his father got home from work on Friday night. They had made a similar trip the summer before, so they knew just what they would need. They had even gone to the sporting shop downtown and picked out a new rod. Pete clenched his first at the memory of the excitement he had felt last year—the rod jumping in his hand, the reel spinning crazily, playing with the big trout on the end of the line.

There wasn't any place quite like Lake Claron for good fishing. It was secluded enough to take an hour of rough driving over unpaved trails to reach the lake, and once there, the only modern conveniences were those at the small supply store. The store owner also ran the only cabins for rent on the lake.

The cabins were log structures with crude bunks built into the walls, and an occasional chair, if you were fortunate. The windows were huge, open, five-foot squares, scarcely two feet off the floor. Last year, Pete had been awakened by a chipmunk running across his stomach as it made a hurried exit out the window. There were canvas shades to let down over the windows and door, but Pete liked to go to sleep with the sight of bright stars sparkling in the dark sky. He loved the sound of the woods right beside his ear, accompanied by the lapping of the waves against the shore a few yards away.

The gear was still sitting in the garage, all packed and ready to toss into the back of the station wagon. No one had had the time to unpack it. They had been too busy Friday night and Saturday helping old Mr. and Mrs. Draper get moved.

It was funny how things had happened, Pete mused. Another thirty minutes and the call for help would have been too late. He and his dad would have been well on their way to the lake. It wasn't anyone's fault that Mr. Draper had pulled a muscle in his back. He shouldn't have been trying to do all that heavy lifting by himself anyway, but the Drapers weren't the type of people to ask for aid. Pete had known them si
he had been in Mrs. Draper's prim
class in Sunday school, and they had
ways been pretty independent people

Fortunately the pastor had stopped
to visit them on Friday afternoon a
had discovered that they had to h
their belongings moved out by Satur
evening. Then, when Mr. Draper h
his back, it had become an impossibili

Pastor Clark had recruited all the h
he could get, and still it had been l
Saturday afternoon before the Drap
had been comfortably settled in th
new location. Meanwhile, Pete's moth
had gone about canceling their cabin a
boat reservations for the weekend.

No matter what he was giving up,
father would put his own plans aside
help a friend or neighbor. Pete v
glad that his dad was the kind of m
he was, one who could be counted on
help in any situation, but this time
generosity had seemed almost too mu

Pete rubbed his stiff arm and shoul
muscles. How could any one man h
expected to accomplish all that mov
by himself? It had given him a go
feeling to have helped the Drapers wh
they needed it, but it hadn't made up
the missed fishing trip.

Well, sitting around, thinking abo
the fun they had missed wasn't going
help any, Pete decided. He might
well mow the lawn. Then maybe
ought to run over to the Drapers.
Draper wouldn't be able to do much la
work with a bad back, and the lawn h
needed some immediate attention.

The harder and longer he worked,
better Pete felt. It was past dinnerti
when Pete finally had the Drapers' la
mowed and had moved several smal
pieces of furniture to different rooms
Mrs. Draper.

"Just glad I could help," Pete sa
shrugging off the Drapers' thanks.

"I'll stop by in a couple of days
see how you're doing and whether I
do any more to help."

His father had been right, Pete deci
as he walked down the street tow
home. The more you did for other p
ple, the better you felt yourself.
could almost forget the fishing t
Surely they'd get a chance to go ag
before the summer was over. Just m
be he could get a couple of the fell
to go to the millpond and fish for bl
gills during the day's vacation t
would have at the end of the week
cause of the teachers' institute.

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions of Original Free Baptists for the period May 12-15, 1971. Also shown is the balance left on the get for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind, the church year ends June 1971; therefore, we have only one month to reach this goal. If your church has sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible so that we may h our goal.

nce Left on Budget for 1970-71, May 12, 1971		$12,239.37
Receipts May 12-25		
Neck Sunday School, Columbia	$ 25.00	
ing Workers Class, First Church, Greenville	16.00	
Mary's Church, Kenly	84.42	
ett's Chapel Church, Clayton	72.00	
range Sunday School, LaGrange	5.99	
n Church, Kinston	26.00	
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dy Branch Church, Winterville	100.00	
. Easley	10.00	
rson Church, Tabor City	25.00	
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Tabor Church, Plymouth	35.00	
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. Glennie Rouse, Albertson	5.00	
nda McLawhorn, Dover	69.00	
th's New Home Church, Deep Run	45.00	
Total Receipts		3,688.76
ance Left on Budget for 1970-71, May 25		$ 8,550.61

the nails, but His wondrous love for me,
t my Lord on the Cross of Calvary.
what power could hold Him there—
my sin and shame to bear?
the nails, but His wondrous love for me.

—Frances Paul.

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n ounce of Sunday-school prevention worth a life term of trying to cure. elected.

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rayer is unworded rest upon great-s.—Selected.

Youth to Work In Mexico This Summer

The North Carolina State Convention Mission Board has approved Miss Pam Temple of Bailey, North Carolina, and Miss June Hodges of Grimesland, North Carolina, to work with our mission program in Mexico this summer. Both Miss Temple and Miss Hodges have expressed a commitment of their lives to the work of Christ through missions.

Miss June Hodges, a sophomore at the D. H. Conley High School, Route 2, Greenville, North Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Hodges. She is a member of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville. Her pastor is the Rev. Harry Jones.



Miss June Hodges

Miss Hodges gives the following statement as a testimony to Christ: "I came to know Jesus Christ as He is, at the age of 14. For the first time in my life I was able to let go completely and let God have all. When I knelt before God that Sunday night, I found the answer to the questions that had been making me a miserable teen-ager. I began to live and I found love and most important, love's source. **God gave me a reason! Now He has given me a work!"**

Miss Pam Temple attends the Southern Nash Senior High School, Route 1, Bailey. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Temple of Bailey. Pam is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina. Her pastor is the Rev. C. F. Bowen.



Miss Pam Temple

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 13



"THY KINGDOM COME"

Lesson Text: Isaiah 2:2-4; 9:2-7

Memory Verse: Isaiah 2:4

I. INTRODUCTION

Man's hope to be able to live in peace with his fellowmen in a society where righteousness, morality, and justice prevailed for all men has been the dream of philosophical and religious leaders for many long years. Various plans have been implemented through many types of organizations in the hope of bringing this to pass, but all of them have ended in failure; distrust of others and war and rumors of war have continued to be the order of the day. All of these plans failed because all of them tried to accomplish this noble purpose through agreements between men and nations who were not by nature worthy of trust.

It has long been recognized by those who are familiar with the teachings of the Bible that in the fullness of time, at the second coming of the Lord Jesus, God would establish a kingdom in which these things could exist. This era of peace and prosperity will be brought to pass not through the efforts of men nor yet by their artifice, but will become a reality under the leadership and the dominion of the Lord Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace.

The message of today's text was spoken to the Children of Israel at a time when it appeared to them that God had forgotten them. It was given as an encouragement to a faithful remnant to hold on to their faithfulness in the full assurance that God would in due season destroy the forces of unrighteousness which have succeeded in holding the world in thralldom and establish a kingdom in which peace, justice, and righteousness shall prevail in a spirit and atmosphere of love and harmony.

The purpose of today's study is to serve as a reminder and to give us assurance of the coming of a kingdom under the dominion of our Lord.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. During the millennium all nations will worship at the Jewish temple in Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2).

B. Not only will worship be received in Jerusalem, but instruction in God's law will go forth (v. 3).

C. Jesus, the Messiah, will establish peace among all the nations of the earth (v. 4).

D. In His first advent, Jesus was a great light among the people of Israel (Isaiah 9:2; John 8:12).

E. At His second coming, Jesus will set up His millennial kingdom, bringing joy to the whole earth (Isaiah 9:3).

F. To establish peace on earth, the Messiah will triumph over all nations which oppose Him (vv. 4, 5).

G. Jesus, as King, possesses all the qualifications necessary to rule over His kingdom of righteousness in the millennium (v. 6).

—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Movers left a clock, without its pendulum, sitting in the living room. The seconds ticked on in a frenzied manner. Without the pendulum all the intricate mechanism rattled on in a blind precipitation. Here is a picture of the world today. God has created all things to move in proper balance, but men refuse the Lord Jesus who is God's Providence. Men talk of Providence as though it were a force. God says it is a Person—Christ, and that He "upholdeth all things by the word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3). Nothing will move with perfection until He comes again.—Revelation.

B. A spacecraft is designed to have such power that we can hardly imagine it. It must have a tremendous thrust to drive it upward with speed enough to escape the pull of gravity.

As you watch the sleek craft soar into the sky you might think it was self-controlled, but from the explanation in the newspapers and on television you it is directed from the control cent Houston. On your own television s you have seen the inside of the c with rows of television screens on every move of the spacecraft is wat There you have seen also the hun of knobs and push buttons by whic flight of the craft can be controlle

Man is like a spacecraft. He appear to be directing his own c and moving by his own power; but this is to head for disaster. If m willing to receive it, he may have control of God, whose knowledge wisdom are complete and infallible. the impulses sent from Houston guid spacecraft in its course, the Holy sent from God can guide the Chri in his life. And those who accept follow God's guidance do not nee rely on their own power to meet needs of life. The Holy Spirit fills with power as they move in the way directs. Thus they accomplish things and soar to great heights.—S ard Commentary.

C. "A journalist friend of mine has just returned from a three-mo and forty-thousand-mile journey ar the world says that his faith in huma has been greatly increased. At no throughout his travels, which took into more than forty countries, di find a single person who did not peace. Man has become civilized, during the last thousand years we had a thousand wars. In the twent century we have fashioned war int art. Now we know that war is enemy of the human race; man must stroy war or war will destroy man.

"But how do we destroy war? must, of course, give some credit to big things. Armies do hold back aggressor and give us another chanc make peace. The United Nations is a thing, encompassing more than ei nations, and it is a valuable instrun for peace. But the success of the Un Nations depends on multitudes of i viduals wanting peace, doing the th that make for peace, being faithfu small responsibilities. Let us give cr to the efforts of statesmen who, in flight councils, work for peace. Bu the end they can succeed only if m tudes of individuals who, wanting pe abide by the Christian principle: 'He is faithful in a very little is faithful in much; and he who is dishonest very little is dishonest also in much.' Charles F. Jacobs.

uestions & Answers

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He will discipline us according to nature of the disobedience. Some be sick, some lose their economic h, some social standing, and some die before they would have had they persisted in disobedience as a few ples of what come to us for dis- ng.

is does not necessarily mean that time we hear of a young Christian's his health or departing this life, as in an act of judgment on God's God is sovereign and may take one at an early age for reasons n only to Him; or He may allow , as He allowed Job, to suffer that ay fulfill His own purpose.

st Christians are slow to learn that God calls for a complete surrender one is and has, He means just that t we are no longer bond servants of ut of Christ, and that all we have are or can be and have are His, and He has the final say over it. We simply cannot be the Christians His requires of us, except that we give to His exhortation to have in us nind of Christ, and that we be cruci- to and dead to the world, but alive rist; and none of us fully realize Nevertheless, our attitude must be that we are in the attitude of do- ll of this all the time; otherwise, we not be growing in grace and knowl- in the degree we are taught to in Bible.

en let us remember that all things together for good to those that love and are the called ones in God's ose, that He chastens every son; and when a professed Christian is not tened, he is illegitimate or a hypo- .

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ys' and Girls' Stories

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dn't be Lake Claron, but it would sitting around home doing nothing. e next day Pete broached the sub- to Dave Brownell and Alec Jamison, they agreed to spend Friday at the ond. Alec's father had a small row- they could use. Everything was set, thought as he entered the house tossed his books onto the hall table. s that you, Pete?" his mother asked the kitchen.

eah, Mom," he called out.

our father is in the back yard. He wanted to see you as soon as you came in from school."

"O.K.," Pete replied as he turned to go out the door.

His father was trimming the shrubs along the fence, and he looked up as Pete approached.

"Your mother tells me you've planned an afternoon at the millpond tomorrow, since it's teachers' institute and you have a day off from school."

"Yes," Pete answered, "Dave and Alec and I are going together."

"That's too bad," his father said, his eyes twinkling, "because some of my equipment at the lab broke down today, and I just happen to have a day of paid leisure on hand tomorrow. Since the gear's all packed and ready, I thought we'd run up to the lake tonight, unless you'd rather fish in the millpond tomorrow."

"Dad! That's great!" Pete said. Then he frowned. "Oh—but what will the fellows think when I cancel our plans for tomorrow?"

"I think there'd be room for two extra fellows in our cabin, so you'd better call them. We'll want to leave as soon as they're ready."

Pete started toward the backdoor to call the fellows, then he hesitated and turned back to his father.

"You know, Dad, I was pretty disappointed when we had to miss our fishing trip to help the Drapers move, but thanks to them we'll get to go and have an extra day besides."

"You're right, Son," Mr. Adonis said smiling. "Things have a way of working out for the best when we learn to put others first."—My Pleasure.

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MISSIONS

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The testimony of Pam Temple is: "I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour March 14, 1968, at the age of ten. There is not a doubt in my mind that I wasn't saved that night. I feel that God has called me to be a missionary, and I don't think I could ever be truly happy unless I do His will."

Would you pray for these two girls as they make their way to Mexico on June 15, 1971, for their field of labor for the summer? They will leave the Raleigh-Durham airport at 8:45 a.m., and return on July 28, 1971. Again, here is another reason you should support missions in your church.

JOSEPH INGRAM,
Director-Treasurer

My God Is Alive

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If your god is your home, I feel pity for you,
Because my God is alive and to Him I'll be true.

People worship many things this day and time:
Their money, cars, homes, and things that are fine.
You can tell they care nothing of God, the Father, above,
The One that sent His Son to die, in an act of love.
I pray your god is not silver and gold,
Though money is needed in this world so cold.
Can it buy you happiness, health, or peace of mind?
Can it help you leave the troubles of the world behind?
If money is your god, can it wash your sins away?
Or answer your request if to it you should pray?
Your god is precious as you live each day,
But what worth is it when in the grave you lay?
My God is alive and I know when I die
He'll take me to my reward in that palace on high.
Thankful for the life I served for my King.
If worldly treasures are your god, I feel pity for you,
Because my God is alive and to Him I'll be true.

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The empty tomb proves Christianity, while the empty church denies it.—Selected.

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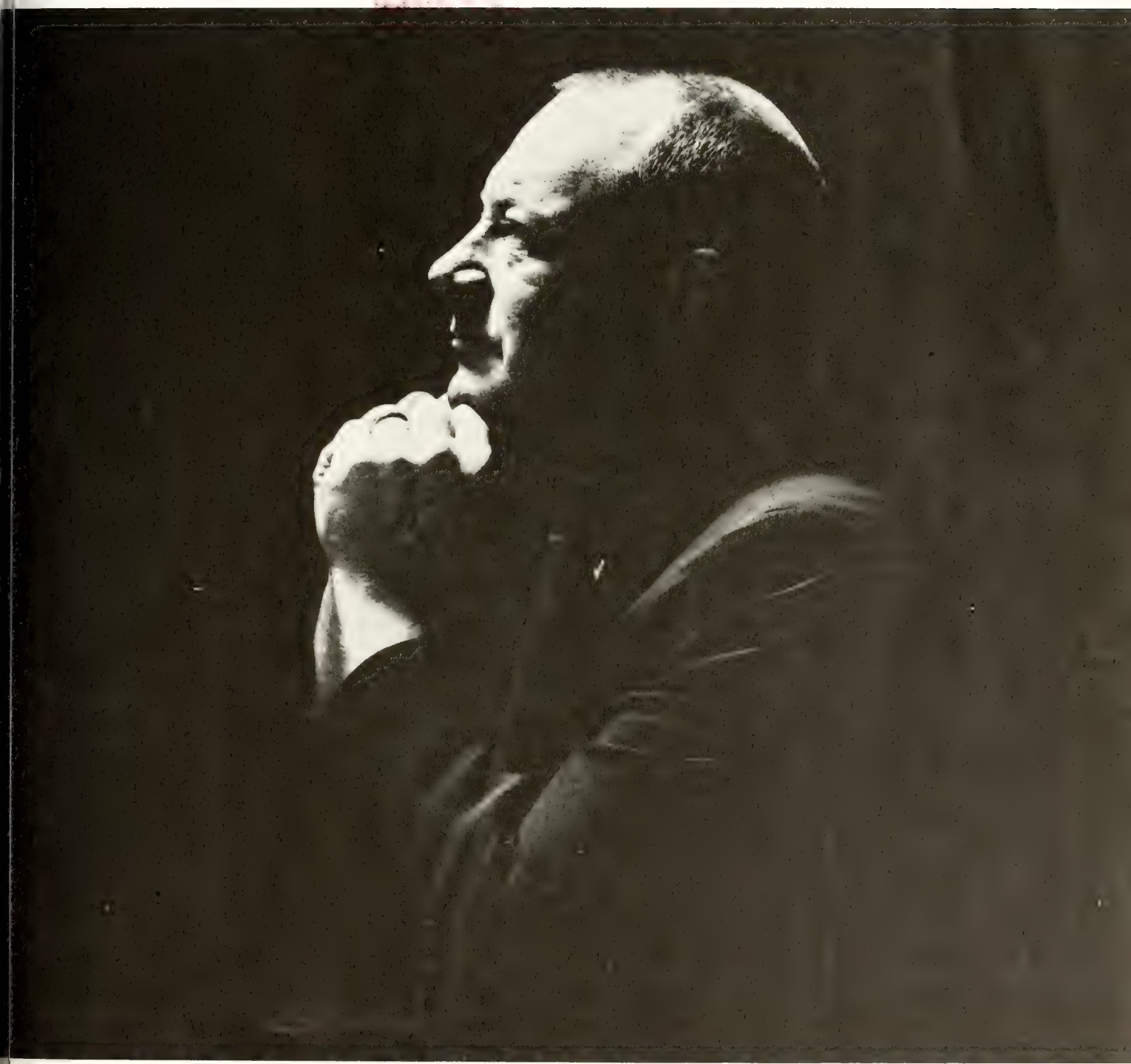
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SHOULDN'T HE HAVE KNOWN?

Editorial...

SHOULDN'T HE HAVE KNOWN?

A friend came running to your side one day, even though you were in trouble and his coming might put him in a position as to be made to share your rebuke. But, he wasn't worried about the possible rebuke. His only concern was that he was your friend and you needed his help. Shouldn't he have known, however, that getting involved is not advisable this day and time?

A song touched his heart one day enough to bring tears to his eyes, even though everyone else was laughing at its words. But, he wasn't worried about everyone else's hardness. The song produced tender stirrings in his heart, and he was not ashamed to let those feelings overflow. Shouldn't he have known, however, that sentimentality is for children or childish old people, and that it is out of place?

A smile radiated from his face, even though he was suffering intense pain and he knew that his days here were numbered. But, he wasn't worried about how much longer he had to live, nor was he too intent upon drawing attention to himself as a poor, suffering somebody. He was determined to make the best of whatever life he had left; and if a smile seemed appropriate, he would smile. Shouldn't he have known, however, that suffering people are supposed to groan and complain?

A prayer was offered earnestly and broke through to heaven, even though his peers declared that there was no sense in trying to reach a God that wasn't there in the first place. But, he wasn't worried about what his peers thought or didn't think regarding praying and God. He knew that God was there listening and waiting to answer the faithful. Shouldn't he have known, however, that all this talking into space was making a fool of him?

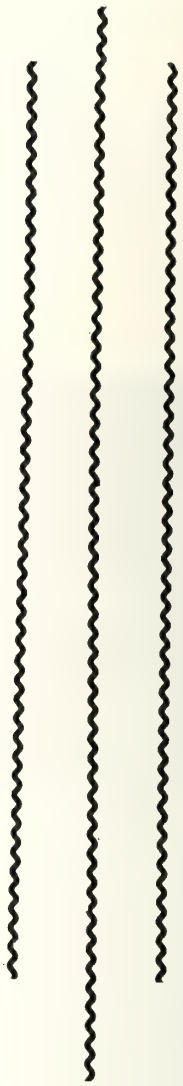
He clasped her hand and warmly embraced his mother, even though the public didn't look too favorably upon a man's doing such a thing in public. But, he wasn't worried about what the public thought concerning his and his mother's relationship. He wasn't ashamed of his love for her, and he would express it when and where and however he wanted to. Shouldn't he have known, however, that such displays are a sign of weakness in a man?

A minister turned down an offer to go to another, larger church, even though the parsonage was better, the money was better, and he would be able to consort with a high caliber of people. People told him that he was foolish to stay in his present pastorate and forgo such an opportunity. But, he wasn't worried about how foolish the people thought that he was. He was listening for the voice of God, and God hadn't said, "Go." A grand house, more money, and calibrated people were not important out of the will of God. Shouldn't he have known, however, that if he let this opportunity to better himself slip by that it might never come again?

An acquaintance died and he sent flowers, even though his friends insisted that this was a ridiculous tradition, that no one would think more of him because of his tribute. But, he wasn't worried about having someone think more of him because of a floral gift. He was merely expressing his sympathy in an acceptable way and one which gave him a degree of satisfaction. Shouldn't he have known, however, that flowers don't last and that giving them is a waste of money?

Consider these observations, though: Giving flowers is not a waste of money unless the giver feels that it is. Forgoing ego-building opportunities is not foolish if God's will directs otherwise. Showing love openly is not a sign of weakness if it is done sincerely. Praying to God in faith believing can never be described as "talking into space," nor does it make a fool of anybody, except maybe those who belittle its importance. Smiling is an asset to anyone, sick or well; there isn't any law that says that suffering should never allow a smile. Being moved by a song to the point of tears is not anything to be ashamed of; rather, unfeeling people, incapable of being moved thusly, are to be pitied. And, a friend is not a friend unless he is a friend through the difficulties as well as the joys. Agreed?

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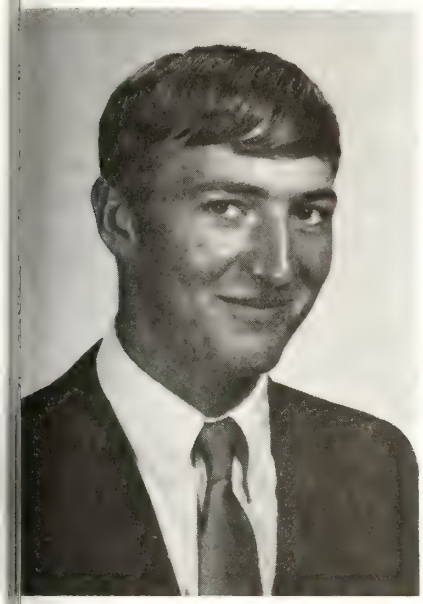
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Free Will Baptist Youth Wins Grand Prize In United Nations Contest



Winner of a $1,000 Scholarship

cott Sowers, a personable, 18-year-old ng man from the Arba community of w Hill, North Carolina, was recently ned the grand prize winner in the Twen-Fifth Annual High School World Peace dy and Speaking Program.

long with other participants in this con-, Scott delivered his speech before ert Mueller, director of the offices of secretary general of the United Nations, the group attending. Mr. Mueller an-nced Scott the winner of the $1,000 olarship. Other scholarships were pre-ted in the amounts of $700 and $300. cott's trip to New York, where he de-red his speech, was sponsored by the w Hill Rotary Club.

hroughout his high school years, this ng man has been an active student, hav-served as student body vice-president, club member, and FFA club member, has participated in various other activi-. In 4-H he has held local and county ces and is at the present time a local der. Next year he will be a freshman at unt Olive College, Mount Olive, North olina, where he plans to begin working ard a major in political science.

hurch is no strange place for Scott Sow-either. He holds membership with the ll Road Free Will Baptist Church near w Hill, where he serves as usher and stant Sunday school superintendent. He member of the YFA and participates in ny youth and adult activities connected h the church. One of his hobbies is ob-usly public speaking.

Ve commend Scott on this outstanding ievement—the winning of this grand ze. At a time when youth are making re "bad" news than "good," it is par-ularly worthy of mention that some young ple like Scott Sowers are striving toward building up rather than the tearing vn of society. We are proud of him.

THE UNITED NATIONS AT TWENTY-FIVE: WHAT IS ITS FUTURE?

by SCOTT SOWERS

ARE we to have a chance to live, or will we go down in history as the lost generation? This is quite an emphatic question, but the United Nations holds the answer. Experts predict that by the year 2,000, famine will have engulfed large portions of the world. They also predict that the chances of thermonuclear war increases by 2 percent each year. If this prediction proves true, there will be a 50 percent chance of world destruction through thermonuclear war by the year 2,000. We, as an individual nation, cannot assure ourselves of a future against these statistics. We can assure ourselves only as a world. As the only world organization in existence, the United Nations could possess the power to prevent either of these predictions from proving true.

The need for a world organization was seen in earlier years. As early as 1814 an attempt was made to form a Holy Alliance by Tsar Alexander of Russia. Another organization seeking world peace as a result of World War I was the League of Nations. So we see that people for some time now have been aware of the need for a world organization. This need was spotlighted again by World War II. The "Big 5"—Britain, China, Russia, France, and the United States—were in general agreement as to the need of an organization that could better solve the world's complex problems.

A conference was called inviting all of the countries that had declared war on the axis powers. There were fifty countries in attendance at the first meetings.

Discussions were heated and drew definite lines between the Communists and the West. After two long months of debates, speeches, and conferences, "some compromises were reached, and the Charter was signed in an atmosphere of sudden elation."

The United Nations has many minor goals to strive for, but there are only two basic aims. First, the United Nations is interested in making and main-

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13

His Grandfather's Verse

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 9:22

Just a boy named Joe . . . lay dying on one of our far-flung battlefronts. Dying . . . while the guns roared, amid the machine gun's incessant rat-tat-tat. Dying . . . in the mud, the filth, the blood of battle. Just a boy named Joe, one of many dying soldiers, dying far from home, comfort, loved ones. As he felt his strength slowly ebbing and his spirit seeking that other land, he grasped for something to cling to. He wasn't ready. Life was too busy to bother with religion. Blood, blood, oozing out slowly. His life's blood! What was that he had heard his grandfather say? The blood, the blood . . . oh, why couldn't he remember it? Life was ebbing faster now. He prayed his first real earnest prayer . . . but oh, to remember! Then his grandfather's deep, sonorous voice rang in his ears. "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." That was it! Only that, but it brought peace to a dying soldier's heart. Just a boy named Joe . . . but he was sheltered by the atoning blood.—*Visitor.*

Prayer Thought

The mercy of Jesus—with us even in death! Let us not wait until the time of life's passing to claim Him as our own!

MONDAY, JUNE 14

Don't Be Discouraged

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 1:21

The owner of a lovely garden went out one morning to find a neighbor's rabbits busily nibbling the green sprouts off her plants. Facing the ruin of many hour's labor, she was angry, just as you and I might be. She was annoyed with the rabbits. She was even more annoyed with the owner, who had not penned them securely.

After a few moments she began to check her irritation. She struggled with that mental storm of hers so successfully that she not only gained calm; she saw a rainbow.

Without even mentioning the incident to the neighbor, she proceeded to repair the damages as best she could. Then she continued to tend and water the garden just as before. Three weeks later she had her reward. The plants again were covered with green sprouts, two new leaves for everyone that the rabbits had eaten.—*Marjorie Schuler.*

Prayer Thought

If one does us wrong, revenge is never good. Waiting upon the Lord and allowing Him to mete out rewards and punishments are the best policies.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

A Nation Needs Religious Homes

Scripture Reading—Genesis 18:19

A few years ago in central Illinois a godly mother, who died at the age of 95, left the following testimony.

"A devoted Methodist minister came to our community during our early married life and preached the gospel to our home. Husband and I both were converted and erected a family altar which we never permitted to be broken down. Thirteen children came to bless our home, two of which died in infancy. The other eleven were all converted before they were sixteen years of age. Three of my sons are ministers of the gospel. Two sons became local preachers and two of my children married preachers. The rest are all Christians and are a blessing in their respective churches and communities. I attribute the success we had in rearing so large a Christian family, to our early conversion, our regular church attendance, and to the family altar around which we gathered our family twice everyday.—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Godly parents are better able to influence their children to a godly life.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Things Unchanges, But—

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:6

A young girl who was dissatisfied with her homelife, and was always talking of her grievances and showing her discontent in voice, look, and manner surprised a friend one day by her quick step, bright smile, and happy voice. "How are things at home?" asked the friend, thinking that some good news had made the change. "Oh, everything is just the same, but I am different," was the reply. The grace of God will make us new creatures in Christ Jesus.—*Christian Witness.*

Prayer Thought

Life in Christ can cause one to weigh circumstances differently and to look upon life in general with a much different attitude.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

All Head

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:8

A traveler called his companion's attention to a firm's peculiar name. It was "Head and Hart." The companion remarked: "Poor Hart has died and left Head alone." This often occurs in Christian life, worship, and service—all head and no he—*Sunday School Superintendent.*

Prayer Thought

All head and no heart may acquire gr fortunes here, but it will do little to bu up treasures yonder!

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Not Afraid

Scripture Reading—Psalm 86:11

A devoted father came into the roo where his eight-year-old was dying of incurable disease. The child, sensing th he was not going to get well asked his fat er, "Daddy, am I going to die?" "Wh son, are you afraid to die?" The child loo ed up into the eyes of his father and r plied, "Not if God is like you, Daddy!" *Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

A loving, Christian father can do mu to introduce his children to the goodne of the heavenly Father.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Sentence Me

Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:13

The most tragic and heart-rending cry the Old Testament is the cry of David whe he received the news of the death of h foolish and traitorous son, Absalom. A car ful study of the relationship of Israel's gre king with his son reveals that Absalom' errancy could in no small measure be la at David's door. The poignancy of David cry carries with it the sense of his own pe sonal responsibility: ". . . O my son Abs lom, my son, . . . Absalom! would God had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, m son, . . ." (2 Samuel 18:33).

"Sentence me!" a modern father said t the judge before whom his son stood to r ceive the sentence for a crime he had com mitted. "I have been so busy all my lif making money, going through the chairs i my lodge, serving on boards and commit tees, I failed to concern myself with m boy. I alone am to blame." Undoubtedly many a youth, serving a sentence in priso or reformatory, could point an accusin finger at his father who spent all his spar time on secondary matters to the neglect o his high responsibility of fatherhood.- *Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

Prayer Thought

A father who is intent upon giving hi son every earthly thing often forgets tha heavenly things are more important.

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One of the best ways to support the church is by regular attendance.—Select ed.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

A STATEMENT FROM L. E. BALLARD

At a meeting on May 14, 1971, the Board of Directors of Cragmont Assembly passed a motion requesting that I publish in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST corrections of two alleged statements in a letter sent out by me to churches to which I had sent return applications for the General Youth Conference, pointing out that "this is the best way he can be a friend to Cragmont Assembly." Since I do want to be a friend to Cragmont, I am seeking to comply with this directive. The motion calls the statements in question "errors," and so I will refer to them as such.

The first "error" named is my statement that "only 125 could go to Cragmont, including counselors, etc." I will confess that I did make this statement, and I hereby retract it; but I think that I am justified in offering this explanation: This year applications came in earlier, and in larger groups from churches—partly because some of our church people thought that because we would have two new cottages, more young people could go; and so they worked harder to enlist them.

On May 2 I checked up and found that I had 130 registered for the General Youth Conference. That day I called the chairman of the Cragmont board and asked him about the limits, since no information had been published regarding limits. From this telephone conversation I understood that the limit was set at 125, and I cannot recall any modification of this figure. He then added that the main building could not be used and that four rooms in the motel would not be available for use of the conference. That same day I did send letters to **two** churches making the statement referred to. (Incidentally, it is quite likely that some may have gotten this same misunderstanding from the article of Mr. Eakes in the May 19 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST; for here, Mr. Eakes states that a motion was passed limiting the number of campers to 125 per week," and nowhere in the articles does he explain that this did not include the counselors, who are also "campers," and must be registered according to an opinion handed down by the Justice Department in Raleigh.) Two days later the chairman came to my home and gave me a corrected understanding, and letters sent to nine other churches did not contain the erroneous statement.

The second "error" which I am being asked to correct was (and I quote from the letter from the secretary of the board) "that four rooms were being kept in the motel for the **general public.**" The letter I sent out was mimeographed, and I still have copies left; and in none of them does this statement appear. What I did say was that the rooms were being held for persons "not associated with the conference group," "persons not connected with the conference," and "persons not registered for the conference." These statements in no manner conflict with explanations given me, nor with any published reasons given for holding the rooms. Most certainly they are not being held for use of the conference. In fact, an offer to reserve them at regular prices for the use of the conference has apparently been rejected. They must, therefore, be held to remain empty or to be used by "persons not registered for the conference." In view of this, I must respectfully decline to retract the alleged statement, because (1) I did not make it, and (2) no statements in the questioned letter conflicts with the explanations given for holding the rooms. I will say, however, that I deeply regret any hurt that may have been given by any statements that I have made. I feel sure that people who know of my Cragmont record will not believe that I have had any intention of hurting Cragmont. Some years before the present property was purchased, I labored along with the Rev. Raymond Sasser and others to raise the first $1,000 toward purchasing a place somewhere for youth camps—which was perhaps the hardest thousand dollars raised—and I have enlisted campers and helped conduct more than sixty Cragmont conferences. **It is not in my heart to do anything but to further the cause of Cragmont.**

I hope that requiring me to make this public statement will do some good. I can't help but believe, however, that this is a little unnecessary "detour" at a time when we need no "detours." The only things involved here are a little misunderstanding, a bit of difference of opinion regarding the advisability of doing away with the old rule that sponsoring conventions have exclusive use of the facilities for their scheduled conferences, plus, perhaps, the fact that a man who has for fifty years been sincerely and vitally concerned about our Free Will Baptist young people and has tried hard to do something about this concern, may have let his zeal to obtain everything possible for these young people blind him to some other things also important to Cragmont.

And now that Loy Ballard has been put in his place, how about us all together getting along with the task of putting Cragmont Assembly in its proper place as one of our greatest of Free Will Baptist institutions?

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25th Annual Ministers' Conference Cragmont Assembly, June 21-24

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Ministers' Conference will be held at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, the week of June 21-24. The theme for this year's conference is "Pastoral Evangelism," with Scripture taken from Acts 1:8. The Rev. J. B. Starnes will be music director for the conference. The program is as follows:

Monday

6:00 P.M.—Supper
7:30 P.M.—Message Number One, the Rev. Robert Rollins
—Special Music
—Message Number Two, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark

Tuesday

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
9:00 A.M.—Special Music
—Message Number One, the Rev. Rudy Shepard
—Special Music
—Message Number Two, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
12:00 Noon—Lunch
6:00 P.M.—Supper
7:30 P.M.—Annual Business Session
—Memorial Service

Wednesday

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
9:00 A.M.—Special Music
—Message Number One, the Rev. Johnny Bullman
—Special Music
—Message Number Two, the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow
12:00 Noon—Lunch
6:00 P.M.—Twenty-Fifth Annual Celebration Fellowship
8:00 P.M.—Special Music
—"Idea in Depth Evangelism Applied" (Isaiah 61:1, 2), Presented by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, the Rev. David C. Hansley, President, Presiding

Thursday

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
9:00 A.M.—Devotions, the Rev. Harry G. Brown

Children's Home Has Kindergarten Graduates



Angie Gail Nichols and Mollie Lynn Garris of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, graduated from the Middlesex Elementary Kindergarten Department, June 2. They participated in the kindergarten program and afterwards received their diplomas. Both girls will enter the first grade at Middlesex Elementary this fall.

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Rollins to Conduct Pine Level Church Revival

Revival services will be held at the Pine Level, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, beginning Monday evening, June 14, and continuing through Saturday evening, June 19. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Robert Rollins, as the evangelist. The public is invited to attend these services.

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Stancil Chapel Church Announces Revival Services

The Stancil Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, announces revival services beginning Monday evening, June 14, and continuing through Saturday evening, June 19. The time of the services is 8 p. m.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, will bring the messages each evening. Special music will be featured at each service.

The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services.

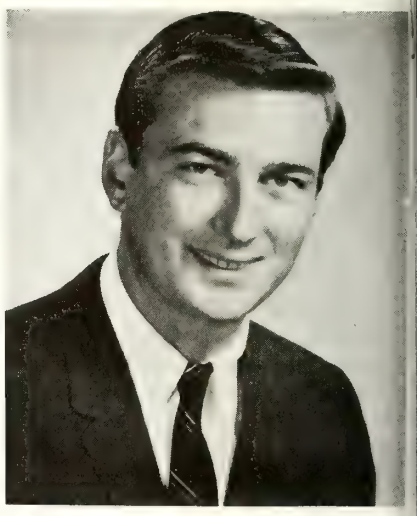
Walter Carter to Conduct High Point Revival

The Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingha North Carolina, will be the guest spe er for revival services at the First F Will Baptist Church, High Point, No Carolina, the week of June 14-19. services will begin each evening at se o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Thor Brooks, assisting Mr. Carter. A cor invitation is extended everyone to att these services.

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Wilson Church Revival June 14-18

Revival services will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church, Wils North Carolina, the week of June 14- beginning each evening at 7:30. evangelist will be the Rev. Harold M Wallace, pastor of Sherron Acres F Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Ca lina.



Mr. Wallace is a graduate of Mou Olive College and holds a B.A. degree religion and psychology from Duke U versity in Durham, graduating there Ju 7 of this year. He has been with t Sherron Acres church for three years.

During the revival special music w be featured each evening with the pa tor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, leading t singing. Free Will Baptist friends Mr. Wallace are expected to attend the services. The church invites all to cor and hear this young man's vital messa from the Word of God.

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Coming Events

July 6, 7—General Conference of Origin Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle Fr Will Baptist Church, Spartanbur South Carolina

The Morning After My Surgery

by MARGO MANGUM

Margo Mangum is a teacher of English and journalism in the Greenville, North Carolina, school system. Articles by her have appeared in a number of widely-circulated publications, including READER'S DIGEST and GUIDEPOSTS; and at the present time she is in the process of having her first novel published.

COM-MEAH, com-meah, somebody!"

I opened my eyes and looked about me. Where am I?

"Please somebody, com-meahhh!"

Oh yes, that is the poor, old black woman who is my roommate. She's been here about six months. Just skin and bones—but still a good set of lungs. Footsteps come—fast moving ones.

"What do you want, Bertha?" That's my roommate's name.

"Lawd hab mercy Jesus! Honey, I wants another bed quilt please. I'm so col'. Will you get me a drank o' water, honey? Bless yo' heart!"

The smiling nurse gave Bertha some water, fluffed her pillow, and turned her to a more comfortable position. Reaching into a closet, she pulled out an extra blanket and spread it over Bertha, tucking her in, all the while talking to the old woman.

"Now you're all fixed. You're going to be nice and warm. Go to sleep a little while now." You'd think she was talking to her own baby.

Leaving the room, the still smiling nurse heard Bertha saying to me, "They tries so hard to hep me; but I'm so old, I jes' takes a drink o' water or somethin' and right back it comes. I stays **so** hongry." I felt **so** sorry for her.

"Well, well, how's my best friend this morning? Why you're a sight for sore eyes. You're as fine as frog hair split four ways." The energetic, white-clad attendant was in his rightful place. I had seen the feeble, old man to whom he was talking last night, but maybe he and the attendant **would** be going someplace together tonight. I had heard them planning some outing or other. . .

My room's being right across from the nurses' station caused me to hear different voices. A deep voice was saying over the phone, "Yes, yes. Now just bring her right on over. Come around to the emergency entrance. We'll be waiting for you. Everything's all right. Okay?" The phone was put back in its cradle.

"Oh, by the way, let's try ..... on Mrs. ..... in Room 8." The order was already changed. You could hear that patient's chart click as the nurse put it in its proper slot.

"You know, sometime today if you have time, would you please. . ." said this vaguely New Englandish accented voice. Whatever it was she wanted done would be done—willingly. This lady doesn't make requests this way intentionally — it's just the only way she knows.

A tweak of the toe. Had I dropped back off to sleep? Opening my eyes I saw someone at the foot of my bed. He looked like he was going to the operating room. Hey, I thought to myself—you did mine yesterday, remember? He just grinned and told me that I was all right—he'd see me again later. He **was** headed toward the O. R.

In my mind's eye I could see the O. R. But wait a minute, you know you can hear a stretcher from the moment it is moved. It went by my door. The patient on that stretcher would be all right. The surgeon, the nurse (you could call her Black-Eyed Susan), and another long-ago friend as beautiful as her unusual name, the anesthetist . . . so reassuring, and others. I wasn't worried about the patient. I had a sort of good feeling. How could anything go wrong? That's the way I felt about myself yesterday in there . . .

Of course getting back to my room and seeing more faces—dear, familiar ones, brought me back to reality and **some** pain. The pain was quickly disposed of.

But getting back to the morning after —another sweet face (I've known her since we picked cotton and played hopscotch together). In her hand she was bringing me another beautiful bouquet. The message and name on the card wrung my heart. So many other things the money for the flowers could have been used for. Of course, I would enjoy the flowers.

"Lawd, Lawd. Stay wid me Lawd. Hep me." Painfully, Bertha turned her head toward me. "De debil, he a moughty strong man, honey. Doan yo' let him turn you roun'. He clever. Be sho' yo' keps away fum him." Bless Bertha—still trying to help her fellowman. It hit home.

Coming from the back side of the hospital—it was really no trouble at all walking that long hall—another lady was asking me if there were anything in particular that I would enjoy for lunch. Just eating lunch here is a joy, I thought to myself as I smiled my thanks.

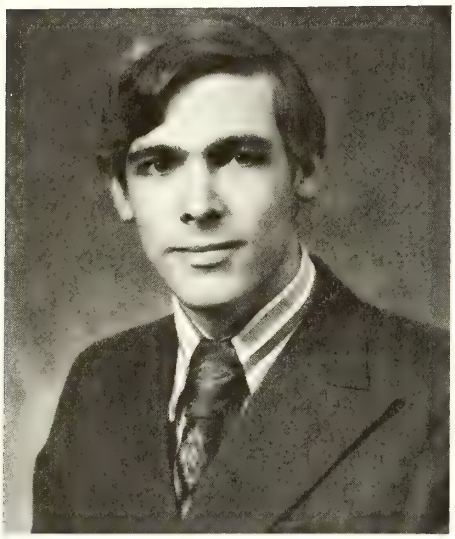
A soft tap on the open door. A gentleman wishes us pleasant good morning and a sincere wish for us to be feeling much better soon. Time taken from an already too busy schedule spent still more saving a prayer in our behalf. This was a different kind of a shot in the

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Student Fellowship President



At its final meeting of the year the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship of Mount Olive College elected John Williams as president for the 1971-72 academic year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Williams of Morehead City, North Carolina. John is a member of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Morehead City where he has served as Sunday school superintendent and been a teacher for the junior boys' class. He has also served as vice-president for the Carteret County Youth Fellowship.

John has been an active member of the fellowship during the 1970-71 year. He is a ministerial student at the College.

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Change of Address

The Rev. J. B. Starnes wishes to announce a change of address from P. O. Box 326, Pikeville, North Carolina 27863, to Route 3, Box 123, Newport, North Carolina 28570. Mr. Starnes is now pastoring the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church. His correspondents are asked to observe this change of address.

Students to Work in Admissions Office

During the coming summer four present and former students will be working in the admissions office at Mount Olive College. Present students working at the College will include Eddie Dutton of Peachland and Douglas Skinner of Wilson. Former students working in the program will include Manley Ronald Jenkins of New Bern and Carroll Turner of Mount Olive.

Dutton is a rising sophomore and honor student. He has been selected president of the Student Government Association for the coming year. During the past year he has done some work in the admissions office. He is a member of the Peachland Free Will Baptist Church, Peachland, North Carolina.

Skinner is a rising sophomore and is active in extracurricula activities. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina.

Jenkins received his A.A. degree from Mount Olive College in 1968 and his B.S. degree from Campbell College in 1970. During the past year he has been a teacher-coach at the Vance Academy in Henderson, North Carolina. He is a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, North Carolina.

Turner received his A.A. degree from Mount Olive College in 1969 and will receive his A.B. degree from Wake Forest University in June, 1971. He has been admitted to the School of Law at Wake Forest University beginning in September, 1971.

The students working in the admissions office for the summer will be visiting with prospective students and will provide interpretive information to individuals, clubs, churches, and other organizations who are interested in additional information about Mount Olive College. The summer program will be under the direction of Thomas E. Smith, assistant director of admissions at the College.

Piney Grove to Observe "Mount Olive College Day"

The dean of students at Mount Ol College, Dr. Robert W. Clark, will be guest speaker at Piney Grove Free W Baptist Church near Greenville, No Carolina, Sunday, June 13, at 11 a.m.

Piney Grove will observe "Mount Ol College Day" in the church and Robert Clark will speak to the congre tion concerning the considerable progr made by the College during 1970-71. T dean will present many of the new pla which will go into effect this fall Mount Olive and the advantages whi young people enjoy by attending the C lege.

Dr. Clark will talk with as many of t young people as possible in the Gree ville area who wish to discuss their c lege plans.

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Rising Freshman at Mount Olive College Wins Award

Scott Sowers won state honors recer ly in New York City, where he won fi place in "World Studies and Talks." T event was held at the United Natio Building and Scott, along with Allan Sh lor, the government teacher at Gree Central High School, Snow Hill, Nor Carolina, made the trip, sponsored by t Snow Hill Rotary Club.

Scott, a senior at Greene Central, w awarded a $1,000 scholarship as t grand prize for first place. He earn the opportunity to participate on t state level after winning a local conte held at the school. According to Sco the scholarship is expected to be appli at Mount Olive College, which he pla to enter next fall.

Winning the first place honor also c fers Scott the advantage to work as intern in the United Nations during t summer. He plans to start his inter ship during the summer of 1971.

Scott is a Greene County native ar the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie V. Sowe of the Arba community. He has a reco of school activities including past vic president of the student body, class of cer, member of Future Farmers of Ame ca, and 4-H district president. He is al active in Hull Road Free Will Bapti

NEWS NOTES

veet Gum Grove Church
nnounces Revival

Revival services will be held at the veet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist urch, Route 1, Stokes, North Carolina, ginning Monday evening, June 14, and ntinuing through Saturday evening, ne 19, with the Rev. J. B. Starnes, pas- r of the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist urch, Newport, North Carolina, as est evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. ll Gaylord, will assist in the services. rvices will begin each evening at eight clock. The public is cordially invited attend these services and is asked to much in prayer for the success of the vival.

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aham Lane to Hold
ent Revival

The Rev. Graham Lane of New Bern, rth Carolina, will be the guest evange- t for a series of revival services at the ent Free Will Baptist Church, Merritt, rth Carolina (Pamlico County), the eek of June 14-19. The pastor, the v. E. E. Edwards, will assist in the ser- ces which begin at 8 p. m. nightly. The blic is cordially invited to attend.

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arsaw Church to
serve Annual Homecoming

The First Original Free Will Baptist urch of Warsaw, North Carolina, an- unces its annual homecoming to be ld Sunday, June 13. The services will gin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., ith Mr. Lenard Anderson as superintend- t. The morning worship will follow at :45, with the Rev. Wesley Price of ven Springs, North Carolina, bringing e homecoming message. Lunch will be read on the church grounds at the on hour.

In the afternoon a program of singing has been planned. Along with singers from the local church, the Sarecta church choir and the Baker Brothers of Kenansville, North Carolina; the Bell Trio of Clinton, North Carolina; and other quartets will participate in the programs.

The pastor, the Rev. John Raeford, and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends of the church to attend and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship and the renewing of old acquaintances.

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Our highest faith is born of what is deepest within our hearts; it is best to believe the best and wisest to trust it.—Selected.

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urch, where he serves as assistant nday school superintendent.

Sowers is also winner of a William H. nforth Scholarship.

The Danforth Scholarship covers the xpense of two weeks of training at mp Miniwanca in Western Michigan, cording to Dr. Chester Black, state 4-H ader at North Carolina State University.

Sowers has also been named winner of $100 scholarship for outstanding 4-H d scholastic achievement. His prize- inning speech appears elsewhere in is issue.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions of Original Free Will Baptists for the period May 26—June 1, 1971. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind, the church year ends June 30, 1971; therefore, we have only one month to reach this goal. If your church has not sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible so that we may reach our goal.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-1971, May 25, 1971		$8,550.61
Receipts for May 26—June 1		
New Haven Sunday School, Ernul	$ 10.00	
Winterville Sunday School, Winterville	50.00	
Beulaville Church, Beulaville	100.00	
Woman's Auxiliary, First Church, Kinston	26.00	
Sidney Prayer Band, Pinetown	5.00	
YFA of Sarecta Church, Kenansville	2.00	
Rains' Cross Roads Church, Princeton	250.00	
Milbournie Church, Wilson	24.00	
St. Mary's Church, New Bern	35.00	
Emerson Church, Tabor City	25.00	
Sound Side Church League, Columbia	25.00	
Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie	75.00	
Little Rock Sunday School, Lucama	34.67	
Africa Evangelical Fellowship	300.00	
Aspen Grove Church, Fountain	57.45	
White Hill Sunday School, Aurora	16.00	
Black Jack Church, Greenville	145.98	
Sound Side Church, Columbia	18.00	
May's Chapel Church, Dudley	250.00	
Trailer Rent	80.00	
Total Receipts		1,529.10
Balance Left on Budget June 1, 1971		$7,021.51

Doubt sees the obstacles;
Faith sees the way.
Doubt sees the blackest night;
Faith sees the day.
Doubt dreads to take a step;
Faith soars on high.
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I!"
—Author Unknown.

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To all who need a Saviour,
My Lord I recommend,
Because He brought salvation—
That's why I'm His friend.
The world may turn against Him,
I'll love Him to the end;
And while on earth I'm living
My Lord shall have a friend.
—Author Unknown.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH WINS GRAND PRIZE IN UNITED NATIONS CONTEST

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taining worldwide peace. Their second aim, and one that is often not thought of, is to promote human welfare. The United Nations would like to see a world in which every man is equal, with food and shelter available for all. They are trying to prevent that great famine and thermonuclear war that were mentioned earlier. These are the major goals of the United Nations.

The United Nations can be seen as a peace-keeping agent through its activities in the Korean Conflict. The United Nations took an active part in the conflict, first through appeals to the North Koreans and eventually through actual fighting. The United Nations used tactics not only to end the conflict, but also to prevent development of a third world war. After the peace-keeping force had driven the North Koreans out of South Korea, the peace talks began. When it appeared that a settlement could never be reached, an agreement was made dividing the country. The United Nations had not gained an outright victory, but it had compelled a compromise of the Communists and saved South Korea. Aggression was halted by international cooperation. For the first time in history, nations fought under an international flag.

We can see evidence of success in the United Nations' advancement through mines in Mexico, highways in Iran, the Kariba Dam in Africa, the Lunersee Dam in Austria, and many other construction jobs. All of these show how money collected by the World Bank is used. The money is deposited in the bank by member nations and thorough investigation is made before the money is invested in any project. Aided by United Nations, scientists are experimenting with new drugs and trying out new medical practices. Through UNICEF, an organization within the United Nations, millions of children have been helped with food, clothing, and shelter. The World Health Organization serves as a partner to UNICEF by training medical students, doctors, nurses, and other needed personnel to go into underdeveloped areas. The United Nations has also made progress in the field of social development.

These examples of progress and success must not give rise to the mistaken belief that the United Nations is adequate. Rather, it is far from being adequate, for its goals have not yet been achieved. We have the basic machinery for peace and social welfare. It has been proved as workable machinery under the right conditions. However, this machinery is simple and needs to be improved to become truly effective.

The United Nations has not been effective in the Middle East since 1967. It has not been able to provide solutions for the Vietnam war. Quite possibly, it would not have been able to take part in the Korean Conflict if the Soviet delegates had not been boycotting the Security Council meetings. These are but a few of the shortcomings of our present United Nations. Is it trying to follow the path of the League of Nations, or will reform save it?

The need for reform has been recognized and Charter Review has been suggested. General Carlos Romula, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, has stated four ways that the United Nations can be strengthened. First, he suggested making the United Nations an effective third party in peace talks. He then suggested suspension of the veto in the Security Council when involving matters of common world interest. He believes that the world courts should decide cases even if the governments involved were unwilling to bring the case before the courts. Lastly, he stated a need for strengthening the Human Rights Commission and Economic and Social Council. General Romula's suggestions are typical of those recognized by people desiring Charter Review.

Because of the shortcomings or failures of the United Nations in various areas, public opinion of the United Nations has dropped considerably. The United Nations once was a topic **often** spoken of; now it is obsolete in everyday conversations. Public support in the United States has dropped from 84 percent in 1965 to a low 51 percent in 1970.

At the present the future of the United Nations is not bright. The facts paint a picture of more and more failures with less and less success. Public interest which is so vitally needed is falling rapidly. Yet there is hope still, for reform has been suggested and is possible.

We solve our nation-state problems by law and government, but in our relations with other nations, we feel that these problems should be solved by policy and diplomacy. This method of solving international problems **has not** (let me repeat) been successful, because we have had to face two world wars; therefore, the method of diplomacy should be considered obsolete. Law and government are needed on a worldwide basis to solve our problems.

One area in which progress is most essential is disarmament. We cannot exist for any length of time with the threat of thermonuclear weapons anywhere in the world. These monstrous devices of human annihilation must be destroyed. There is nothing to be obtained from thermonuclear war. It is truly self-defeating. Thermonuclear weapons give no protection except prevention of use by others. They provide a balance of terror, and who wants to live in a world of terror? Not until all stock piles of weapons are reduced to levels required for internal security can we feel a basic situation of sanity and safety has been achieved. Disarmament can be achieved only through world government, and the United Nations can and should provide this government.

In setting up a world government, federalism should be considered. It has been successful in Switzerland for over 200 years. First, the United Nations General Assembly would be divided into two houses—one based on population and the other on equal representation for each country. It would be the responsibility of the lower house to elect the head of the executive department who would appoint his coexecutives with consent of the upper house. In this system there should also be a world court. This is only an example of how a government can be set up. At any rate, the United Nations should be set up as a world government based on federalism or some comparable form of government.

The United Nations needs the power to apply legal settlements to political controversies. As it stands now, there are no underlying rules controlling the outcome of political settlements. There is no tribunal that binds the parties involved. The need for the authority to apply the rules of international law is one of the utmost importance. With this authority vested in a system of world courts supervised by the United Nations the nation-states will feel secure in taking their grievances before the world courts. To make the world legal system work, it is necessary to have a body of accessible law capable of settling disputed tensions, machinery to apply the law, obedience to the international law

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Is it true as some think that he European nations are gettings things eady and preparing for the coming of he antichrist, the tribulation, and the attle of Armageddon?

Answer: Yes, in a sense that is true, nd it is true of all sinners; however, let s remember some biblical facts on this uestion that should call for sober think-g and be of much concern to all respon-ible Christians. "But of that day and our knoweth no man, no, not the angels f heaven, but my Father only. But as he days of Noe were, so shall also the oming of the Son of man be. For as in he days that were before the flood they ere eating and drinking, marrying and iving in marriage, until the day that oe entered into the ark, And knew not ntil the flood came, and took them all way; so shall also the coming of the on of man be" (Matthew 24:36-39).

The Bible teaches that the end of this ge for the whole world will come sud-enly and at a time the majority of the eople will be going to extremes, indulg-g in excesses, unnecessary travel, build-g, and marrying; and there will be a eneral breakdown in moral conduct. Its nd will come as the end did for the ntediluvians and the inhabitants of odom and Gomorrah. The flood came nd destroyed all the people and all the nd animals except those that were pre-rved in the ark. The destruction of odom and Gomorrah was also sudden nd only Lot and two his daughters scaped. Christ is typified by the ark. t the end of this age all will suffer de-ruction except those who "live and ove and have their being" in Him. Je-us said, ". . . Except a man be born gain, he cannot see the kingdom of od" (John 3:3); "Enter ye in at the raight gate: . . . Because strait is the ate, and narrow is the way, which lead-h unto life, and few there be that find " (Matthew 7:13, 14). (See and com-are 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 4; 2 Peter 3: 0; 1 Peter 4:16; Revelation 3:3; 16:15; atthew 24:42-46.) "Therefore be ye so ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

None of us are sufficiently informed on the time of these end-time events to determine the day, the week, or even the year. If we knew upon what date some are to take place, that would help us to determine the approximate date of others since the Bible indicates that some are relatively close to others and that some will be occurring at the same time others are. However, God has seen fit to keep this time element even from the holy angels. Jesus urged His followers to look for and interpret the signs of the time, and told us that when we began to see certain signs that we could look up and know by them that our redemption was drawing near.

Review the history of Europe, giving special attention to the countries that occupy the territory of the old Roman empire since World War I was fought. Consider the League of Nations, the World Court, and the United Nations, as you think of communism and the giant strides it has taken. Then finally, but by no means the least important, consider Israel and her developments and conflicts with the Gentiles.

It would seem now that a confederacy of nations might be formed by the people occupying the territory of the old Roman empire. There has been a time, not too long since, when many ridiculed the prophetic statements found in God's Word, declaring that any kind of future such as this would be utterly impossible; but no real student of history would be so bold now as to oppose the idea of such a possibility, and the general consensus of opinion is that this coalition is quite likely.

The return of the Jews and establishment of them as a nation is not only an act in history that gave hope to Christians, but has startled the world. This makes other events of much greater importance and causes the world in general to see the significance of the event. In fact, some nations show concern.

Prophecy foretold that part of the Jews would return to their own land; however, not all of them would, but they that did return would return in unbelief. It is indeed remarkable also that circumstances in the East have so changed at this time that the eyes of the world are focused there, wondering when some of the things foretold may come to be a present-day reality. "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared" (Revelation 16:12). The kings of the East, or perhaps better put in keeping with the original language, the "kings that come from the sunrising" will have a major role in world events in the latter days of this age. In the last half of this century the Orient has been referred to many times as "a waking giant that's being roused from a long slumber."

The Bible tells of a future time when East, West, North, and South in full alertness, militarily speaking, will meet on the world's battlefield, the plain of Megiddo, for the last great world's war. Palestine is the geographical and political, as well as religious, center of the world and has always been first in the thinking and plans of God. It is generally agreed upon that Palestine is not too far from where God started the human race, and most orthodox Christian scholars I know of think that Palestine is where God will take over and bring the activities of rebellious man to its final conclusion. "When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel" (Deuteronomy 32:8).

Many think the Garden of Eden was either in or included Mesopotamia, and the Bible tells us that the ark rested among the mountains of Ararat, and that the last battle will be on the plains of Megiddo. The focal points are all comparatively near Jerusalem from whence Christ will control the whole world.

Increased disorder and lawlessness in the world and apostasy throughout professing Christendom, together with the many others the Bible foretells, will be common signs in the end of this age. They are indeed "signs of the times" that no Christian Bible reader can fail to take note of. However, we should remember that the Bible warns us against date-setting and teaches that God only knows the day and the hour when our Lord is to return. Therefore, we are to watch

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STORIES for our youth



CAT FOR BRENDA

by OLIVE W. MUMERT

BRENDA looked back at the big black and white cat. He was so beautiful that she just knew Mom would love him if she ever saw him. And he was so soft and cuddly and purred a lot.

She knew. She'd stopped to pet him. But her sister Carol wouldn't stop; and in a minute she'd called back, "Come on and leave that old cat alone. You're supposed to walk home with me."

So Brenda started—as slowly as she dared—after Carol. "You're mean," she called to Carol. "Why couldn't you wait while I petted the cat?"

"Oh, come on," Carol said. "I want to get home to read my book. Besides, we already have Ginger at home. You can pet him. He's nicer than that old black thing."

"But you always take Ginger, so I haven't any cat to love," Brenda said.

"You can have him when I don't have him," Carol said. "You just want him all the time. Now, come on. Let's run."

"No," Brenda yelled, glancing back to where the big black cat was following. She'd call him Prince because he looked so nice with his black suit and white shirt, shoes, and gloves, just like the prince in her picture book. If she just didn't go too fast, he might follow her all the way home.

"You'll get it if you make that cat follow you home," Carol said. "You know Mom said no more cats."

"I'm not making him follow," Brenda said crossly. "He's just following. Probably he's hungry and doesn't belong to anyone."

"Here. I'll throw something at him, then he won't follow." Carol picked up a stick as she spoke and aimed it at the cat.

Brenda grabbed Carol's arm as she threw and made the stick fly sideways. "Don't you hurt him," she scolded. "If he follows me, I'll give him some milk, then I'll send him away."

"Mom'll be cross," Carol said. "And I'm in a hurry. I'm not going to wait for a cat."

Brenda had to hurry to keep up with Carol. But the cat came galloping after them. Brenda was glad, because now Mom and Carol couldn't say she'd called the cat to follow—like last time.

She followed Carol up onto the porch, where Mom sat knitting while she watched baby Chris play. Brenda sat down and played with Chris. He was fun when he laughed and chattered baby talk to her.

She pretended not to notice the cat, until Mom asked, "Now where did that thing come from?"

"Brenda brought him home," Carol said.

"He just followed me—and I didn't call to him either, or wait for him," Brenda said firmly. "You know I didn't, Carol."

"Only once." Brenda reached down to Prince and pulled him into her arms, where he purred and snuggled up to her. "See, Mom? He's nice."

"Ginger won't think so," Mom said. "But he looks well cared for. We'll phone the radio station and see whether they can find his owner."

Brenda hadn't thought of that. She'd just pray and pray that no one would claim Prince.

"In the meantime you can feed him down in the basement," Mom said. "Keep him out of Ginger's way."

Brenda made a bed for the big cat and fed him a dish of milk and some of Ginger's cat food. All the time she was with him she kept thinking about som one's coming for him. But I can't jus let you go," she said, holding the ca close in her arms. "You're mine to lov all the time. Please, God, don't let any one want him."

She'd been down to say good-night t Prince and was on the way up to be when the phone rang. She heard Mor answer it, then talk about Prince. "He' in the basement," Mom said. "We'll se that he stays in until you can get hir tomorrow morning."

Brenda dashed up to Mom as she hun up the receiver. "Mom, I asked God nc to let anyone want Prince but me," sh said. "God didn't do what I asked Hir to."

"That's because your prayer was sel ish," Mom said. "God doesn't alway say yes to our prayers, and you didn even want what was best and happies for the cat."

"But Prince likes it with me," Brend said.

"His name is Gentleman Jim," Mo said. "They call him Jimbo."

"I like him better as Prince," Brenc said crossly. She dashed up to her roo and growled impatiently at Carol, wh wanted to talk about the cat.

Brenda slammed on into the bathroo and ran the water really hard in the sin so that no one would hear her crying. wanted a cat all my own," she sobbe "Why didn't God let me have him? know he'd like staying with me. I make Ginger not hurt him."

She just wasn't sure she'd ever wa to ask God for anything again.

Impatiently she wiped her tears aw and scolded herself. "I'm being ba Mom is right. I just wanted to ke Prince, no matter what. And I guess was selfish."

"But someone else wants Prince," sl said. "And anyhow, it's wrong to wa something that isn't mine. I'll get a c of my own someday." She sure wish it could be right now!

In the morning she fed Prince— Jimbo—and brushed him nice and smoot When the people came for him, she to him upstairs. Burying her face in h soft fur, she said her good-bys. Th she smiled up at the lady as she hand the cat to her. She was a nice looki lady, and Prince really loved her. Bre da could tell that.

"I have something in the car for yo the lady said. "It's a little thank y for looking after Jimbo."

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SIX OUTSTANDING YOUNG ADULTS HONORED BY BSA EXPLORING DIVISION

The teen-age inventor of a heart lung machine pump, a beauty contest winner, and Miss Indian America were among six outstanding young men and women honored in Atlanta, Georgia, May 27, by the Exploring Division of the Boy Scouts of America at their annual Young American Awards ceremony.

Four thousand delegates from 50 states who are attending the 61st Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America cheered as four young men and two women were recognized for outstanding achievement in several different areas. The Young American Awards are given out each year to call attention to the many accomplishments of the nation's youth. Nominations for the award are made by other youth organizations.

The 1971 winners are 18-year-old Craig Rudlin of Richmond, Virginia, the inventor of a heart-lung machine pump; James Heath of Catskill, New York, a black youth who was named "Boy of the Year" by the Boys' Clubs of America; Virginia Stroud, Bacone, Oklahoma, age 20, "Miss Indian America of 1971"; Clayton Taylor, age 19, Otaha, Oklahoma, a national and state 4-H leader; athlete David Powell of Salt Lake City, Utah; and 20-year-old Claudia Turner of Spartanburg, South Carolina, who was first runner-up in the 1971 Miss America contest.

Previous recipients include Rex Kearn of Columbus, Ohio, Ohio State University All-American; and Madeline Manning of Cleveland, Ohio, Olympic Gold Medal winner for the 800-meter run.

Craig R. Rudlin, age 18, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. Edwin Rudlin, 202 Overlook Road, Richmond, Virginia, is an outstanding scholar and has received a patent for his design of a heart-lung machine pump. Rudlin founded the nationwide Student Research Organization which aids high school students interested in scientific research. He is now doing chemical research at Princeton University where he is a freshman.

James Heath, age 18, son of Wyman Heath, 52 Hop-O-Nose Street, Catskill, New York, was named "Boy of the Year" by the Boys' Club of America. A student at Catskill Central High School, he was in the top 10 percent of his class. He now attends the State University of New York at Oswego and plans to teach mathematics.

Virginia A. Stroud, age 20, daughter of Thomas W. Stroud, Bacone, Oklahoma, was selected unanimously from among 30 young Indian women as the 1971 Miss Indian America and is spending a year representing more than 600,000 Indian people in the United States. She is an accomplished artist and has been given the professional standing of a Traditional Indian Artist by the Philbrook Art Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Miss Stroud is also an all-state catcher on the National Indian Softball team in Oklahoma City and was all-star for three years.

Clayton Taylor, age 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay A. Taylor, Route 1, Oktaha, Oklahoma, is currently state 4-H president of Oklahoma. He is now a freshman at Oklahoma State University, preparing for a career in law or business. Taylor has been active in 4-H work for 10 years and has personally aided nearly 3,500 members with various learn-by-doing 4-H projects. In 1970, he was named one of the 12 national winners in the 4-H leadership program.

David Powell, age 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Powell, 4555 Russell, Salt Lake City, Utah, is an outstanding athlete and holds many local, regional, and state track records. An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he has served as leader of church groups, earned individual religious awards, and is preparing himself to fill a full-time mission for his church for two years. He is an Eagle Scout, has served as junior assistant Scoutmaster of a Scout troop, president of an Explorer post, and was chairman of the youth advisory committee for the National Explorer Olympics held at Fort Collins, Colorado, in August, 1970. He now attends Brigham Young University and plans for a career in physical education and coaching.

Claudia C. Turner, age 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Turner, 113 Andover Road, Spartanburg, South Carolina, who was named first runner-up to the 1971 Miss America during the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. She is an active leader in her church, is a member of the youth and adult choirs, and has participated with Billy Graham in his Crusade for Christ. At Dorman High School, she was cheerleader, secretary of the senior class, and was honored as Miss D.A.R., Good Citizen, and Maid of Honor in homecoming activities.

CRAGMONT ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE 1971

June 7-12: **Youth Frontier Conference** (YFA Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

June 14-19: **General Youth Conference**—Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Manning, Directors; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834

June 21-25: **Ministers' Conference**—The Rev. David C. Hansley, Director, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina 28560

June 28—July 3: **Christian Cadets' Conference**—The Rev. Raymond Jones, Director, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703

July 5-10: **Youth Frontier Conference** (YFA Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551

July 12-17: **Youth Frontier Conference** (AFC Division)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Registrar, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551.

August 2-7: **Young People's Bible Conference**—The Rev. L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834

August 16-21: **Woman's Auxiliary Conference**—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser and Mrs. Carl Dudley, Directors; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Registrar, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27350

August 23-28: **Family Week**—The Rev. H. A. Grubbs, Director-Registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711

Open Periods

May 15—June 7

July 18—August 1

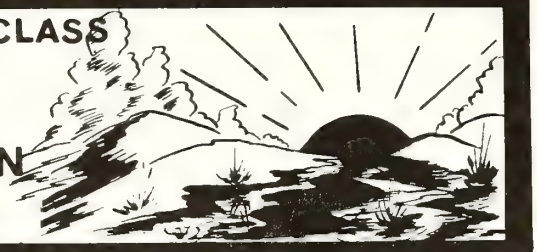
August 7-15

August 29—October 14

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 20



God Requires Economic Justice

Lesson Text: Micah 2:1-3, 8, 9; 3:1-4

Memory Verse: Isaiah 1:17

I. INTRODUCTION

The Prophet Micah lived at the same time as Isaiah. He prophesied during the reign of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah who reigned in Judah, or the Southern Kingdom. During Micah's time Pekahiah, Pekah, and Hoshea reigned in Israel, or the Northern Kingdom.

Micah was a prophet in Judah, but the Book of Micah mainly concerns Samaria, a city and its surrounding country located in Israel, or the Northern Kingdom. The events recorded in the Book of Micah cover a period of forty years.

Micah is one of the minor prophets, which we said previously means that we do not have much of a written record of his work. Very likely Micah prophesied much more than what is written in his book.

Our lesson for today concerns the second and third chapters of the book. The second chapter tells the sins with which the people of Israel are charged. They are: covetousness and oppression; deceitful and violent practices; dealing harshly with one another—even women, children, and other harmless people; opposing God's prophets and silencing them; and delighting in false prophets.

As punishment for these sins Israel shall be humbled and impoverished. She shall be banished.

Yet there are promises of comfort in the Messiah for those who are good and faithful to God.

In Chapter 3 Micah is very bold in reproving the important people of the day; that is, the princes and leaders of the people—for they are the ringleaders in the sins of the people. Micah is bold because God has instructed him to be bold, and He has given Micah courage.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Tell the background of Micah.
2. Compare Micah with Amos.
3. Compare Micah with Isaiah.
4. Give a bird's-eye view of the Book of Micah.

B. Woe to the Covetous (Micah 2:1-3)
1. They plan to do evil (v. 1).
2. They oppress the poor (v. 2).
3. They shall be punished (v. 3).

C. The Evildoers (Micah 2:8, 9)
1. They treat their fellow countrymen as foreigners.
2. They leave women out of a home.
3. They separate women from their children.

D. Injustice Rebuked (Micah 3:1-4)
1. The leaders sinned against light.
2. They sinned against humanity.
3. They sinned against God.

E. Prayer Will Not Avail (Micah 3:4)
1. God will forsake them and refuse to hear their cry.
2. This is the worst possible punishment that could come.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Jesus left us with the great commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). It is our responsibility and our joy to carry the good news to others. In today's world we have many means of communication. We have television, telephone, radio, and many others. There is no reason why the gospel cannot be heard by everyone in the world.

The story is told of an Arab sheik who gave a banquet for his son, and invited many of his friends to share his hospitality. His one request was that each guest bring a small skin of wine as his contribution to the feast. On the appointed day, when the skins were emptied into a large punch bowl, it was found, to the mortification of host and guest alike, that the bowl contained nothing but water. Each guest had reasoned that everyone else would bring wine, and so no one would know that one had failed to do his part.

Every Christian is asked to do his part in telling the good news of salvation through Christ. Are you filling your conversation with other matters, thinking that everyone else will talk about Jesus and so no one will notice that you are failing to do your part?

Let's use all our ways of communication in spreading Christ's plan of salvation. Perhaps you can't speak on the television or radio, but what about the telephone? What about speaking face to face with your neighbor?—Standard Commentary.

B. It has been said that half the world goes to bed hungry every night. On the other hand, it has been claimed that "half the world could live on what the other half wastes." Many of us were taught by old-fashioned mothers (thank God!) to leave nothing on the plate when we finished a meal, and that it was a sacrifice to waste even a piece of bread. And we haven't forgotten the words of the Master, who instructed His disciples to ". . . Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost" (John 6:12).—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. On a recent Sunday, Henry Burnett, of Macon, Georgia, was a guest in the home of a friend whose little girl had just come in from her first Sunday school lesson. On seeing the enthusiasm of the child for the Sunday school, Mr. Burnett asked, "What did you do at Sunday school this morning?" "We sang a song," she said, "in a big room, and then we went into a little room where a lady talked." "Who was she?" asked Mr. Burnett. "I don't know her name," she said, "but she must be the mother of Jesus, for she talked about Him all of the time." A little child led us here. The teacher's name meant little to the little girl, but what she said about Jesus so impressed her that she saw a close relationship between the teacher and Jesus.—The Christian Index.

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Marriages may be made in heaven, but man is responsible for the maintenance work.—Selected.

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To please God and live successfully, man needs a sense of stewardship.—Selected.

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Works without faith are as dead as faith without works.—Selected.

Free Will Baptist Youth Wins Grand Prize In United Nations Contest

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once it is rendered, and acceptance of the international law by all the world's peoples. The United Nations presently has the basis of a world court system, but it will require additional strength to be effective. If all the countries would carry their less important problems before the court, they would eventually become accustomed to using the court. Then when problems of international importance (those leading towards war) came up, the countries involved would be more willing to settle in the courtroom than on the battle field. As everyone knows, wars do not solve problems; they merely create new ones.

Peace-keeping forces will be necessary to complete the program. It is useless to make rules and standards if nothing is done toward enforcement. Presently, United Nations forces belong to individual member nations; and, of course, their use can be limited by the individual nations. However, if a permanent United Nations peace-keeping force were developed, volunteers would be prepared to serve with very few restrictions from their native governments. This small group could hold the front in conflict while awaiitng reinforcement from the present United Nations peace-keeping force. Once again the United Nations has the basic essentials; but expansion is necessary.

A world government can lessen the chances of war and offer answers to our social problems. All nations depend upon a govrenment with laws to provide control. It has proved useless to use policy and diplomacy; so we must turn to something stronger. World government is our only alternative to eventual self-destruction. The foundation for this world government has been laid by the establishing of United Nations.

Throughout my entire remarks today, I have stated that the United Nations is the basis for a peaceful coexisting world. Changes are necessary, reform is essential, or destruction is inevitable. But with adequate steps the United Nations can become the center of a workable world government. The United Nation is here to stay. It has suffered from difficult problems in the past; it faces critical difficulties at present; and its growth will raise new and contentious problems. However, the United Nations will survive, because as President Kennedy has said: "If the United Nations did not exist we would have to invent it."

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The Morning After My Surgery

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arm. Somehow they're one and the same.

Bertha sings beautifully. It went something like this. I wish you all could hear it. I always will, I'm sure.

"Oh Lawd, what shall I do?

"Oh Lawd, what shall I do?

"Somebody, somebody

"Somebody, somebody

"Somebody, somebody

"Somebody's calling my name."

Her soft, crooning was putting me back to sleep. What a way to go!

All of this and much more happened in a less than two-hour span where I was—just think what was happening all over the hospital!

You see, I just have two ears and two eyes, and—oh yes— along with everyone on this hospital staff, and because of them, I have been made aware that there's another organ we have. Now, now, dear reader, you see, you come here to be cured of all sorts of ailments; but in the process, this one organ I'm speaking of—these suffering people—they tear it all to pieces. It's the **heart!**

I'll be coming back, but will they **ever** learn . . . what with all the new drugs, etc., etc. No, I'm afraid not. When I leave this hospital the next time, I fear that my heart will again be in need of repair—just more so. God forbid that I should ever become unfeeling . . .

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"I liked doing that," Brenda said. "I don't need anything for a thank you."

At the car the lady handed a basket to Brenda. "It's all right with your mother," she said. "I've already asked her."

Brenda peeked into the basket, then set it on the ground in a hurry and pulled it open. She took out a little black and white kitten, just like Prince, only smaller, and cuddled it.

"Oh!" she said. "Is he really for me?"

The lady smiled. "He's for you," she said.

"Oh," Brenda said, "thank you! He's so beautiful and he's all my own. God did let me have my Prince."—Gospel Herald.

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Questions & Answers

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these signs and rejoice, knowing that they tell us that the final events in our redemption draw near as these are observed.

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Change of Address

The Rev. Robert Rollins would like to announce a change of address. His former address was Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina 27822. His new one is P. O. Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568. Mr. Rollins is now pastoring the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, and advises his correspondents to make note of his change of address.

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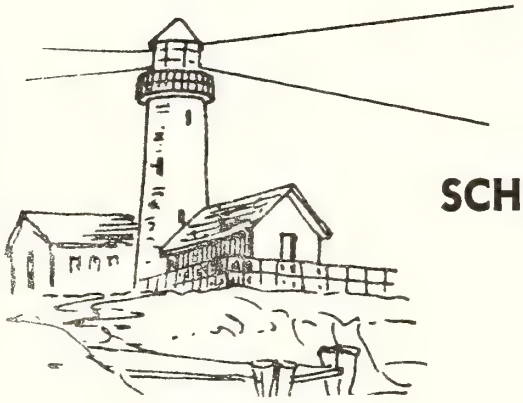
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The Rev. Jack Mayo, Director

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THE DATES OF THE CAMPS ARE:

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JUNE 20 . . . . . BOYS (13 yrs.–18 yrs.)
JULY 4 . . . . . GIRLS (8 yrs.–12 yrs.)
JULY 11 . . . . . BOYS (8 yrs.–12 yrs.)

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Each camper is required to bring his own sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, enough clothes for the week, and comfortable shoes. School clothes will be adequate with one set of sport clothes for pictures. Each camper is also required to bring a Bible, note pad, and pencil. Flashlights, radios, cameras, and musical instruments will be helpful. There will be a concession stand on camp so the campers will need some spending money.

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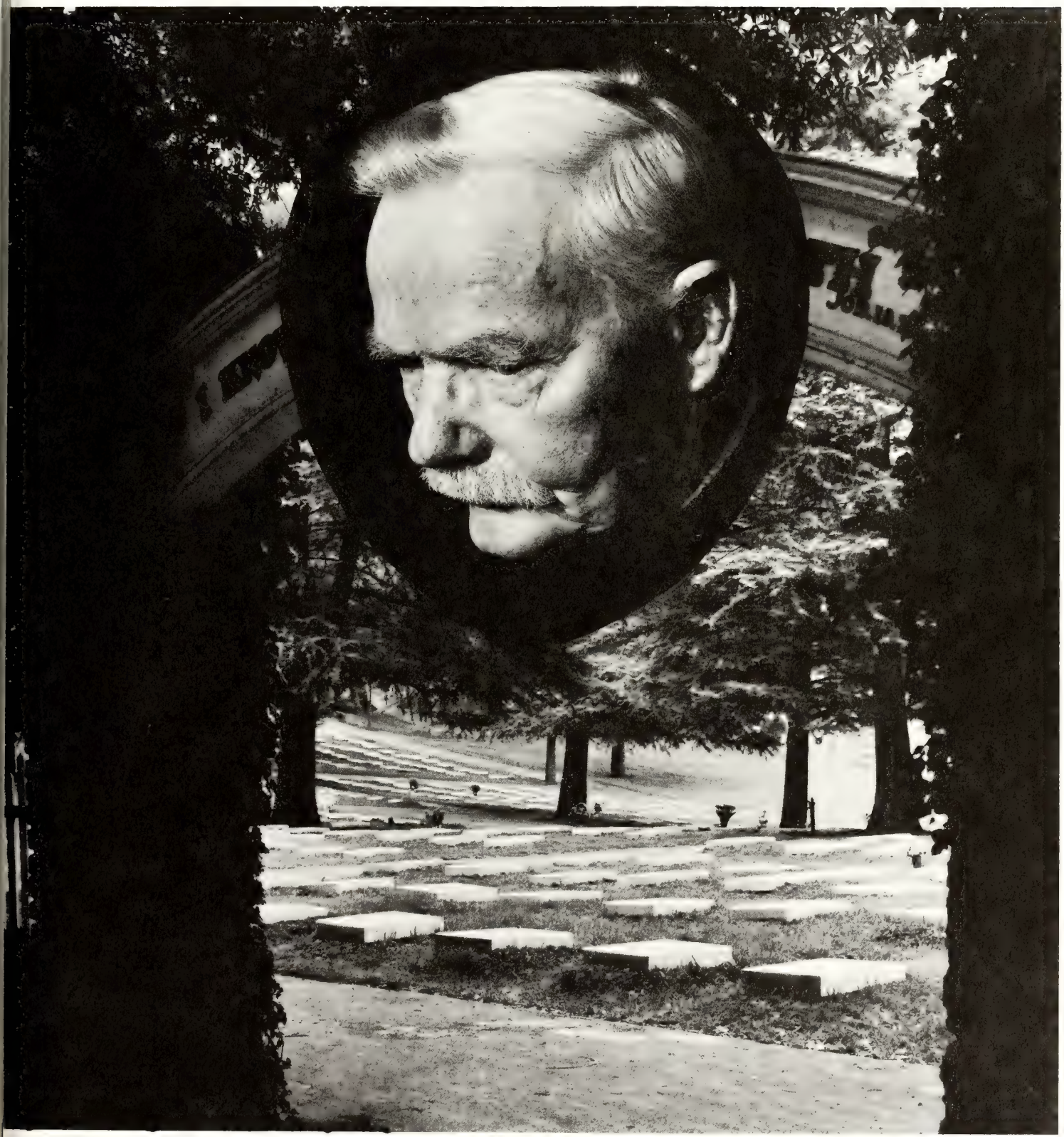
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IF DADDY WERE ALIVE

Editorial...

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IF DADDY WERE ALIVE

If Daddy were alive I'd try to make him proud of me. He always wanted to be.

I'd do as little as possible to worry him. He used to worry so much.

I'd tell him a little more often that I loved Him. He liked to hear that.

I'd pay a little more attention to his counsel. Since I've grown older I know just how wise he really was.

If Daddy were alive I'd try to see him often. He liked for me to be with him.

I'd let him do most of the talking. He had a lot to say about a lot of things that were worthwhile.

I'd take an interest in his farming, his mules, and his hogs. These things provided our livelihood, and besides God and his family these were the most important things in the world to Daddy.

I'd go with him to the field and look at the crops. Daddy took pride in his ability to make things grow well in the "bottom land."

If Daddy were alive I'd be a little more patient with him. I used to think that his ideas about some things were old-fashioned; but they really weren't, for time has proven otherwise.

I'd put my arm around his shoulder and walk close to him. He liked for me to do this, but now I can remember only having done it once or twice.

I'd get really close to him, like a father and son should be. I was so busy as a young man that I used to shut him out unintentionally.

I'd tell him that I wanted to be like him. He was good and completely honest, so much so in fact that he used to embarrass me. I wish he were around to embarrass me some more. . .

If Daddy were alive I'd show him off to my friends. He liked attention; so do I.

I'd take him for a ride in my air-conditioned car. He never rode in one, and in later years the summer heat nearly stifled him.

I'd show him some of the latest farming equipment. He started out the hard way and plowed from sunrise to sunset with mules or oxen. His tenants used tractors and corn pickers etc., but when Daddy was able to purchase these for them, his working days were numbered.

I'd take him down to the pasture to see the young colt. In his day Daddy had been quite a horseman. Beautiful horses were one of his weaknesses.

If Daddy were alive I'd bring my little boy to sit on his knee. Daddy never saw my son; but my son loves him, for we have told him so much about "Grandpa Jim."

I'd let Daddy pamper my little boy too, just as he did me—buy him candy and apples and oranges.

I'd let him discipline my little boy too. Daddy thought that true love began with discipline; and respect for older people was something which Daddy required of his children. I require this of my son also.

If Daddy were alive I'd do a lot of things for him which I neglected to do. I'd let him know that he was important to me. I'd thank him for being himself.

If only Daddy were alive. . .

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ONE MAN'S ANSWER

by BONNIE BRAVO

A YOUNG girl slits both wrists in an effort to commit suicide. After leaving a beer party, a boy crashes his car driving at 100 m.p.h. Teen-agers run away from home. Young people get high on heroin, marijuana, and LSD.

The foregoing is a sampling of the world of young people dealt with daily by Clifton Reed and the workers of Youth Action, Inc., as they strive to reach central New York's teen-agers with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Today's teen-ager is the number one target in the world," Reed says. "Materialism is out to get him. Various social groups, communism, drugs—they're all out to get the young person. God's out to get the young person, too."

Quoting Psalm 34:10, Reed likens teen-agers to "young lions" that "do lack, and suffer hunger."

"Young people are restless because they realize they're in a cage," he added. "They're trying anything to get out of it. More teen-agers are committing suicide than adults, and until Jesus Christ totally captivates lives, it's going to get worse. Teen-agers are pursuing various things to fill a need. They are looking for something that's genuine—for some real love. They're fed up with phoneyness. They are looking for some way of life that makes sense. But they will never have satisfaction, joy, or love until they know the Person of Jesus Christ. Christ is the answer. Young people will never be satisfied until they are free. John 8:32 says, 'And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' "

Youth Action is a "youth specialist organization presenting Jesus Christ as the answer in the twentieth century through the church," Reed continued. "The rebellion of today's teens and the fact that 75 percent of our teens leave church and Sunday school in the junior high age group makes Youth Action a much needed asset to the church."

This organization works in and through the local, fundamental Bible-believing churches. It is designed to help, train, and challenge youth. The aims are to get teens saved, steer them into churches, and then follow up.

Clif Reed came "out of a dirty, drunken, filthy life" in March, 1956. At twenty-eight in a service at Riverdale, Maryland, he trusted Christ as the answer to his problems. In 1957, he entered Practical Bible Training School in Johnson City, New York, graduating three years later. He and his family spent nine summers at Lake Arrowhead Bible Conference working with the director, Dr. Paul Griffis.

"The Lord gave us a burden for young people on the streets who've never darkened the door of a church," says Clif.

"The first Youth Action center was started in Binghamton, New York, in November of 1966. It was located in a building owned by the Park Avenue Baptist Church. Teens off the street came for recreation, to hear the gospel, and to accept the Lord. It gave Christian teens a chance to reach the lost and to serve the Lord. Here we saw about fifty people come to know Christ.

"One day we received a phone call and were told that the church's board had just voted not to let us use the building any more. Shortly after this, I was out in that area and between forty and fifty kids came up to me. One of them said, 'Man, you've got to come back. We need a place. We've got to have some place to go. We've got to have someone to talk to.'

"I drove around town and saw a building with a 'for sale' sign. I prayed, 'Lord, give us that building. I claim it for Jesus' sake to use to reach kids.'

"The building was in a section where the houses ranged from $25,000 to $50,000. We told the real estate man we'd give $12,000 for it. He phoned back the next day and accepted.

"We didn't have a piece of furniture. But our main thought was just to get started. What has happened since is utterly fantastic! Every room has been remodeled! The food, sofa, curtains, and furniture have all been donated. It has all been done for the glory of God.

"On September 3, 1970, we signed the final papers for this building which we call The Way Inn, located on the south side of Binghamton. It's right across from the high school, and it is open during the noon hour. The kids bring their lunches and come to talk with one another. From 6 to 10:30 p.m. The Way Inn provides a coffee house setting, and kids come again to share their experiences and to talk about Jesus.

"The youth center was an attraction during the week, but I noticed that we just weren't getting the kids on Friday nights and Saturdays. I prayed, 'Lord, there's got to be a way to keep these young people on weekends.' At the time I had five kids of my own and was working in a laundry. We had no other support. Our house wasn't very large. My wife and I prayed, 'Give us a big house, Lord, where we can have lots of kids. We noticed an article in the newspaper advertising a house outside of Owego, so we went to see it.

"It had twelve rooms and two acres of land. It was located close to a creek and down in a hollow. As I looked at it, I could see in my mind kids swimming and playing, and the Lord gave me the name that morning—Happy Hollow. I knew it was ours. I knew the Lord had given it to us. I didn't know where the money was going to come from, but I prayed, 'Lord, I'm just going to praise You for what You're going to do. How You're going to work it out, I haven't the slightest idea. But I know You're going to do it!' And God did it! Today Happy Hollow is being used in Youth Action's teen ministry."

The organization has several other similar projects being used for the Lord's service.

The Circle T Ranch in Marathon, New York, is a 140-acre ranch. It has two bunkhouses and is open in the fall, winter, and spring for weekend retreats. Here they have fun weekends, splash parties, fellowship, hayrides, teen Bible conferences, teen rallies, and leadership development. Everything is geared toward teen-ager involvement.

Teen Acres, located outside of Elmira, New York, is another such ministry.

"We can't sit still. People have approached us about starting a work on

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SUNDAY, JUNE 20

A Father's Awakening

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 19:13

"One night after my fifteen-year-old boy had been sent home for insurbordination to college authority for the second time, I slept but little. Then next morning after breakfast I cut a good switch and rehearsed to my boy his course of disobedience. I told him to take off his coat. He replied, 'I won't do it.' I looked him in the face and said: 'My boy, I am your father; you are my son. I promised God Almighty on my knees last night that I would control you, and I will whip you here this morning or you and I will die in this woodland. Take off your coat, sir.' He saw in my eye for the first time in his life the spirit of authority. He drew his coat in a moment, and I gave him a sound thrashing, at the conclusion of which I said, 'Now kneel down with me.' We knelt together, and I told God of my own neglect and of my boy's sinful conduct, and promised God in the hearing of my boy to be faithful to my duty the remainder of my life, and prayed God's blessing on my wayward child. When we arose, he put his arms around my neck and his head on my bosom. We wept together for a long time. Then he looked up and said, 'Father, I will never give you any more trouble.' And from that day to this I have never had a care about him. He has been the most obedient son a father ever had. He is married now, an official in the church, and no truer, nobler Christian man walks the earth than my precious son."—*Christian Life.*

Prayer Thought

If a father exercises the authority of his station, his children will be easier to control and will therefore cause him less worry.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

"Have It Charged"

Scripture Reading—Exodus 15:2

Once, in a Sunday school, a visitor was asked to take charge of the primary class for that session, the regular teacher being absent.

The stranger accepted, and, on entering the room, learned that the lesson was from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

The beautiful first verse was read aloud, namely:

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

The leader thought this text might be intelligently taught to senior pupils, but would "wee bairns" made to understand how to buy "without money"? The invitation seemed so difficult to explain to little folks, that the teacher just silently prayed for light upon the subject.

Immediately, another beautiful verse came into his mind, namely, "A little child shall lead them"; and believing God meant that perhaps one of the little scholars could better explain what Isaiah's text was intended to teach, the class listened carefully while he read the first verse once more.

When asked to say what they thought the prophet meant by inviting people to "buy . . . without money," a little girl, only six years old, promptly answered:

"Please sir! have it charged."

"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe,
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."

Jesus asks us to place the purchase price to His account.—*Gospel Harold.*

Prayer Thought

Jesus paid the full price for our salvation. All we need do is to accept His love and live for Him.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Too Much Like Hell

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:30

A young lawyer, an infidel, boasted that he was going West to locate some place where there were no churches, no Sunday schools, no Bibles. Before the year was over, he wrote to a classmate, a young minister, begging him to come out where he was and start a Sunday school and preach, and "be sure to bring plenty of Bibles," closing his letter with these words, "I have become convinced that a place without Christians and Sundays and churches and Bibles is too much like hell for any living man to stay in."—*Echoes.*

Prayer Thought

Take the Lord out of the world and Satan has a free run of things. Disaster will occur: mental, physical, and spiritual.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

A Smile

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:27

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

A smile is never wasted. If it doesn't receive one in return, it nevertheless has done the smiler some good. Smile when you don't know what else to do.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

"Wrong Stuff" for the Sick

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:17

In a school examination the examiner put the question, "What is false doctrine?" Up went a little boy's hand, and there came the answer, "It's when the doctor gives the wrong stuff to the people who are sick." False doctrine (doctorin') indeed! Reports of sermons that we see in the press, and that we hear from some preachers, show that there are pulpit doctors who are giving the "wrong stuff" to sin-sick souls.—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

Wrong medicine can cause much trouble, even death. Wrong preaching can cause much trouble too, even the losing of souls.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Do It Today

Scripture Reading—Psalm 22:26

Wear today a cheerful face
In everything you do,
The sunshine that you radiate
Will shine right back at you.

Speak today a word of hope
To someone in distress,
When you lift another's load
You make your burden less.

Do today a gracious deed
And do it with a smile,
It is little acts like these
Than make your life worth while.
—*Grenville Kleiser.*

Prayer Thought

Thinking of others and doing something to help them can bring immeasureable happiness.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Greatness of Faith

Scripture Reading—John 14:1

Two Christians were once speaking of their experiences, and one said, "It is terribly hard to trust God and realize His hand in the dark passages of life." "Well, brother," said the other, "if you cannot trust a man out of your sight, he is not worth much; and if you cannot trust God in the dark, it shows you do not trust Him at all." —*Moody Monthly.*

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

$10,000 GRANT PRESENTED COLLEGE



The Bank of North Carolina, N.A., presented a $10,000 grant to Mount Olive College during ceremonies in the Moye Library recently. Shown above during the presentation are (left to right): Carroll Bryan of Jacksonville, chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of North Carolina; Hugh Rich, president of the bank; Dr. W. Burkette Raper, College president; Ralph A. Morris of New Bern, chairman of the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees; and William H. Bunch, manager of the Mount Olive Branch of the Bank of North Carolina.

Bank of North Carolina, NA., with headquarters in Jacksonville and a branch office in Mount Olive, has presented a $10,000 grant to Mount Olive College to be used for faculty development in the business department.

W. Carroll Bryan of Jacksonville, chairman of the bank's board of directors; and J. Hugh Rich, president of the bank; jointly made the presentation to President Raper in a ceremony at a recent board of trustees meeting at the College.

Rich gave the College $1,000 of the grant, saying the remaining $9,000 will be paid "over the next 10 years."

In presenting the fund gift, Rich said, "Bank of North Carolina's Board of Directors enthusiastically approved the gift as we recognize the importance of investing in the most modern and efficient education facilities as students reach out for the outstanding program presented by Mount Olive College."

President Raper expressed gratitude to the directors of the Bank of North Carolina "for the confidence and trust they have placed in the College" and termed the gift "much more than a contribution to a growing institution of higher education as the contribution which we have received here greatly strengthens our efforts and adds materially in providing further educational opportunities at Mount Olive College."

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He who takes but never gives may last for years but never lives.—Selected.

HARRISON JOINS COLLEGE STAFF



The Rev. Frank Harrison will join the staff of Mount Olive College on August 1, 1971, as chaplain and director of denominational services. Mr. Harrison attended Mount Olive College and earned his Bachelor's degree from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, and will complete in June, 1971, two years of study in the School of Pastoral Care at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Prior to his study at Baptist Hospital, Harrison served as pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, for eight years (1961-69).

Harrison will bring to the position pastoral experience as well as enterprise training in the area of personal and group counseling. He has said concerning his appointment to the staff of Mount Olive College:

"We live in a world of shrinking relationships. The gospel of Jesus Christ is communicated through relationships. The growth and development of human personality does not occur apart from meaningful relationships. It is in the freedom of an accepting relationship that a student or any other person will be free to explore his thoughts and attitudes toward himself, his fellowman, and his Creator.

"The college community can be a place where education is more than just learning facts of a given subject. It can be an experience in relationships to others in which the creative potential of an individual is called forth. Pastoral care

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

25th Annual Ministers' Conference
Cragmont Assembly, June 21-24

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Ministers' Conference will be held at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, the week of June 21-24. The theme for this year's conference is "Pastoral Evangelism," with Scripture taken from Acts 1:8. The Rev. J. B. Starnes will be music director for the conference. The program is as follows:

Monday

6:00 P.M.—Supper
7:30 P.M.—Message Number One, the Rev. Robert Rollins
—Special Music
—Message Number Two, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark

Tuesday

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
9:00 A.M.—Special Music
—Message Number One, the Rev. Rudy Shepard
—Special Music
—Message Number Two, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
12:00 Noon—Lunch
6:00 P.M.—Supper
7:30 P.M.—Annual Business Session
—Memorial Service

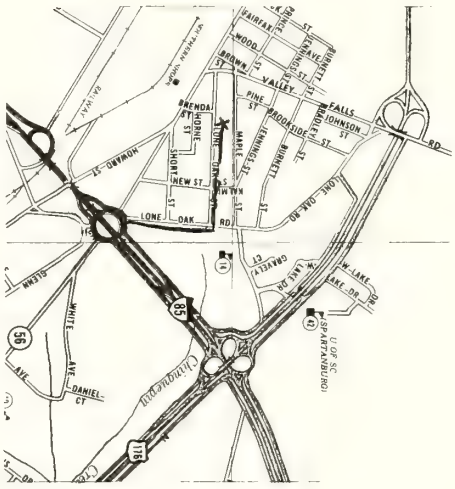
Wednesday

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
9:00 A.M.—Special Music
—Message Number One, the Rev. Johnny Bullman
—Special Music
—Message Number Two, the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow
12:00 Noon—Lunch
6:00 P.M.—Twenty-Fifth Annual Celebration Fellowship
8:00 P.M.—Special Music
—"Idea in Depth Evangelism Applied" (Isaiah 61:1, 2), Presented by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, the Rev. David C. Hansley, President, Presiding

Thursday

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
9:00 A.M.—Devotions, the Rev. Harry G. Brown

Directions to Hearon Circle Church
Spartanburg, S. C.



The map shown above shows the meeting place for the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. When approaching Spartanburg on Interstate 85, continue to Hearon Circle which is clearly marked by the road signs. Upon reaching the circle you will find signs directing you to the church.

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Bethlehem Church to Observe Homecoming

The Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Fountaintown, Duplin County, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, June 27. Following the morning worship service, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. An afternoon service of singing has been planned.

The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to celebrate the occasion with them and enjoy the Christian fellowship together.

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Revival at Macedonia
June 14-19

The Rev. Willis Wilson of Winterville, North Carolina, is conducting a series of revival services at the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina, the week of June 14-19. The time of the revival is 7:30 p. m., with the Rev. Walter Sutton, pastor, leading the services. The revival is featuring visiting and local musicians. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services and be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for May, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of May, 1971:

Balance May 1, 1971		$2,010.43
Receipts		
Churches	$1,623.03	
Personal Gifts	50.00	
Woman's Auxiliaries	111.00	
Sunday Schools	23.19	
Sunday School Conventions	25.00	
Leagues	30.00	
Insurance Dividend	8.60	
Western Conference AFCs and YFAs	12.44	
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Conference	472.87	
Central Conference Youth Fellowship	1,430.00	
Total Receipts		3,786.13
Total to Account For		$5,796.56
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 308.02	
Advanced to Open Camp	800.00	
Total Disbursements		1,108.02
Balance June 1, 1971		$4,688.54
In Savings Account		2,211.53
Grand Total		$6,900.07

(Peease Note: Please send all donations for Cragmont Assembly, Inc. to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574.

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General Conference, July 6, 7
Spartanburg, South Carolina

The following is the tentative program for the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists convening with the Hearon Circle church, 7408 Lone Oak Street (Southern Shops), Spartanburg, South Carolina, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6, 7. The theme will be, "Jesus—Today's Answer"; with Scripture taken from John 1:41, 42, ". . . We have found the Messias, . . . And he (Andrew) brought him (Simon) to Jesus. . . ."

The Rev. Walter Carter, Rockingham, North Carolina, will preside over the con-

Coming Events

July 6, 7—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina

ference with the Rev. Clyde Cox, New Bern, North Carolina, as song leader. Serving at the organ will be Mr. Tommy Manning of Ayden, North Carolina, with Mrs. J. B. Starnes, Newport, North Carolina, at the piano.

Tuesday, July 6
Afternoon Session

1:00—Registration
4:30—Executive Committee Meeting

Evening Session

7:30—Song Service
—Devotions, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Middlesex, N. C.
7:45—Greetings from the Local Church, Host Pastor
8:00—Opening of Conference, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, Dunn, N. C.
—Business Session:
Committee Appointments
Announcements
8:15—Conference Offering
8:20—Special Music
8:30—Sermon, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, Newport, N. C.
—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Hymn
—Benediction

Wednesday, July 7
Morning Session

9:00—Registration
9:30—Song Service
—Reading of Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. John Mayhew, Ragland, W. Va.
9:45—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Walter Carter
10:05—Song Service
—Special Music
—Sermon, the Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Spartanburg, S. C.
10:50—Intermission
11:05—Song Service
—Special Music
—Sermon, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, Virginia Beach, Va.
—Hymn
—Benediction
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song Service
—Devotions, the Rev. R. H. MacAbee, Inman, S. C.
1:45—Business Session:
Report of Committees and Boards
Old and New Business
Final Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Treasurer
—Hymn
—Benediction

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The Youth and The Church

(Proverbs 22:6)

By Evangelist Arnold Woodlief

WHY stress any or all matters concerning the younger generation of today more from the angle of school life, home and family life, social life in the city or community, and less from the most vital angle, which is church life or religion? The older generation must assume the responsibility of practicing morals and standards of what is right and what is wrong before the younger generation. It may well be expected that the youth will naturally partake of the same characterisitcs as that of the adults. The younger generation should long for the sympathy and help that the older generation can give.

A woman once said to me, "I don't want my children to join a church until they are old enough to intelligently decide which church they want to become a member of." I said to her, "Madam, do you know which church is right and which church is wrong? There are many churches that are partly right and partly in error. Are you expecting your children to be more intelligent about this than you have been? When you made your decision, was it intelligent?" The woman replied, "but they are too young now to understand." Then I asked her, "Who is old enough to understand the things of religion?"

We must keep in mind that religion deals with God and man, eternity and infinity. A child can wade in the ocean as easily as his father can; however, neither can go into it very far. But religion is spiritual—its field is in will, affections, and faith rather than in reason; in these the child has an actual advantage over his father.

This all boils down to one common object: the parents do not want to exercise too great an influence over their children in this matter, but let them decide for themselves. However, they are very careful as to the morals they teach their children, though there are many schools of morals. Parents are very careful to send their children to school, though the children may not want to go. Even manners and taste are taught children, though parents know their own standards in these things are not universally accepted. So why make an exception of the most important thing of all—**religion**—and teach everything else that enters into the child's life except this most vital thing? Instead of hindering, parents ought to help their children to understand the importance of church life and religion (Christianity). If childhood and youthhood passes without education in school, then life passes without learning. This is also true with the teachings of morals and religious beliefs. It is a solemn fact that if childhood and youthhood passes without training of the religious instinct—faith, hope, love, worship, confession—then life passes without religious beliefs.

Parental instruction and family religion ought to be the rule and not the exception for the younger generation of today. The work of bringing up a child religiously as we strive to educate him in our schools today is a great problem for the older generation. In doing this we must return to the methods used by the divine Master.

Let us work and pray for a revival in which the verities of the Christian religion will be taught to the **youth** of today!

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Nowadays drivers seldom sound their horns. Gabriel does it for them!—Selected.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

SUMMER CAMPS AND DIRECTORS

Listed below is the camp schedule for Cragmont Assembly, Inc. for the summer of 1971. Also listed are the camp directors and counselors for each conference.

June 7-12—Youth Frontier Conference (YFA Division): The Rev. and Mrs. David C. Hansley; the Rev. and Mrs. David W. Hansley; Mrs. Matthew Parker; the Rev. and Mrs. Chris Singleton; Mr. Linwood Smith; Mr. Reb Lancaster Jr, counselor; Miss Debbie Lancaster, music; and Miss Elaine Vester, music.

June 14-19—General Youth Conference: Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Manning, the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mr. Wayne Vincent, Mr. Bruce Gray, Mrs. Inez Davenport, Miss Kay Jones, the Rev. Rudy Shepard, and Mrs. David W. Hansley.

June 21-25—Ministers' Conference

June 28—July 3—Christian Cadets' Conference: The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond E. Jones, the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Mayo, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bordeaux, Mrs. Mollie Tart, Mrs. Bobbie Holland, and Mrs. Becky Wiggs.

July 5-10—Youth Frontier Conference (YFA Division): The Rev. and Mrs. David C. Hansley; the Rev. and Mrs. David W. Hansley; the Rev. and Mrs. Harry Grubbs; the Rev. and Mrs. Chris Singleton; Mrs. Matthew Parker; Mr. Linwood Smith; Mr. Reb. Lancaster Jr., counselor; Miss Debbie Lancaster, music; and Miss Elaine Vester, music.

July 12-17—Youth Frontier Conference (AFC Division): The Rev. and Mrs. David C. Hansley; the Rev. and Mrs. David W. Hansley; the Rev. and Mrs. Chris Singleton; Mrs. A. B. Chandler; Mr. Linwood Smith; Mr. Reb Lancaster Jr., counselor; Miss Debbie Lancaster, music; Miss Elaine Vester, music.

August 2-7—Young People's Bible Conference: The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link and the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

August 16-21—Woman's Auxiliary Conference

August 23-28—Family Week

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

DON'T FORGET CRAGMONT!

I certainly agree with the statement of the Rev. L. E. Ballard in the June 9, 1971, issue of "The Free Will Baptist" that we should be, "all together getting along with the task of putting Cragmont Assembly in its proper place as one of our greatest Free Will Baptist institutions."

About this time of the year, as we are preparing to enter the new church year, our attention turns to our church budgets. It is in this light that we would speak to you at this time concerning Cragmont Assembly, Inc. We are deeply appreciative of the response we have received as we have traveled from church to church since January on behalf of Cragmont, and for the many churches which have put forth a special effort to support this phase of our building and development program. We would, however, encourage each of our churches, "Don't Forget Cragmont" when you are setting up your budgets for the church year 1971-72. It is the regular year to year support that is best for the development of any of our institutions. Also, we remind you of the challenge we have been presenting wherever we speak concerning Cragmont: If you have not been supporting Cragmont on a regular basis we challenge your church to give at least $170 this year. If you have been supporting Cragmont in the past, as many have, we challenge you to raise the level of your present support.

Remember when you give to Cragmont you are taking an active part in the shaping of the lives of the young people of the Free Will Baptist church. We encourage you to take part in this ministry, the Free Will Baptist "Mountaintop Ministry," by actively supporting Cragmont with your prayers, your youth in encampments, and your financial support as churches, auxiliaries, and individuals. Let's make this our best year ever at Cragmont!

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

Woman's Auxiliary of General Conference

The following is the tentative program for the seventh session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists to be held with Hearon Circle church, 7408 Lone Oak Street (Southern Shops), Spartanburg, South Carolina, Tuesday, July 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The convention theme will be, "Youthful Helps" (Nehemiah 6:3). Serving as pianist will be Mrs. Doris Bullman, and organist, Mrs. Brenda Bullman, both of Spartanburg, with Mrs. Sadie Greene of Kannapolis, North Carolina, as song director.

Morning Session

9:00—Registration
9:30—Hymn
—Devotions and Prayer, Mrs. J. V. Joyner, Kenly, N. C.
—Welcome, Mrs. Johnnie Bullman, Host Church
—Opening of Convention, Mrs. James Evans, Secretary, Kinston, N. C.
—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, and Ministers
—President's Remarks, Mrs. Norman Ard, Pink Hill, N. C.
—Business Session, Minutes of Last Convention
—Hymn, Congregation Stands While Ushers Receive Offering
—Special Music, Young People from Host Church
10:15—Bible Quiz, Mrs. Harry Brown, Bahama, N. C.
—Hymn
—First Session of Youthful Helps, "Projects," Mrs. J. B. Starnes, Newport, N. C.
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Hymn and Prayer
—Memorial Service, Mrs. Fred A. Rivenbark, Virginia Beach, Va.
—Special Music, Marla, Joe, and Todd Ard, Pink Hill, N. C.
—Second Session of Youthful Helps, "Programs," Mrs. Norman Ard
—Third Session of Youthful Helps, "Recreation," Mrs. Nerry Wall, Pink Hill, N. C.
—Special Music, Young People from Host Church
—Final Business Session:
Report of Committees
Report of Treasurer
—Adjournment

A Year of Evangelism

the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen
Secretary of General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Approximately eighteen months ago the Executive Committee of the General Conference appointed a special committee to study and make recommendations concerning a year of evangelism among Free Will Baptists. Since that time a group of concerned Christians in North America, from approximately 75 denominations, have united in an effort known as "Key-73" to share Christ with every person in North America during 1973.

During the meeting of the General Conference this year at Spartanburg, South Carolina, a recommendation will be brought before the body asking that provisions be allocated toward the efforts of "Key-73."

Dr. T. A. Raedeke, executive director of "Key-73," explained the objectives in these words:

"Thank God the building never moves because this is the meeting place for the church! The church is people—Christ's people—the fellowship of the redeemed, the concerned and the sent ones. During the week the church is at the office, in the kitchen, at the workbench, at school, at work, or at play. Unless Jesus Christ goes with the members of the church so that others hear of Christ from them and see Christ in them, unless this happens, the church will only be a monument, never a movement.

"Because those who claim to be the church are not always effectively functioning as the church, the church is in trouble. The basic trouble plaguing the church today is not that the church is growing, but that the church proportionately is growing smaller. The birth rate is constantly exceeding the rebirth rate.

"To reverse this trend, the church today—

"1. Must share the claims and message of the gospel of Jesus Christ more fully, and more fully with every person;

"2. Must employ every means and every method of communicating the gospel in order to create the conditions in which men may more readily respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit; and

"3. Must apply the message and meaning of Jesus Christ to the issues shaping man and his society in order that they may be resolved.

"Basically, the above are the objectives of 'Key-73.' We might question whether there is any denomination or group which can honestly afford not to participate in this concerted Christian evangelism effort throughout the United States and Canada which will climax in 1973. The forces of evil are becoming more militant and more aggressive. The church of Jesus Christ can ill afford to do business as usual. Soldiers in the army of Jesus Christ must be reminded that theirs is not an army of occupation—theirs is an army of conquest."

As we approach the opportunities of evangelism may we have open minds and prayerful hearts so that God can work through us.

Attention, Woman's Auxiliaries of The General Conference

Report blanks for the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference have been mailed. If your auxiliary failed to get one, please send your name and address, including zip code, to Mrs. James A. Evans, 600 Carey Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, and a blank will be sent to you immediately.

Notice: If minister or church clerk received the auxiliary report blanks, please see that the auxiliary gets it at once.

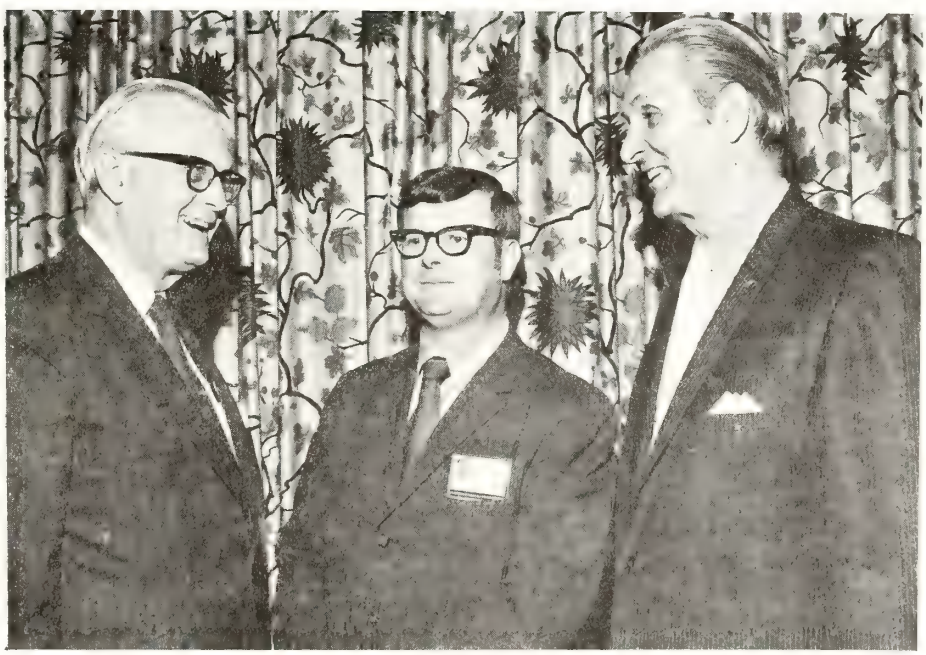
The Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, 7408 Lone Oak Street (Southern Shops), Spartanburg, South Carolina, Tuesday, July 6. Registration will be held at 9 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:30.

The program will include three speakers with Youthful Helps on "Recreation," "Projects," and "Programs." "I believe this will be one of our best conventions yet. I'm sure you will not want to miss the good things in store for you."

Mrs. Norman Ard, PRESIDENT

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The family tree is worth bragging about if it has consistently produced good timber, and not just nuts.—Selected.



Pictured are Dr. Tom Zimmerman, chairman of the Executive Committee of "Key-73"; the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, secretary of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists; and Dr. T. A. Raedeke, executive director of "Key-73" at the central committee meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 24, 25, 1971. Mr. Bazen's trip was made possible by his church, the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina.

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and counseling is participation in the care and creative development of persons to become free and responsible thinkers who are aware of ultimate responsibility to God.

"Many of the structured avenues of ministry are no longer effective means of communication with college students. Pastoral counseling and group dialogue can be an effective means of engaging students in meaningful, creative discussion of where they are in their own spiritual pilgrimage. My interest as chaplain is to engage students in dialogue as they struggle to find themselves and their responsible place in our society."

Harrison will also develop programs which will enable Mount Olive College to better serve the Free Will Baptist denomination as well as the local community. The areas of service will include pulpit supply and special conferences for ministers, laymen, and youth. Harrison has said concerning his particular interest in pastoral care:

"The Free Will Baptist church does not have any designated resource person to work with ministers and laymen who have family and emotional struggles where counseling can be of value. This service sponsored by the College can help add this dimension to the life of the Free Will Baptist church. The chaplain would work with various ministerial groups in studies, workshops, and seminars. He would be available to conduct studies and workshops in the Free Will Baptist churches, have family enrichment programs in the churches, and be a pastoral counselor to whom ministers can refer their people for help and counseling in time of crisis."

Harrison will also have a limited teaching load in the department of religion and will teach a course in Family Relations in the department of social sciences.

Mount Olive College feels fortunate to have a man with Harrison's commitment and training on its staff and feels sure his ministry will enrich the lives of students and faculty.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Miss Owens to Do Doctoral Studies

After six years of service Miss Hilda Owens, director of Counseling Services at Mount Olive College, has been awarded a sabbatical leave of absence for professional study. Miss Owens concluded



her current duties at the College on June 8, and entered Florida State University on June 14, where she will engage in doctoral studies.

At Florida State she has been awarded a Junior College Administrative Fellowship.

Since joining the faculty of Mount Olive College in 1965, Miss Owens has served in a broad range of positions relative to its student personnel program. Currently she is administratively responsible for the College counseling program, admissions, and office of registrar.

In announcing her leave President W. Burkette Raper declared that, "the board of trustees took recognition of the loyal and effective serivces of Miss Owens and awarded her a professional leave in appreciation for her outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the College."

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Available for Evangelistic Services

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief of 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida, is available for evangelistic services. At this time all dates are open, and those who desire his services are urged to contact him immediately. Mr. Woodlief has been described by some of his fellow ministers as a "dynamic preacher of the gospel."

YOUTH AT WORK

by Pauline Mizell

I attended the Fifth Eastern District Union Meeting at the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, May 29, and was very much impressed at the work the youth of this church are doing. At the meeting there was a request that we send more news to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication; so after consulting the church, I would like to report on the work the youth of this church are doing.

In the Arapahoe church there is a very active group of young people. Each Sunday evening they meet for the Free Will Baptist League with an average attendance of 25. These range from ages 5 to 18. After the league work, they then have choir rehearsal.

The church has recently had a revival with the Rev. Jack Mayo as the evangelist. During this meeting this group of young people was there every night, each in his place in the choir. They rendered special music each evening and were very good.

Each Sunday morning you will find these youth in their places in Sunday school. And when Sunday school is over, you don't finding them going home or to other places, but staying for the morning worship service. And very often you will find them rendering special music for these services. The boys act as ushers and the others help in anyway they can.

The Arapahoe church has a very large lot and this group of young people has made it their responsibility to keep the church grounds clean and beautiful. On Thursday, May 27, while this group was busy cleaning the church grounds, Mrs. Frances Carawan's little girl was having a birthday party. Mrs. Carawan combined the work group with the group celebrating the party and when the work was done, she served the 20 young people who were working on the church grounds cake and drinks. Yes, the mothers of the church always help to make the work of the Lord enjoyable as well as beneficial for this group.

The Rev. E. E. Edwards is pastor of the Arapahoe church which has services each Sunday morning and prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. In these you will find these young people who are taking an active part.

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Home is the place where the great are small and the small are great.—Selected.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: James 1:13, 14 says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed"; but James 1:2 says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." Is there a contradiction to be found here? Please explain.

Answer: I think you trouble here is the two ways in which the word "temptation" is used. In James 1:2 it means "trial" or "test"; however, in Verses 13, 14 it means "solicitation to evil." God allows us to be tempted. In fact, the Bible says for us to count on it and regard temptation as a joy when it comes to us since God permits it to come as a means to strengthen us spiritually, and to encourage us to activities that help us to grow in His grace and knowledge.

Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob, was tempted both in adversity and prosperity, all of which served as a means to better prepare him for the place of responsibility and privileges that came his way as prime minister of Egypt and guardian of Israel when the great famine crippled many great nations; but Israel was safe in the providence of God. Israel, the nation, spent a long time—even more than 400 years—in Egyptian bondage and in wanderings in the wilderness before God deemed it safe to shower the final blessings of the promise upon her, but finally He did it. He brought her from the bondage of Egypt and bestowed upon her the greatest honor and wealth of any nation; for such was her status under the reigns of David and Solomon.

Note here that neither Israel nor Joseph were ever influenced of God to do any form of evil. God allowed them, as He allows you and me, to be tempted; but He always shows us in His Word how to live above yielding to these temptations. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

God allowed Joseph and Israel to be tested to show them, as well as to show Satan and all that are tempted of him, that He is able to keep His own who obey Him from every pitfall of Satan's, regardless of the cunningly devised means of allurement he may use. Satan tries in every way possible to trip any and all Christians in their testimony and in life's general activities; but God allows such testings to improve and strengthen us, preparing us in each experience to be ready for the next so long as we remain faithful to Him.

Ever since Adam sinned, it has been a general rule for man in some way to blame God for sin. This trend is just as natural for us today as it seemed to be for Adam; but there is no sin in God, and He is blameworthy of none of our inconsistencies. It is just simply unthinkable that God would entice anyone to sin. When we so class or accuse Him, we follow the old nature, allowing the devil's whims and influences to direct both our thoughts and our actions.

James 1:14 gives the answer to why people are enticed to evil. They are "drawn away" by their "own lust" or desires. When a person sins the reason is not hard to find. His own, not God's, desires or wishes, were being given way to. The sinner just simply of his own free choice yielded to temptation. He disobeyed the pleadings of the old song I used to love when I was real young:

"Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you
Some other to win;
Fight manfully onward,
Dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus,
He'll carry you through."

Martin Luther had a quaint way of expressing a profound truth concerning a Christian's opportunity and responsibility when temptations come to us. He says, "We cannot keep the birds from flying over our heads, but we can keep them from making nests in our hair." If we are Christians in fellowship with God, testings are sure to come to us each day, and in most instances, several times a day; but as long as we are obedient, we shall be kept from all evil.

Trans World Radio's Dedicates New Studio-Office Building

The new office and studio building of Trans World Radio's German Branch, known as Evangeliums-Rundfunk, was dedicated May 23 with official participation by TWR's Founder-President Dr. Paul E. Freed; his father, Dr. Ralph Freed, who is general director; and the leaders of Evangeliums-Rundfunk.

The prevailing theme of the ceremonies underlined the fact of God's gracious hand of blessing upon the German Branch of Trans World Radio and how remarkable it is that on the dedication day all construction costs for the building (approximately $335,000) had been met through the gifts of listening friends in the German-speaking countries of Europe.

The new three-story building will accommodate about sixty full-time workers. With each floor measuring 120 feet by 32 feet, there is now adequate space for the many departments involved in the preparation and production of programs, including offices for the follow-up ministry of answering listeners' letters.

The air of joy and thanksgiving so keenly felt gives credit to answered prayer for the new facilities so urgently needed. Over the past eleven years, the Wetzlar staff has managed in rented offices in several different locations.

The dedication ceremonies were held under a big tent which was erected in a field adjoining the new building. Throughout the afternoon the several thousand guests who attended heard an outstanding sacred musical concert performed by the musicians who are regularly heard on TWR's German programs.

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A child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his father.—Selected.

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Children may tear up a house, but they seldom break up a home.—Selected.

STORIES for our youth



FLAT or SHARP

MARGARET N. FREEMAN

CINDY hung the sky-blue dress on a hanger. It would be so beautiful when it was finished. A tear fell, and she wiped her eyes hastily.

"What's wrong with you?" Her brother Tim eyed her curiously.

"Oh, you wouldn't understand!" Cindy replied.

"Try me," he said.

"Aunt Mary is sick, and Mom is going to help out a few days," she told him.

"Sure. But we'll get along." He looked puzzled. "Are you crying about that dress?"

Cindy nodded. "Our Home Ec. project was to choose material and a pattern for a dress and have someone make it for us. Then we voted to have a fashion show and to have a judge come in to grade us on our selection of fabric and style. That's the day after tomorrow. Mom just had the zipper and cummerbund left to do."

"Aw, well, you've got other dresses!"

"Yes, but I'd planned on this."

"Well, unplan!" Tim said.

Cindy turned to hang up the dress, so she didn't see Tim's grin as he said, "Mrs. Perkins is coming to stay while Mom's gone."

"I know," Cindy said shortly.

The next morning was a flurry of breakfast, seeing Mother leave for the bus, and getting off to school. "Wow! What a wonderful day!" Tim breathed. "Hurry up, Cindy, the fellows will already be playing ball."

"Run along," Cindy told him, "I'm in no hurry. I'll get there too soon."

She did, too. The girls were excitedly describing the dresses they were entering in the fashion show. Cindy listened quietly. Someone asked, "What color is yours, Cindy?"

"What difference does it make? This isn't such a grand parade, is it?" she asked crossly.

"Well, uh, no," Susie Somers said, "but I thought you said that you'd have something new."

"Well, I won't; but at least I won't be singing flat!" Cindy said spitefully. She spun on her heels and turned toward the schoolhouse.

What made me say that to Susie? she asked herself. The chorus director was always singling out Susie, asking her to listen to tone. But everyone loved Susie, and her sunny smile included everyone.

I'm just horrid, Cindy thought; but she didn't apologize to Susie. At noon, she asked the teacher for permission to go to the library.

Tim whistled gaily on the way home from school until finally Cindy stamped her foot. "Stop whistling! You sound like a broken record."

Tim looked at her. "So do you—screech — grump — screech — grump." It sounded so exactly like a broken record that Cindy began to giggle.

"I'm making ginger cookies," said Mrs. Perkins, greeting them as they came in the door, "and there's milk to go with them."

"Um, wonderful!" Tim said.

"They smell delicious," Cindy said. "Mom says you're the best cook she knows."

"Does she now?" Mrs. Perkins looked pleased. "Here, Cindy. Have a nice hot one."

"No, thanks," Cindy said, the sad events of her day flooding back. "I'll practice my music now, I guess."

She worked on scales first because she disliked them most, but when she got to the pretty pieces, they didn't sound right. Everything came out flat and dull. Just like I feel inside, she thought. She simply could not get Susie's surprised, shocked, and hurt look out of her mind.

Mrs. Perkins came in wiping her hands on her apron. "How would the family like oyster stew for supper?" she asked.

Ugh! Oysters! Cindy thought to herself. But she just couldn't make another person sad today. "Dad and Tim love them," she said carefully.

"That's good. They don't take so much time. Don't you care for oysters?"

"Not much," Cindy admitted. "I eat the milk soup sometimes, but it doesn't matter. I'm not very hungry."

"Well, then run upstairs and get your dress."

"My—dress?" Cindy stammered.

"Yes, your dress for the fashion show."

Cindy stared. "Can you sew?"

"I won a prize on a dress I made in a sewing contest last month," Mrs. Perkins answered.

"Did Mother ask you? . . ."

"No. Tim told me how much this means to you."

"Tim?"

"Sure. He's my paperboy. Is there much left to be done on your dress, Cindy?"

"Oh, no, just the zipper and cummerbund."

"Well, hop along and get it."

Next morning, Cindy combed her hair carefully into soft brown waves. The dress hung in shimmering folds, and the cummerbund encircled her slim waist like a bracelet.

"Wow!" Tim said admiringly. "What's first prize?"

"Just the honor," Cindy giggled, "or I'd share with you."

"You should," he grinned, "but since I have a paper route, I'm not hurting. Here's a dollar. Ask someone to share a treat if you win—and if you lose, console yourself."

When she saw Susie dressed in yellow as sunny as her usual smile, Cindy walked up to her and said right in front of all the kids, "I'm sorry I was so horrid yesterday, Susie."

Before Susie had time to answer, one of the girls said, "I thought you weren't going to have a new dress."

"I didn't think I was."

"Is that why you were cross?" Susie asked.

"Yes—I was disappointed."

The bell interrupted their talk, and everyone went inside.

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions of Original Free Will Baptists for the period June 2-8, 1971. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind that the church year ends June 30, 1971; therefore, we have less than a month to reach this goal. If your church has not sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible so that we may reach our goal.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-1971, June 1, 1971		$7,021.51
Receipts for June 2-8		
Tee's Chapel Church, Smithfield	$ 150.00	
Albemarle Sunday School Convention	6.00	
Second Union Meeting, Central Conference	12.21	
Hull Road Church, Snow Hill	40.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Howell, Pikeville	50.00	
Community Church, Weldon	38.00	
Crab Point Church, Morehead City	60.67	
Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville	60.00	
Ormondsville Sunday School, Ayden	16.00	
Harrell's Chapel Church, Snow Hill	65.00	
Sandy Plain Church, Pink Hill	106.00	
Holly Springs Church, Newport	100.00	
Second Union, Western Conference	100.00	
Union Grove Church, Fremont	120.00	
Individual	56.00	
Johnston Union Church, Smithfield	132.49	
Gum Swamp Church, Greenville	25.00	
Antioch Church, Ernul	41.10	
Rev. and Mrs. Lester Duncan, Wilson	10.00	
Hearon Circle Church, Spartanburg, S. C.	50.00	
Friendship League, Farmville	21.56	
Snow Hill League, Mount Olive	10.00	
Winterville Church. Winterville	66.60	
Oak Grove Church, Vanceboro	49.19	
Total Receipts		$1,385.82
Balance Left on Budget June 8, 1971		$5,635.69

MEXICO MISSION NEWS

by J. E. TIMMONS

One of the things that continues to thrill our hearts is to see the blessings of God made manifest in the continued ministry of the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute located near Quemado, Texas. We are made to rejoice in witnessing the much improvement and dedication of our Mexican ministers and their contribution made to the Institute which you, the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, have made possible. The future of the Free Will Baptist church in Mexico depends today upon the investment we make in our Mexican pastors through our Bible Institute.

There are two of our ministers who are leading their churches in a building program; and, of course, this causes the people much joy as they sacrifice and work hard to complete the program. In Mexico building a chapel is nothing to compare with the building of the same in North Carolina and Texas. In the first place, in Mexico the materials are purchased in smaller amounts than in the States. These are conveyed to the building site the best way possible—sometimes by trucks at an added expense, or by wagons at a much less expense. The obtaining of the building permit is one of the ordeals that sometimes becomes very trying. This usually cost about $40 in American money; and in many cases the permit is denied in order to force the interested party to pay a much larger amount. However, these are by no means all the problems that face our men on the field who are trying to build a Free Will Baptist house of worship.

Another great problem is getting someone to work on these projects because of the small amount of pay our pastors can pay these builders. Also if the ministers were to seek contractors or more skilled persons for the building of the chapels, they sometimes refuse to be hired for the building of an evangelical church. However, our people in Mexico are going forward. They are not discouraged, but on the contrary, they feel the burden of preaching Christ to the lost. So we earnestly request the prayers of all our churches in the United States to pray for the Mexican mission work.

Some of our native pastors in Mexico are preaching each night of the week. Of these we especially want to mention Brother Antonio Lopez of Cd. Acuna, across from Del Rio, Texas. This man is in his fifties, but is preaching in homes and in the mission; sometimes going as far as ten miles to preach in another small community. There are perhaps a number of things that we could criticize Brother Lopes for; however on the whole, we certainly have much to admire him for as his dedication to Christ just stands out above all of his failures.

We are also happy about the new mission in Cd. Acuna and their young pastor, Brother Jose Cruz Rodriguez. This young man is being blessed as he ministers in the new work there. Also in Piedras Negras Brother Antonio Escobar, pastor of the El Salvador Mission, is carrying on in a marvelous way in reaching the lost with the message. His mission is being blessed by the attendance of new people of which many have surrendered their lives to Christ. Also there are many more being reached in another area of Piedras Negras where Brother Escobar is ministering and holding services in a home.

In our next report we will inform you about the work in Saltillo and Nueva Rosita. Please remember to include these in your prayers for missions!

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 27



God Requires Personal Righteousness

Lesson Text: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Memory Verse: Micah 6:8

I. INTRODUCTION

God has a purpose in the life of each of us, and He has given us the potential, if it be properly developed and applied, to fulfill this purpose. The earlier in life that we can determine God's expectations of us and apply ourselves to its accomplishment, the sooner will our lives become both useful and enjoyable. One of the greatest tragedies that can happen to anyone, and it happens to countless millions, is to go through life without ever realizing what is expected of us. Such a life is not only void and unproductive, but it defeats the purpose of God in that life and estranges itself from His leadership and direction. It becomes like a ship that sails with every wind and drifts with every tide, knowing not what the next moment will bring forth and entertaining small hope of reaching an haven of safety. Instead of possessing the assurance that comes to all who know that their works are pertinent and useful, the life of that inidvidual is wrapped in uncertainty, confused by perplexity, and doomed to failure and disappointment.

Micah lived in an age when ritual and formality had replaced true religion and worship in the activities of his people. While making a pretense of righteousness, they lived in sin. Micah recognized the futility of such worship and religion, and set himself to the task of informing his people as to what God expected and demanded of them.

The purpose of today's lesson is to inform us of God's expectations of us, both in worship and in actions.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

Give the background of the time in which Micah prophesied and ministered.

B. The People Rebuked (Micah 6:1, 2)
1. The people were condemned.
2. They were rebuked by the Word of God.
3. The Word of God must be the basis for the man of God's message.

C. God's Grace to Israel (Micah 6:3, 4)
1. God reminded them of His mercies in the past.
2. He based His claim to their loyalty upon His grace, not their goodness.

D. Man's Question (Micah 6:6, 7)
1. Man claimed that God required unreasonable things of them.
2. Man today claims the Christian life is too idealistic and cannot be lived.

E. God's Answer (Micah 6:8)
1. God has revealed Himself to man.
2. God's revelation shows His work, His way, and His will for man.
3. All of this is so that man may walk with Him.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A young man worked in a store and was permitted to ring up cash receipts, even when his employer was not present. A companion suggested how easy it would be to take some of the money without his boss knowing it. "Just don't ring up that much. Nobody would see you, you know," he advised. The young man gave an admirable reply: "I would see myself." How many wrongs would we refrain from doing if we could only see ourselves as God sees us and as our friends see us!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. "During his last days on a tropical Island, Robert Louis Stevenson made friends with Mataafa, one of the claimants to the throne of Upolu. When Mataafa was imprisoned, Stevenson befriended him in many ways. He was often Mataafa's only comfort. Later, when Mataafa was released and in power, he led a group in the construction of a wide road to Stevenson's cottage. When it was finished, there was a great feast and the road was named 'The Road of the Loving Heart.' Kindnesses do reach human hearts."—Illustrating the Lesson, 1967.

C. The story is told of a heathen woman who heard a challenging message by a Christian missionary. She had never before heard about God who created the universe, who gave His Son to die for her sins, and who offered her eternal life. At that service she accepted Christ as her Saviour and vowed to serve Him.

The missionary challenged his hearers to give all that they had to Christ. The next evening many came bringing fruit and vegetables as their offering. Some came bearing pottery they had made with their rugged hands. This woman had none of these things to give, but she wanted to give something. To present her offering she came to the front of the grass hut with a large empty basket. The missionary thought it strange that this woman who seemed so earnest would bring an empty basket. He was touched, however, when she stepped inside the basket and said, "I give my life to Jesus. That's all I have!"

This is what God requires of us. He wants us! When we worship God, He expects us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. When we serve him, He expects us to give our all!—Standard Commentary.

D. God reminded His people how, under the leadership of Moses, He had delivered them from bondage. But the people were prone to forget. A pastor noted that one of the men in his congregation, who had served as a teacher, suddenly stopped attending church. The pastor called at his home. He was told by the Christian man that he no longer had any interest in the church. He told the pastor that he had served the Lord while working his way up to an executive position with his firm. Now, with the big salary he was making, he could no longer spare the time.

The pastor asked if he would pray with him. The pastor said, "Lord, you have blessed this man too much. Take from him his good position and his big salary in order that he may return to church and serve." The man was somewhat displeased with the prayer. But later, after reflecting on his life, he remembered how he had been led by God and blessed through his pastor and church.—Bible Expositor.

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It is better to be careful a thousand times than killed once.—Selected.

ONE MAN'S ANSWER

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the other side of Binghamton and another in the heart of Owego.

"A man has given us land and a beautiful pond in Caton, New York. A Christian man in a lumber mill is giving us all the lumber to build a school there. He's even sending his men up to build it. This will be our Bible school for former addicts.

"The Lord is sending all kinds of folk; there are a lot who are interested. The Ford Motor Company even gave us a car for the work. We live on faith; we pray and the money just comes in.

"Of course, we don't always get a pleasant response. Occasionally I have been told by people not to bring 'those dirty, filthy kids' to their churches. First Samuel 16:7 says, 'The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.'

"I find nowhere in the Book where we're to be inspectors and tell people how to do this or that. We have one job and that is to present the lovely Person of Jesus Christ and to share that Book."

The testimonies of kids saved under Youth Action's ministry are many and varied. They have a tremendous effect on those who hear them.

Donna is one such convert. Although a churchgoer, she started experimenting with marijuana. She tried many of the world's ways before she finally found Christ to be the answer. Now she's one of the key kids at the center, giving forth the Word and sharing Jesus with others.

In Owego two hippies were saved and returned to the streets to pass out tracts. They also went back to the Owego Free Academy High School and began prayer meetings. Soon kids were accepting Christ on the school steps.

"In two and one-half months we saw over thirty teen-agers come off drugs," Reed said. "To our knowledge only one of them has gone back on them. Since they have a spiritual solution to their problem, they are able to conquer it. If our work is not of the Lord, it's not going to last very long.

"Jesus Christ is relevant today, but religion isn't. I've never met a kid yet who has been turned off on Jesus. Kids have been turned off by some churches, though. Our method at the center is to constantly share the Word."

Clif Reed is constantly on the move for God. He works with teen-agers most of his available time. Besides being busy with Youth Action, he is on twenty-four-hour call with the probation and police departments. He teaches release time classes on Wednesdays in Mosherville, New York. He gives his time, his energies, and his life to reaching the precious souls of teens. But, says he, "You can't outgive God!"

A woman recently wrote to the editor of the local newspaper and expressed her appreciation for the work that is being done. "The problems kids face today are really serious, with drug addiction perhaps the most tragic. . . . I'm grateful for Mr. Reed and an organization like Youth Action, Inc. They are meeting the problem with the only real answer there is—Christ."

Clif Reed is a man who dares to claim God's promises: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). Like missionary William Carey, his maxims are "Expect great things from God" and "Attempt great things for God." His desire is to do God's will in God's time and in God's power. For him, Christ is the answer!—Gospel Herald.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Each girl had to walk across a platform, first with the group and then alone, while the judges inspected each dress.

As she walked, Cindy thought unhappily, I was a terrible witness for Jesus yesterday. I wish I'd never said those words. O Jesus, she prayed, help me not to hurt any friend like that again. Please let Susie win.

But Susie didn't win. Cindy's name was announced as first-prize winner.

After school, she waited by Susie's locker. "I've got a dollar. Come with me to the malt shop and celebrate. Your choice!"

Susie was still looking pretty serious.

"Susie," Cindy burst out, "you may sing flat sometimes, but you sure are a sharp girl. Will you come?"

"Of course!" Susie's smile flashed out bright as sunshine. "I'll have a clown sundae."

"My favorite, too!" Cindy said. Yes, she thought, Susie's smile is back in place, and I'll try to keep it there.—Guide for Juniors.

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It costs to follow Jesus Christ, but it costs more not to.—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Lester Sutton

(Resolutions of Respect)

On March 24, 1971, God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call to his reward our brother in Christ, Mr. Lester Sutton, age 69. Mr. Sutton had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 49 years, coming to Piney Grove church near Greenville, North Carolina, from the Reedy Branch church near Winterville.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, one son, and seven grandchildren.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy;

Second, that we express our deepest appreciations for his devotion to the church for this long period of time; and,

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication, and a copy be retained in the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hart
Elene Nichols
Willette Darden

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

Trusting God to lead through sorrows as well as joys is trusting indeed. None is so faithful as He, or as loving.

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

Children's Home Receives Duke Grant

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home announces the receipt of a $7,000 grant from the Duke Endowment to supplement this first year's operation of the new tutorial program on campus. The Duke Endowment, recognizing the good that such a program could do for the benefit of our children, approved an appropriation of $10,000 to be paid over a two-year period. A second payment will probably follow next year in the amount of $3,000. After the next installment has been received, the Home will be responsible for financing the total program, since we are not under compliance. The Elementary Secondary Education Act would finance the entire program at an estimated cost of $14,000 if the institution were in compliance. No money would be received but the Home would get the services paid for by E. S. E. A.

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OUR TUTORIAL PROGRAM

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home has established a tutorial program, whereby a full-time teacher, Mrs. Darby Whitman of Zebulon, North Carolina, acts as a liaison between the Home and its children who are enrolled at Middlesex Elementary School and Southern Nash Junior and Senior High Schools.

A study program is conducted at the Home on Monday and Wednesday nights of each week for students who have failed to achieve an average level in their school work. Five certified teachers are present to supervise the study hall and to help the students with their problem courses. There are three teachers available on the elementary level and one each on the junior and senior high levels. Each tutor has no more than five students per hour, therefore each is allowed to give personalized instruction and assistance to the pupils.

As supervisor of the program, Mrs. Whitman acts as the parent of each child in the Home in the area of his education. At the end of each grading period, when students receive their report cards from the local schools, they must submit their grades to Mrs. Whitman who maintains an individual grade sheet on each child. All children making grades of "D" or lower on any subject are referred to mandatory study hall two nights a week, with special tutoring in their weak subjects. The children must remain in the study hall until they receive at least a "C" (average) in all subjects.

A new study hall list is made up every six weeks, or at the end of each grading period. The study halls are held in the central dining hall, a portion of the laundry that has been renovated into a study, and the board room in the office building.

An advantage of the program other than assisting the children to maintain their grades, is giving the children a mediator between themselves and the school. If any child has a problem at school (academic, personal, or disciplinary), Mrs. Whitman is authorized to go to his teacher and discuss the child's problem, just as any parent in an average home situation would do. This policy is very important in that it shows the child that someone cares about his grades and his personal problems. This is probably the most important thing that has happened to the children at the Home in a long time.

Another major facet of the program is a reading class which is conducted every Tuesday and Thursday night by reading specialist, Wilheminia Smith of Middlesex. Children are placed in this program on the basis of reading scores on diagnostic tests. The kindergarten pupils are also involved in this program, and have made **fantastic progress.**

The tutorial program has been in progress at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home since October, 1970, and has been a tremendous success!

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Dean Vernon Honored

During graduation exercises May 29, at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, selected members of the graduating class presented a plaque of recognition to Dean Thomas E. Vernon in appreciation of his year of service at the College.

Dwight Gay, a member of the graduating class and spokesman for the group making the presentation, gave an oral tribute to Dr. Vernon and presented the plaque to him.

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NEWS NOTES

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Homecoming to Be Observed At Gum Neck Church

The Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina, announces its homecoming, Sunday, June 20. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship service, with the pastor, the Rev. Earl Minchew, bringing the homecoming message.

At the noon hour an old-fashioned picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend this period of fellowship.

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A little boy, age eight, gave a profound definition of parenthood: "Parents are just baby-sitters for God."—Selected.

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WHY IS IT?

Editorial...

WHY IS IT?

We crave love. We desire it so much that our heart sends out yearning messages to other people, hoping that even those who do love us will learn to love us more.

Then why is it that we are not so eager to give our love to other people? Why is it that we hold it back and think that we have the right to be a little more selective in choosing whom we should love?

We excuse our wrongdoing. We so conveniently overlook or deny our own errors; and if we happen to get caught in a mistake, we will alibi ourselves by saying, "Oh well, everybody learns by mistakes, anyway."

Then why is it that we are so prone to condemn other people for their mistakes and are so quick to declare that they "should have had more sense to begin with"?

We thrive on the truth. We want everything to be on the up-and-up. We can't stand evasive people. We say that they should tell the truth no matter what.

Then why is it that we shade the truth so often to save our own face? Why is it that we consider a little white lie not too bad when it comes to our telling one which will help us out of an uncomfortable situation?

We want a strong preacher. We don't want one who is so mild mannered that his preaching comes across soft and unstirring.

Then why is it that when we have a preacher who raises a little oratorical thunder we consider him a hollerer? Why is it that when he steps on our toes, we call him a noisy meddler?

We proclaim God as the Lord of all. We make grand statements to the effect that all people are brothers in Christ.

Then why is it that we treat many of the world's people as outcasts and choose to associate only with those who conform to our individual standards and measure up to our own ideas of culture?

We advocate neighborliness. We harp on the fact that everybody should be willing to go that extra mile.

Then why is it that we are unwilling to go across the street to help somebody in need? Why is it that we do a lot of "talking" but very little "walking"?

We deplore dictators. We love the democratic form of government which gives us certain freedoms; and we feel sorry for people who must bow to the whims of a government without representation.

Then why is it that when we get in a position of authority we mete it out with an iron fist and declare that since we are "boss" things will be done our way or not at all?

Why is it? You tell me. Could it possibly be because we need a little more of the Lord and a little less of self? Think about it for awhile.

We have heard that love is not love until you give it away; then it will come back to you.

All of us make mistakes because we are all human; therefore, because none of us is free from error we should be more understanding of those who get caught in theirs.

The truth should be told always. If we expect others to be absolute in telling theirs we should be willing to allow them to expect the same of us.

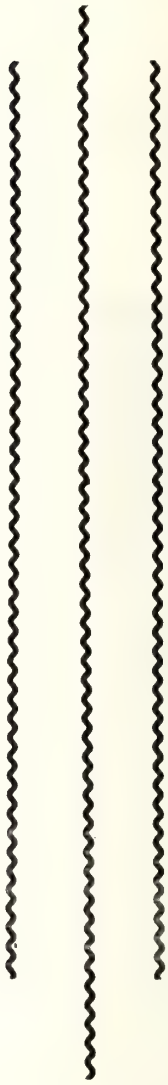
A preacher is paid to preach the Word of God. If we don't like it, it's a good sign that we really need it.

God is the Lord of all: poor people, rich people, white people, and black people. We must remember this.

A neighbor is not a real neighbor if he is a neighbor only when it is convenient to be one.

And, a leader can never lead until he has first learned how to follow well. Right?

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Independence Day
July 4, 1971

The 4th of July weekend offers time for a taste of recreation, a bit of fun popping off fireworks and maybe a thought or two about that old-fashioned virtue patriotism.

Pondering over patriotism—real patriotism —we inevitably reach the conclusion that this country just didn't happen to flourish. Much of the toil and struggle that helped make the United States strong and free represented someone's contribution in self-sacrifice, either in peace or in war.

Carrying this train of thought a bit further, many of us can't ignore the indications that America didn't wax robust from material sources alone. The idea of reverence for a Supreme Being is intertwined with the nation's development since the day the country was founded 195 years ago.

On this comfortable, lazy weekend, the churches and synagogues will have their doors open as usual on the Sabbath. If we juggled the family schedule a bit, and perhaps arranged the family picnic or golf date or trip to the beach an hour later, we could slip into our chosen church or temple and listen to the men in the pulpits reading the Scriptures and discussing the truths that weathered the test of time for centuries before 1776.

Obviously, most of us are aware — often, we're not allowed to forget—that separation of Church and State is a fundamental principle in the United States. This premise in an official sense, and undoubtedly has steered the nation away from some grave pitfalls.

But individually, throughout the country's history most leaders have been influenced by the Judaeo-Christian ethics, the source of the Ten Commandments. Anyone familiar with American tradition will observe the concept of divine guidance was seldom far from the minds of those who played significant roles in shaping United States' destiny.

Here are a smattering of instances in which reverence for Sacred Providence was indicated. The list could be much more extensive.

On the day of this country's birth, the Founding Fathers wrote into the preamble to the Declaration of Independence " . . . and to assume among the powers of the earth that separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them . . ."

As school children or adults, when we pledged allegiance to the flag we recited the words "I pledge allegiance to the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God . . ."

Since then we've seen the motto "In God We Trust" on our money so frequently, we've virtually forgotten it exists.

On the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery is carved the inscription "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

So the idea of a religious observance on this Independence Day weekend assumes validity. Both Church and State today are confronted with new perplexities that the Founding Fathers never dreamed of. Consequently, religious bodies are assuming increasingly activist roles.

The questions leap out at us. What can we do about peace in Vietnam and the world? Threats to the environment? Drug addiction and disillusioned youth? Disadvantaged minorities? Unemployment? Poor housing? Hunger? Education?

These problems cry out for innovative approaches and hard work. Perhaps, as has been said about New York's vast, interrelated difficulties, they can't really be solved, but must be managed. On the other hand, maybe you hold the magic key to certain solutions.

There is an ironic footnote to current religious activism. Karl Marx contended that organized religions — particularly Christianity — diverted man's attention from the problems at hand by insisting that suffering was mankind's lot on earth and salvation could be found only in the hereafter.

But events in recent years have shown that religion is abandoning this ostrich posture and is trying to cope with temporal affairs. There is room for you to share in these programs.

Theologian Paul Tillich observed that in weighing the price of space exploration, with its effect upon social priorities, a tendency toward cynicism often follows. "These spiritual factors, however," he continued, "should never lead to a decision to give up either the production of technical tools or attempts to penetrate into outer-terrestial spaces . . . For danger is not a reason to prevent life from actualizing its potentialities."

And in this matter of priorities, let's make a list of our own. Putting first things first, the allotting of some time for religious contemplation this holiday weekend should be tops on the schedule. --Religious Heritage of America.

A CHANCE TO GET EVEN

by P. G. COX

WALT HAVENS came out early as usual that morning from his Oakville home, where he lived as a bachelor. He headed as always for his breakfast at Madge Thacker's restaurant, not knowing that he'd never finish this particular meal. Walt tried to think he went there because it was near his own filling station and service shop. But he knew down deep that something more than convenience took him to Madge's place.

She and Walt had been close pals since their school days. Madge's father had formerly operated the restaurant. When he passed away, she took over and made a real go of it. Her big assets were pep, quick thinking, and a nice appearance. On the other side was a tendency to flare up with sharp words at times.

In her starchy white uniform, she was looking keen and crisp when Walt came in. She quickly brought his breakfast and a lunch sack, which the cook always had ready. She kept glancing at him thoughtfully as she passed by to serve two or three other customers.

Then she sat down at Walt's table. Right off she began talking about some improvements she was planning. "I'd like to do more," she said, "but it costs so much."

"It sure does," Walt agreed.

"I wish I could pull in more trade all along," Madge went on, "to help make improvements." She squared around. "And having you as such a friend, I believe there is a sure way for me to get more business. I don't know why I didn't think of it sooner."

"What have you got in mind?" Walt asked curiously.

"A lot of people stop at your filling station as they pass through town," Madge said. "Don't a good many ask you to recommend a restaurant where they can get a good meal?"

Walt had a sudden uneasy feeling. "Sometimes they do," he admitted.

"Well, from now on," Madge said softly, "you'll just tell them to come here. And have your helper, Newt, do the same."

Words started coming hard for Walt. "I—I'd sure like to, Madge. B-because i —it's you. But—"

"But what?" An ominous tinge o color crept over Madge's face.

"I—I've got to be fair," Walt said. "I'l sure tell them about your place. Bu then I'll have to mention the Main Stree Cafe—and—and Mollie's Grill. They're both good restaurants."

Madge drew a few long breaths, bu she couldn't hold back. "You never could be like other people," she blurted out in a loud whisper. "You have to be different. You have to strain yourself to tel the exact truth, and you can't budge the least bit—even for me. You think it wouldn't be quite fair—to somebody who never turned a hand for you."

Walt tried to say something, but Madge wasn't finished. It looked as if she'd reached a point where she had to go all the way.

"As far as I'm concerned," she rushed on, "this does it with me. You can start eating somewhere else. You don't need to come here any more."

Madge dabbed at her eyes, started to reach for the lunch sack, and then fled to the kitchen. Walt couldn't eat another bite. He left some money on the table, grabbed the lunch sack, and hurried toward his filling station.

This station had the usual layout and fixtures, but a signboard notice showed that Walt was a bit different, just as Madge had said:

OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM
7 A.M. to 6 P.M.

CLOSED NIGHTS AND SUNDAYS

Walt was so disturbed that he almost walked past the station this particular morning. It helped momentarily to find Newt coming out of the office with a pressing question.

"Widow Sparks just called," he told Walt. "She can't get her old car started. The battery has gone dead. She had to leave the car and walk to her job at the shirt factory. We're supposed to take a new battery out there and put it in. I told her I'd talk to you. Has she ever paid for that last tire she got?"

"Not yet," Walt said. "But I guess she will pay when she has the money to spare. She's having a hard time. You take a battery and put it in—and make

sure it'll start the car. I'll handle everything here while you're gone."

Walt plunged in as business began picking up for the day. He sold gas, cleaned windshields, changed tires, and the like. He continued to do all this even after Newt returned, instructing him to work inside. Walt had a notion that keeping busy might help to get Madge off his mind. Having her turn against him had given him a lost feeling. It hung over him all day. Late in the afternoon, while he was fixing a gas pump, Madge passed by in her shiny car. She was doing something Walt thought she wanted him to see. She had only one hand on the wheel; the other arm was hanging out the window.

Being so anxious for her safety, Walt had often warned her to drive with both hands. Previously she had taken the advice. Now she seemed to be deliberately trying to show him that she'd put him out of her life. Walt was still watching closely as she came to a street crossing about a block away. He saw plainly what happened there.

Madge stopped for a red light. When it changed, she started on. Just then Walt moaned and shuddered. Peddler Boy Dobbs—who limped around town on a clubfoot—showed up on the cross street. He had the pushcart from which he peddled trinkets. Looking backward at the time, he shoved the cart right in front of Madge. Before she could stop, there was a crash. Peddler Boy stumbled on something and fell backward. The cart rolled over twice with a wheel broken off.

Walt saw a crowd gather. Many were women going home from the shirt factory. All began talking excitedly. By the time Marshal Ora Twigg got there, most of them were glaring accusingly at Madge.

One woman was heard telling the marshal, "This poor crippled boy! He's not hurt, but it's a wonder he wasn't killed."

Another said loudly, "She ran through the red light," and pointed at Madge. "She hit Peddler Boy's cart before he could get out of the way. Look how his stuff is scattered around and maybe ruined. He has such a hard time—peddling his things."

The marshal had Madge move her car to the curb. Then with notebook in hand he began taking evidence. Nearly every person he quizzed could be heard saying Madge was to blame.

As this went on Walt turned to his work again. By remaining quiet about what he'd seen, he could let Madge be arrested and fined. This would even things up a little for the way she'd talked to him. But he'd no sooner decided on this than his conscience began pinching him. Holding back the truth in this case would be as bad as saying something against Madge which wasn't true. Walt dropped his tools and started for the crossing.

"Glad you've come, Walt," the marshal called out, "that is, if you saw what happened here."

"I did, Ora. I saw it all from the filling station," Walt said. "Madge stopped for the red light. When it changed, she started on. All at once Peddler Boy tried to go across with his cart. He was looking back at something, and he shoved his cart right in front of Madge. She couldn't keep from hitting the cart. That's how it was."

The marshal wrote in his notebook. Then he motioned for the crowd to be quiet. "Folks," he said, "you've heard how this happened. I guess none of you could see everything as plainly as Walt did from his filling station. I've known for a long time that he sees things Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And straight, and he tells them the same way. I'd have to take his word in anything."

Some of the people looked disappointed, but they argued no further. The marshal went over to tell Madge he had nothing to hold against her. She sat for awhile, acting as if she wanted to say something to Walt. But he didn't see her. He had set the overturned cart upright and was picking up the scattered items.

"Come on," Walt told Peddler Boy, "I'll hold up the cart on the broken side, and you push it to the station. It won't take long to make it good as new, and we'll not charge you anything. I might even buy some shoestrings and lead pencils from you."

Peddler Boy started grinning happily.

An hour later Walt's place was closed for the day. Newt was already gone, but Walt was in the station office completing his bookkeeping. He was also wondering what to do about his supper. He thought about getting something from a grocery store to eat at home. Just then he heard a noise at the door.

"May I come in?" a meek voice asked.

Walt wheeled around and saw Madge. Not ready with appropriate words, he motioned vigorously for her to enter. He grabbed the chair where he'd laid his bookkeeping ledgers and dumped them on the floor. "Here, Madge," he said, "sit down. Wish I had a cushion for you."

"I—I just had to come," Madge broke out, "to—to see whether you're going to stay angry with me for the silly way I exploded at you this morning. Are you, Walt? If I tell you I've taken back every mean word I said—?"

Madge was looking at him with pleading eyes.

This gave Walt a couple of seconds to think of an answer. "It didn't make me angry with you, Madge. It just knocked me for a loop to think you'd turned against me because of not liking my ways. You said I was different from most people."

Madge fairly glowed with relief. "You are different," she exclaimed. "And now I see it's all in the right way. If you weren't different, you'd have had your revenge on me by letting the marshal arrest me for that accident. But you felt a duty to come and tell the straight facts—as you always do. And he took your word over all the others, knowing you as he does."

After vowing she'd never flare up at him again, Madge asked whether he'd be coming to eat the evening meal with her as usual.

"Just wait a minute," he said, "till I put away these books."

On the way to the restaurant, Walt suddenly heard himself saying, "How about you and me starting in next Sunday going to church together?"

Madge had a quick answer. "That's all it'll take now for me to begin closing my place on Sundays—the same as you do."—Gospel Herald.

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"Don't stay away from church because it is not perfect. How lonely you would feel in a perfect church!"—Selected.

NO 'BAPTIST' JUNE 30

In order to maintain our schedule of not printing but 50 issues of "The Free Will Baptist" per year, we have to skip two issues each year. The first issue to be skipped this year will be the one of June 30. The next "Baptist" you will receive will be dated July 7, 1971.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Beaver Dam Church Reports Successful Bible School

The Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church near Clarendon, North Carolina, reports a very successful vacation Bible school the week of June 7-11. The school was held each evening at eight o'clock with 217 children attending. The school was staffed with 49 full-time workers and several part-time workers. On the last evening of the Bible school a picnic supper was held at 6:30, following with the commencement program at eight.

Etha W. McPherson, director of the school, states: "Our people gave their full support to the school. It was a thrilling, exciting, and wonderful experience for me to work with our children and adults of the church. Pray for us that the Lord will bless the work we are doing."

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Oriental Church Bible School Was Successful

Vacation Bible school was held at the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, the week of June 7-11. The school was very successful under the direction of Mr. Charles Mason, assisted by Mrs. Sylvia Norman. Sandra Norman served as pianist of the school. The theme for the week was "Doing Our Thing for Jesus." The attendance throughout the week was very good.

Teachers and helpers for the school were: Preschool department, Mrs. Joan Howell, assisted by Mary Daw; primary department, Mrs. Dolly Spruill, assisted by Mrs. Linda Caroon; junior department, Charles Mason, assisted by Mrs. Paulette Stephenson.

Mr. Mason states: "We had a good time each day and the children learned much. Our thanks go to the refreshment committee who made it possible for us to have refreshments each day. We thank everyone who had a part in making this a very successful vacation Bible school.

Marsh Swamp Held Bible School June 7-11

The Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Sims, North Carolina, held its vacation Bible school the week of June 7-11, from 6:30 to 9 each evening. On Friday afternoon a picnic was served on the church grounds and enjoyed by all present.

The commencement program was given during the Sunday evening worship service, June 13, with a large attendance. The program began with the processional, followed with the pledges to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and the Holy Bible. Everyone joined together in praying the Lord's Prayer. The theme song, "Doing Our Thing for Jesus," was sung by the entire school. An offering was taken which was given to Cragmont Assembly. During the announcements, Mrs. R. H. Jackson, director of the school, complimented the church for having such fine, well-behaved young people. She stated that the cooperation of the officers, teachers, helpers, and students was excellent. During the program each department presented their part well. This was followed by the pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, extending an invitation and many came forward accepting Christ and others rededicating their lives to Christian service.

Mrs. Jackson recognized the officers, teachers, and helpers who made the school possible: Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Lamm; music, Mrs. Graham Boykin, Pat Boykin, Freddie Boykin, and Joan Nichols; refreshments, Misses Marie and Erline Boykin, and Mrs. Woodard; nursery department, Mrs. Jean Lemmons, Mrs. Dora Bunn, and Mrs. Annette Peed; beginner department, Mrs. Lottie Boykin and Mrs. Virginia Bunn; primary department, Mrs. Mildred Boswell and Mrs. Patsy Williamson; junior girls, Mrs. Mildred Jacobs, Mrs. Faye Jacobs, and Mrs. Doris Davis; junior boys, Mrs. Linda Miller, Mrs. Vicki Brame, and Mrs. Janet Barnes; intermediate department, Mrs. Anne Liles and Mrs. Emogene Boyette; teens, Mrs. Doris F. Davis, Mrs. Evelyn Boykin, and the Rev. R. H. Jackson.

During the evening Mrs. Graham Boykin was presented a sterling silver platter by the youth choir and the children's choir. This was to show to her how much they appreciated the efforts she had put forth in playing for the choirs during the past year. Mrs. Jackson was presented a set of sterling silver candle holders in a previous service for her services rendered to the children of the church.

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Addison Church, Gallipolis, Ohio, Held Successful Revival

During a recent revival held at the Addison Free Will Baptist Church near Gallipolis, Ohio, eighteen persons dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. At the conclusion of the meeting ten persons were baptized and received into the church. The guest speaker was the Rev. Bill Burke, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Walter Patterson of Mason, West Virginia. A crowd of over 100 spectators of different denominations witnessed this great baptismal service.

The youth of the Addison church has been granted permission from the owners of the property used for the baptismal service to install permanent steps leading directly to the baptismal area. The church membership and the pastor extend many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Estell Mink for this permission.

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Enthusiastic Bible School Held at Mt. Zion Church

An enthusiastic Bible school was held at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Cash Corner, North Carolina, the week of June 7-11. The school opened each day at 8:30 a.m. with an enrollment of 47 students, and a perfect attendance of 46.

The theme for the school was "Doing Our Thing for Jesus." The classes were very effectively taught with the teachers, as well as the students, learning a lot. Everyday refreshments of cookies and Kool-Aide were served by the woman's auxiliary of the church.

On Sunday evening, June 13, the commencement for the Bible school was held, consisting of songs and memory verses the students had learned during the week. Also the crafts made during the week were on display in the classrooms. The parents toured the classrooms to observe the crafts which were very good.

This same group of young people went to the Trent Free Will Baptist Church recently and sang during a revival. Truly this is a working group for the Lord.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Bryan Scholarship Program



(The following article is an advisor's view of the Bryan Scholarship program at Mount Olive College as presented by Mr. Kenneth W. Dilda at a recent Bryan Scholar dinner. Mr. Dilda is a history professor at the College. Mount Olive College receives a grant annually from the James E. and Mary Z. Bryan Foundation for the purpose of assisting worthy students to obtain an education.)

Persons shown discussing the Bryan Scholarship program are (left to right): Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president; Dr. Thomas Vernon, former dean; Charles Edward Morris, Bryan Scholar student; B. E. Bryan, Bryan Foundation representative; and Kenneth Dilda, history professor.

The Bryan Scholars program at Mount Olive College is made possible by an annual grant by the James E. and Mary Z. Bryan Foundation. Funds are used to provide assistance to carefully selected North Carolina students who agree to participate in an independent study project.

The Bryan Scholarship program is one of the most enriching experiences of academic life at Mount Olive. It provides an excellent opportunity to guide students in independent research, reading, discussion, and other related endeavors on selected topics of interest outside the formal structure of the classroom. Some students are apprehensive of conversing freely with faculty advisors as they initially begin their Bryan Scholar projects, but as the semester progresses they become more comfortable in their discussions and gradually acquire self-confidence in their abilities and potentialities. It is personally and professionally rewarding to contribute a minute part to the total development of a student.

The program further provides the faculty advisor the opportunity to share with Bryan Scholars some perspective and insight into academic topics acquired from former experiences. These experiences cannot always be informally and adequately presented in the classroom.

The Bryan Foundation is aiding Mount Olive College in meeting its academic responsibilities to students participating as Bryan Scholars. Three students who are preparing for the teaching profession organized an entire class period of lecture and discussion materials on topics of interest. This experience will assist the College in preparing these students for their chosen professions and will acquaint them with the techniques and skills of classroom presentations. Aristotle's philosophy of "learn by doing" is being enhanced and fulfilled.

The potentialities of the Bryan Scholarship program at Mount Olive College are immeasurable. Many innovative approaches to learning are being employed because of the Bryan Foundataion's generosity and even more avenues of learning will be utilized in the future. The Bryan Scholars, their faculty advisors, and the entire college community have been enriched because of the program.

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Miss Hinnant Receives Jordan Award

Miss Ann Hinnant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Hinnant of Selma, North Carolina, received the Jordan Award at the graduation exercises at Mount Olive College. The Jordan Award is given to the graduating student who has made the greatest contribution to Mount Olive College during her period of enrollment. This student is chosen by ballot of the entire student body.

Miss Hinnant has served as secretary to the Dormitory Council; vice-president to the chorus; editor of the 1970-71 yearbook, **Olive Leaves;** was attendant in the 1971 May Court; was named an outstanding sophomore; a member of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship and Henderson Science Club.

She is a member of the Selma Free Will Baptist Church.

The Jordan Award is given annually by Dr. L. K. Jordan of Smithfield, North Carolina, in memory of his father, the late L. K. Jordan. Dr. Jordan presented the award to Miss Hinnant with the following remarks:

"I believe in the dignity of hard work. I believe that progress is made through perseverance. I believe that leadership is largely self-respect, for that makes others respect you, and setting an example good enough that others will want to follow. I believe that privilege is predicated upon responsibility. And I believe that when the last sun has set, that character is God's measurement of worth.

"Hard work, perseverance, self-respect, responsibility, and character; yes, these qualities are put together in a capsule called citizenship. The winner of the 1971 Citizenship Award was chosen by the student body in secret ballot. The recipient best demonstrates these qualities.

"Miss Ann Hinnant, I present this United States Savings Bond as an investment in your country, and I charge you to continue in leadership of service for you are an heir of our greatest heritage. Congratulations!"

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Dr. Small Leaves Bequest to College

The will of Dr. Victor R. Small, for 46 years a practicing physician in Clinton, North Carolina, was filed recently with the Clerk of Superior Court of Sampson County. Mount Olive College was left a bequest along with five other colleges, namely: Chowan, Atlantic Christian, Campbell, Louisburg, and Southwood. Dr. Small died in February of this year at the age of 82.

Small bequests were left to his sister, Mrs. W. J. Roesch, of Dayton, Ohio; and to his two brothers, Oliver Small of Fort Myers, Florida; and Hubert Small of Troy, Ohio. His home, on College Street in Clinton, was left to the county to be used as an historical museum. The bulk of

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SUNDAY, JUNE 27

OUR GREATEST HINDRANCE

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 8:13

Spiritual pride is a great hindrance to spiritual growth. When the saintly James Harvey was a young curate, he frequently talked with a wise old plowman named Clayton. One day the subject under discussion was this: "What is the greatest impediment to spiritual growth and happiness?" The curate said: "Surely to renounce our sinful self." "No," said the plowman, "the greatest difficulty is to renounce our righteous self."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does pride keep you from worshiping God in the manner you should? Self-righteous and pride may keep you from heaven.

MONDAY JUNE 28

IT WORKED BOTH WAYS

Scripture Reading—Colossians 4:2

At sixteen I joined the church. After that I read a few verses from the Bible each night and morning and prayed for strength to live a Christian life. After a year or so I began to suspect I was not making good, although I did not bring reproach on my profession. When I entered college I didn't let it be known that I was a church member. One afternoon the fellow I roomed with had a fall in the gymnasium. He was carried to our room more dead than alive. The blood gushed from his nose and mouth, and the physician we summoned was not assuring. I shall never forget the terror in my roommate's eyes as he whispered, 'Wilson, I—wish you'd pray for me." We were alone, and I kneeled down and said something aloud to God about helping my friend. I was surprised to see the change in him and still more in myself. That faltering prayer opened to me the whole wide vista of intercession. I saw that my Christian faith had languished because I had never prayed enough for others. A Christian must needs be an intercessor.—*Youth's Companion.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our Christian life should be a shining example to others. Do not wait until an emergency to talk to God in prayer.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

"NOT I"

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:3

During the Welsh revival a man was converted who had been a notorious drunkard. His conversion made him a sober and respectable man. The publican was angry to lose such a good customer, and called out to him one day as he passed the public house: "What's gone wrong, Charlie? Why do you keep going past instead of coming in?" Charlie halted for a moment, then with a skyward glance and a grateful tear glistening in his eye, replied: "Sir, it is not just that *I* keep going past; *We* go past! Ah, yes, that is the secret! *We* go past—Jesus and I." Faith unites me to the living Christ, so that His life flows to me, and I can sing—

Moment by moment, I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment, I've life from above.

—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Since you became a Christian, do you take Christ with you wherever you go? Christians should not be seen in places they would not take Christ.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

BUILDING OUR PRISON

Scripture Reading—Job 13:23

At one time many convicts were employed in building high walls around the prison grounds at Portland. Soldiers posted above them with loaded guns watched them at their work. Every brick laid rendered their escape more impossible, and yet they themselves were laying them. So each sin committed makes it harder to refrain from further sin, more difficult to turn back.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sin in one's life can build up to a point he no longer has strength to fight off the evils of the world. Each sin makes the other easier.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

WHEN GOD LOOKS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 38:3

There is no darkness intense enough to hide your sin from the eye of God. I went into a doctor's office to see the wonders of the X-ray machine. He made ready and handed me a strange lens and I looked upon the bones of my friend though covered with a veil of flesh. The tacks in the soles of his shoes seemed to hang in space; the bones of his feet were plainly seen; but when I turned my attention to the vertabrae I saw the ribs standing like grim specters, and when I reached the region of the heart I saw the dim outline of a living, moving organ which meant life and action. I trembled as I thought: Man has discovered a ray that reveals the vitals of a man in action; his heart is open for observation under that light. But the Lord God reads the sins of the heart. For the first time I understood the words "God looketh upon the heart."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Your life is an open book to someone. Always remember God sees every act we do as well as our neighbors.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

OUR MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY

Scripture Reading—Exodus 22:29

Said J. L. Ralston: "Our most dangerous enemy on this side of the Atlantic is *the idea that we have plenty of time.*" This is equally true in the matter of preparedness for eternity—as well as for our country! Because we know not when we may lose the use of our faculties, because we have no lease of our lives, because we know not when the Lord Jesus will come again, and because the Word commands it, we should act NOW!—*Now.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The statement, "Time waits for no one," is very true. We have no promise of tomorrow, so let's get right with God today!

SATURDAY, JULY 3

THE FLAG GOES BY

Scripture Reading—Psalm 122:6

Hats off! Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of color beneath the sky;
Hats off! The flag is passing by!
Blue and crimson and white it shines
Over the steel-tipped, ordered lines.
Hats off! The colors before us fly;
But more than the flag is passing by.
Sea-fights and land-fights, grim and great,
Fought to make and save the state;
Weary marches and sinking ships;
Cheers of victory on dying lips;
Days of plenty and years of peace;
March of a strong land's swift increase;
Equal justice, right and law,
Stately honor and reverend awe;
Sign of a nation, great and strong,
To ward her people from foreign wrong,
Pride and glory and honor—all
Live in the colors to stand or fall.
Hats off! Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
And loyal hearts are beating high;
Hats off! The flag is passing by!

—*Henry Holcomb Bennett.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we celebrate this coming Independence Day may we ever keep in mind the God who made all of this possible.

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(Note: "The Free Will Baptist" will not be published next week; therefore, you may select Scripture readings and devotional thoughts on your own—but keep it up!)

THOUGHTS OF A CHRISTIAN

by JIMMY RAPER
Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was made to bear
The weight of the Cross, thorns in His hair,
Made to carry that heavy load
While stumbling down that dusty road.
You claim to be a Christian and to worship Him dear;
What would you have done had you been near?
How strong is your faith? Would you have helped,
Or like so many others, the sentence of dying dealt?

They cried in unison, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"
What would you have done had you been with them?
They had listened to His teachings of our Father above,
But few were willing to give, or to share in His love.
Would you have been brave enough to call Him your own?
Or would you have ashamedly crept to your home,
Like, I'm sure, many others that dreadful day,
When even His closest companions turned away?

The multitude watched as He was nailed to the Cross,
Not knowing or caring how great their loss.
How would you have felt had you been near?
Would you have joined the crowd, not shedding a tear?
They didn't know He chose to die—
To shed His precious blood for you and I.
He gave His life, suffered a tortuous death,
And cried, "It is finished," with His last breath.

He was buried in a tomb sealed with a rock,
But He arose from the dead to guide His flock.
The saving of mankind was His mission here,
His doctrine completed, now with the Father He'd be near.
You say you're a Christian; be sure my friend.
Know for sure you'd join Him should your life now end;
For eternity is a long, long time to burn,
And your reward is given by what you earn.

What would you have felt the day Christ died?
Look at your life today and then decide,
If you're doing your best to repay your debt—
A debt all of us owe, but few accept.
What have you done to repay Him today?
Have you helped someone along the way?
I pray your life is spent with Christ your goal
Because it's the only way to save your soul.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

TWO STUDENTS GRADUATE

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is very proud of their two graduating students this year. Brenda Joan Batts and Larry Mitchell Newton were graduated from Southern Nash Senior High School Monday night, June 7, 1971. Joan will be entering Mitchell's Hair Styling Academy in Raleigh, North Carolina, this summer and will work toward a certificate in cosmetology. Mickey will be entering Mount Olive College this fall where he will begin working for a degree in physical education.

The Home also has six students who are attending North Carolina Wesleyan College for approximately six weeks this summer. They are participating in the Upward Bound Program which has as its project goal, "Success in College." This program is designed to increase students' personal motivation and academic achievement and to help the student develop positive attitudes toward learning. The students participating in this program are: Jane Hill, Joyce Woodard, Ken Warren, Jimmy Merritt, Claudius Elmore, and Terry Thomas.

One of our students from Middlesex Elementary School, Jimmy Dement, received special recognition this past school year in reading. He was given a certificate for his achievement in this area.

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Seeking empties a life; giving fills it. —Selected.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Lynwood Boyette would like to state that he is available for a full-time or part-time church beginning September 1, 1971. Any church desiring his services may write him at Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865; or by telephoning 943-3223.

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The Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church near Creswell, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. The church has a parsonage. Any minister interested in serving this church please write to Mr. Fentress L. Simmons, P. O. Box 177, Creswell, North Carolina 27928; or telephone 797-4448.

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The Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, is in need of a full-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church please contact Mr. M. L. Spencer, Alliance, North Carolina 28509; telephone 745-2426 (Bayboro exchange).

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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the estate, which is in stocks, securities, and timberland is estimated to be around a half million dollars and was left in trust. The income from which is to be given to these six colleges.



Dr. Small was born in Kentucky. When he finished high school, he went to the Dakotas and worked for two years on a grain farm. He did his premedical college work at Miami University, and received his M.D. degree from Ohio State University Medical College. He later did postgraduate work in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Paris. In World War I he was a captain in the U. S. Army Medical Corps, and served in France. For a time, he served on the medical staff of Gallipolis State Hospital in Ohio, and on the medical staff at Dorothea Dix State Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina. He later wrote a book about his experience which was entitled, "I Knew 3,000 Lunatics."

Dr. Small came to Clinton as a practicing physician in 1925. He had already married Miss Suzanne Jacobs of Iowa, and they had one daughter, Patricia, both of whom died some years ago. He had a large practice, and was one of the old time physicians who still called on patients in their homes and made very nominal charges for his services.

Dr. Small was a writer of both prose and poetry. Besides his book on his mental hospital experiences, he also wrote the following books: "The Feel of the Earth" (1933), "Over My Shoulders" (1964), "Down Coharie River" (1967), and his latest book, "Crossed by the Wind and Sun," was published after his death. His writings were largely about his experiences and observations while living in Sampson County. He was a member of the Sampson County Medical Society and the North Carolina Poetry Club. His hobbies were fishing and woodlands.

The estate of Dr. Small is being handled by the Branch Banking and Trust Company.

PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR VISITS JUNGLE BASE



John Lindskoog, director of SIL in Ecuador, presents a plaque to the President o Ecuador and his wife during their recent visit to Limoncocha.

On March 6 the President of Ecuador, Dr. Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra, accompanied by his wife and other relatives, visited Limoncocha, jungle headquarters for the work of the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Ecuador. A brief program was held at which John Lindskoog, director of SIL in Ecuador, presented a plaque to the President. Following the program the party toured the facilities and ther dined prior to returning to Quito, the capital city. During the visit the Presi dent expressed his appreciation for the work done among the Indian tribes by the Summer Institute of Linguistics, es pecially for the pacification of the Aucas and he promised the help and coopera tion of the Ecuadorian government.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:

* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Ordaining Council of the Cape Fea Conference states that Mr. Larry T Coates of Smithfield, North Carolina, i no longer an ordained minister in good standing with the Cape Fear Conferenc of Original Free Will Baptists. Mr Coates' credentials were made void May 24, 1971.

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Baptism is a beautiful act of obedience picturing the death, burial, and resur rection of Christ; the facts of the gos pel (see 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4); the bur ial of the old life of the sinner; and th dedication to a risen life (see Roman 6:3-11). In our experience, every per son who is told what the Bible says, an is a penitent believer, is glad to obey finding a good conscience (see 1 Pete 3:20, 21), under the gift of the Hol Spirit (see Acts 2:38). Jesus said, "If y love me, keep my commandments."—Se lected.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Why did God accept the offering of Abel and reject Cain's?

Answer: God, in the slaying of animals to obtain skins to cover the bodies of Adam and Eve, seems to have by this act indicated that blood must be shed for the remission of sin. We do know for sure that the Old Testament offerings that God prescribed to the worshiper were blood sacrifices and must be offered according to God's directions in every detail in order that they be valid. However, Cain brought a bloodless sacrifice inspite of the fact that, like Abel, he knew what God required of them. "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

Abel, instead of following his brother in this disobedience, brought what God required and followed His instructions in his making the offering. "And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him" (Genesis 4:3-7).

A blood sacrifice when offered in obedience to God's plan and instructions showed the faith of the one making the offering in Christ who then was to come as the offering for sins of all men of all times. In the courts of heaven Christ had offered His life as a ransom and God had given Him as the lamb slain before the foundation of the world. (Compare Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:6; Revelation 5:6; 13:8; also John 3:14-17; Hebrews 13:10-13; Hebrews 9:11-28; 10:12, 18-22; 1 Peter 21-25; 3:18.)

John the Baptist recognized Christ as the Lamb of God which was to take away the sins of the world. "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). John likewise held Him in His right perspective: "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth" (Revelation 5:6); "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). This last verse tells the time in the mind of the Father when the Son was offered on the Cross for our sins. He, Christ, in this is the antitype; all other blood sacrifices were types or symbols. In Genesis 22 God calls upon His friend, Abraham, to do an unusual service to Him—offer on the altar of sacrifice the son He had given to him through a miraculous birth to be his only heir to propagate the faith. However Abraham obeyed in this unusual requirement, but God intervened. Abraham had faith to believe that God would do something through which His promise would be carried out even though this did not seem likely to the natural man.

Notice what God says of it centuries later: "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure" (Hebrews 11:17-19). Compare: "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his sin" (Genesis 22:8-13).

God, as one will see as he reads the Scriptures, symbolizes God the Father in the act of offering His only begotten Son as the anodyne for all our sins. So He caused Adam and Eve and all their offsprings to offer types and symbols to suggest the shedding of Jesus' blood on Calvary. As the worshipers in Old Testament times offered these blood sacrifices, God enabled them in their thinking and devotion, to leap the centuries, seeing Calvary.

Jesus said, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad" (John 8:56). Compare this with "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken" (Deuteronomy 18:15); "This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt" (Acts 7:37-39).

All sacrifices should have caused the one thus worshiping to have seen Christ and gained new understanding of the meaning of the coming Christ. When Cain was born, Eve was looking for Christ; and not having been so well informed as we, she lacked full understanding of what all His first coming might be like. This, in part, was true of all Old Testament saints as they worshiped. We in this day take the bread and the fruit of the vine, and that should make anew the living reality of Christ's second coming to our experience. Jesus said, "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for

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STORIES for our youth



SIDE by SIDE

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

THE work was not hard, but the glaring sun was beating down. Danny and David had been up since sunrise, planting beans in the garden. "How many more rows?" David asked.

"I don't know. Why don't you count them yourself if you want to know?" Danny's answer was not very friendly.

The boys were brothers, but they didn't always get along too well. Every summer their father gave them a project to work on when school was out. This year they were supposed to plant a small vegetable garden.

It had started out to be fun, but the fun had not lasted. David was working right behind his brother, practically stepping on his heels. He covered the beans as Danny dropped them into a little trench.

"Don't plant them so deep," David said.

"I'm not!" Danny fired back. "If you'd give me some room and stop breathing down my neck, maybe I could do something!"

"You're just too slow," complained David. "I want to hurry and finish."

They were silent for a moment, but then David started complaining again. "Danny, you're putting them too close together."

Danny was the older and the taller of the two. He turned and said in a bossy voice, "Don't tell me how to do my work! Better take care of your own."

"'I know what I'm doing, but you're doing yours all wrong."

At that moment, Mrs. Lee stepped out the door. "Boys! What's going on out there?"

"Nothing," answered David.

"It's David, Mom. He's always telling me how to do my work!"

"If you boys would work together, it wouldn't be near as hard," she advised. "Hurry along; it's almost lunchtime."

"Now see what you've done?" grumbled David. "We probably won't get to go now."

"Go where?"

"Camping. Tonight's the night Mr. Jim takes the junior department on that camping trip!"

"Oh," was all Danny said. He had forgotten about it. Dad had promised that they could go if they finished planting the garden. Without too much more bickering, they got down to work and were completely finished by lunchtime.

After lunch, they packed their camping equipment and sat down to wait. When Mr. Lee came home, he took them to the church. It took only a few minutes to load the equipment into the trailer behind Mr. Jim's car, and then they were on their way.

They headed north and drove for about fifteen miles. "How much farther?" someone asked.

"Not much more," Mr. Jim answered. "We'll be there in another thirty minutes." He turned onto a road leading straight into the woods. They had all been camping before, but never to this place. Mr. Jim had promised them a perfect campsite, and so it was! Two huge oaks made a thick shelter overhead. The ground was level and dry and covered with oak leaves and pine needles.

"Would you look at that!" whistled David.

"You didn't tell us about the lake!" Danny said excitedly.

"May we go fishing, Mr. Jim?" someone asked.

"I want to go swimming!"

"Not me. Let's eat. I'm hungry!" All the boys were trying to talk at once.

"Hold on a minute," laughed Mr. Jim "First things first. I don't think ther are any fish out there and the water i too muddy for swimming. Anyway, w have to set up camp first." Clapping hi hands together, he continued, "Let's ge the trailer unloaded, and then everyon can take care of his own gear. The we'll see about having some fun."

The boys moved fast, and soon all th work was done. Wood was gathered fo the fire, and bedrolls were ready fo sleeping.

Danny had been keeping his eye o the lake. He had seen a small boat an was planning on a boat ride. He aske Mr. Jim about it.

"Well, I don't know, son," he saic scratching his bald head. "It's not ver deep. You could almost walk right acros to the other side. You see this lake i not as large as it was a long time ago. He pointed to the edges, and Danny coul see an outline where the water used t be.

"Is it safe to go for a boat ride, Dad? Mike asked. He was much older tha the others, and had come along to hel his father.

"Yes, I think it's all right. But would stay near the edge and not go ou in the middle of the lake. It's gettin late."

"Good!" Danny exclaimed. "Wh wants to go with me?"

"I do!" yelled his brother.

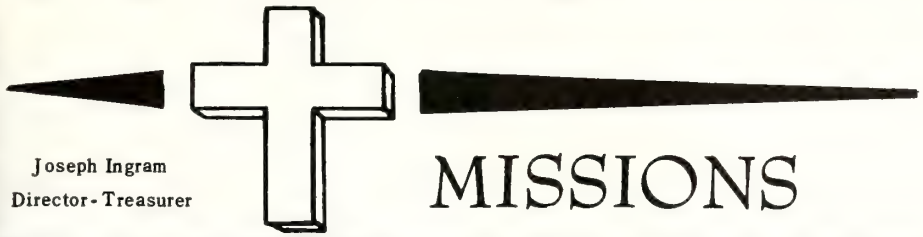
"Not you!" Danny said, not even look ing at him. Again he called, "Who wan a ride?"

No one answered. They all had som thing to do except David. It was n until Mr. Jim said he could not go alon that he agreed to let David go with him

Rolling up their pants legs, they wade out to the boat. They scooped out th water with an old rusty can, shoved th boat out into the water, and jumped i David took the front seat, and Danny s in the back.

They each took an oar, and then th trouble began. David tried to tell Dan how to row, but wasn't doing too we himself. One boy was taking quic weak strokes, and the other was makir long, powerful ones. The boat mov to the right and looked as if it we coming back to shore. Then it altered i course and headed for the center of th lake. That's the way it went, zigzaggi back and forth. All the while, each b was grumbling and complaining abo the way the other one was rowing. Y

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Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions of Original Free Will Baptists for the period June 9-15, 1971. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71. Please keep in mind that the church year ends June 30, 1971; therefore, we have less than a month to reach this goal. If your church has not sent in its donation to missions, please do so as soon as possible so that we may reach our goal.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, June 8, 1971		$5,635.69
Receipts June 9-15		
Hillsberry Ladies Auxiliary, Clinton	$ 5.00	
L. C. Tant, Rocky Mount	10.00	
Albemarle Union Meeting	20.85	
Albemarle Union Meeting Exp. Fund	25.00	
Moseley's Creek Church, Dover	56.86	
First Church, Greenville	50.00	
Hull Road Church, Snow Hill	189.83	
Daniel's Chapel Church, Wilson	380.00	
Gethsemane Church, New Bern	25.00	
St. Mary's Sunday School, Lucama	5.00	
Spring Hope Ladies Auxiliary, New Bern	40.00	
Milbournie Church, Wilson	24.00	
Rooty Branch Church, Mount Olive	50.00	
Powhatan Church, Clayton	47.33	
Received on Account	125.00	
Everett's Chapel Church, Clayton	120.71	
Piney Grove Church, Greenville	120.00	
Piney Grove Sunday School, Kenly	38.63	
Primary Sunday School Class, Shiloh Church, Washington	5.67	
Otway Auxiliary, Otway	5.00	
Total		$1,343.88
Balance Left on Budget June 15, 1971		$4,291.81

That Little Chap That Follows Me

A careful man, I want to be;
A little fellow follows me.
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whatever he sees me do, he tries.
Like me, he says he's going to be,
That little chap that follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine.
The bad in me, he must not see;
My life to him must an example be.

I must remember, as I go
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
For that little chap that follows me.

—Author Unknown.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Coming Events

July 6, 7—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina

SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Free Will Baptist Press and the Free Will Baptist Bookstores at Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson will be closed Monday, July 5, for the employees to observe Independence Day. Both the printing department and the bookstores will open again on Tuesday, July 6, at the usual hours. Thank you.

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Closed For Inventory

The Free Will Baptist Bookstore at Ayden, along with the bookstores at New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson, will be closed Wednesday, June 30, and Thursday, July 1, for inventory. They will open at the usual hours on Friday, July 2. Thank you.

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Change of Address

This is to inform you of the change of address for the Rev. Charles E. Branch. His address has changed from Route 1, Box 290, Winterville, North Carolina 28590 to P. O. Box 632, Saratoga, North Carolina 27873. All correspondence should be addressed to him at Saratoga.

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A Father's Prayer

When all is still within these walls
And Thy sweet sleep through darkness falls
On little hearts that trust in me,
However bitter toil may be,
For length of days, O Lord, on Thee
My spirit calls.

Their daily need by day enthralls
My hand and brain; but when night falls
And leaves the questioning spirit free
To brood upon the days to be,
For time and strength, O Lord, on Thee
My spirit calls.

—Author Unknown.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 4



Set Free to Serve

Lesson Text: Galatians 5:13-26

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:13

I. INTRODUCTION

The lessons for this quarter will go only through August, two months, in order that a new arrangement of quarters beginning with September may be set up, making the fourth quarter of 1971 to be September, October, and November. The next quarter will therefore be December, January, and February, and so on.

The lessons in this present quarter (July and August) "examine three areas of human relationships in the light of biblical teachings: (1) the responsibilities of Christian citizens, (2) marriage and the family, and (3) the social results of the use of beverage alcohol."

The first three lessons on Christian citizenship "focus on the responsibility of a Christian to be involved in the passage of just legislation, the election of worthy officials, prayerful support of leaders, and the proper enforcement of laws."

This first lesson begins a series of three on the unit "Responsibility of Christian Citizens," and serves to introduce all the units in the quarter "inasmuch as satisfactory relationships in the three areas call for freedom to be exercised responsibly." We are set free by the grace of God, but we are to use that freedom for the good of all with whom we are associated. Today we turn to Paul's letter to the Galatians for this introduction.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. How the churches in Galatia came to be organized.
2. The Judaizing teachers came in and taught the people to mix law and grace.
3. This caused the Apostle Paul to write this Epistle to the Galatians.

B. The Way of Love (Galatians 5:13-18)

1. Christians are called into liberty. We are free from the Mosaic Law.
2. This liberty should not be used as a license to do wrong.
3. Christians are under the law of love for one another.
4. This should keep down bickering among Christians.

C. The Way of Lusts (Galatians 5:19-21)

1. The works of the flesh are (1) adultery, (2) fornication, (3) uncleanness, (4) lasciviousness, (5) idolatry, (6) witchcraft, (7) hatred, (8) variance, (9) emulations, (10) wrath, (11) seditions, (12) heresies, (13) envyings, (14) murders, (15) drunkenness, (16) revellings, and other things.
2. Paul had warned the people against these things before.
3. No man can do these things and inherit the kingdom of God.

D. The Spirit's Way (Galatians 5:22-26)

1. The works of the Spirit are (1) love, (2) joy, (3) peace, (4) long-suffering, (5) gentleness, (6) goodness, (7) faith, (8) meekness, (9) temperance.
2. No law would condemn the people of these characteristics.
3. The Christian must daily crucify the flesh.
4. The Christian must daily walk in the Spirit.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A Christian often feels a strong conflict within himself because powerful forces are at war. He has the Spirit of God in his life, but he has also a physical human nature with powerful demands. The desires of the Spirit often conflict with the desires of the physical nature. As Paul says, "These are contrary the one to the other."

In this conflict it is very important to remember that each person has a will of his own. Your own will is the deciding factor in the war that rages within you. The victory depends on you.

If you choose to go along with the physical desires in opposition to the Spirit, then the Spirit is pushed out of your life. Since you choose to reject the influence of the Spirit, your life is filled with the works of the flesh. Paul lists some of them in plain but unpleasant language.

On the other hand, you can choose the side of the Spirit. With the help of your own will, the Spirit then overpowers the bodily desires. Then your life is filled with the Spirit and the pleasant fruit of the Spirit. Paul also indicates what this is.

The choice belongs to you. Think it over and decide which kind of life you want.—Standard Commentary.

B. Many people complain about "bad politics" today. How can we lift politics above the low level of mere vote-getting unless men of Christian ideals became interested in politics? It is the indifference of the good that makes possible the rule of the bad. Someone has said, "To let politics become a cesspool and then avoid it because it is a cesspool is a double crime." Corrupt government always reflects corrupt citizenship.

Is it not so that Christians who are set free from the bondage of sin should be the first to demand good government and see to it that it is brought forth?—Selected.

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FOR JULY 11

God, the Christian, and Government

Lesson Text: Romans 13:1-7; Judges 9:8-15

Memory Verse: Romans 13:1

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today deals with the attitude that Christian youth should have toward civil government. The attitude of youth toward civil authority is of the utmost importance, for the youth of today will be the adults of tomorrow, and the attitudes which are developed in youth will be carried over into adulthood.

From the very beginning of man's history some form of authority has been exercised over his actions. Of course, when men were few in number and life was much more simple than it is today, a simple form of government would suffice. The first form of human government consisted in the husband and father, as head of the household, serving in the capacity of leader in both ecclesiasti-

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St. Claire Bible Class

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cal and civil matters. His authority, like that of the absolute monarchs of a later time, was complete and embraced every phase and facet of family life. No disobedience of his command was tolerated.

Citizens of the United States are fortunate in that they live in a country where civil authority is established and maintained in accordance to the will of the people. The citizens of our country have it within their power through the medium of the ballot to change any law which they consider to be unfair or oppressive.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

I. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Since government is of God, Christians should submit to it instead of opposing it (Romans 13:1, 2).

B. The government is God's divinely chosen agency to preserve law and order (vv. 3, 4).

C. The believer should obey the law, or his conscinece will afflict him if he doesn't (vv. 5, 6).

D. A congregation will get very impatient with a pastor who forgets to pay off his debts (v. 7).

E. This first parable in Scripture should serve as an example of an effective teaching method which is usable today (Judges 9:8, 9).

F. Instead of seeking preeminence, Christians should give attention to their God-given callings (vv. 10, 11).

G. The will of God isn't always what the majority of people say about an issue (vv. 12, 13).

H. If qualified people decline an office, they shouldn't blame God if a misfit is elected (vv. 14, 15).—John Danilson.

II. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In some countries the state and the church are closely linked, and the head of state is called also the head of the national church. In the United States, church and state are separate. Nevertheless the two are related, for both are established by God. Matthew 16:18 tells us that His Son Jesus built the church. Today's text tells us that God ordained civil government.

The Christian is linked to the church by his own willing cooperation. No force is used to make him cooperate, no constraint except the power of divine love for him and his answering love for God.

The state has power to compel a citizen to do its bidding. Its police and its army demand obedience. For the Christian, however, no such force is needed. He is linked to the state by willing cooperation just as he is linked to the church.

The leaders of the state may not be the men he would choose, and the laws may not be the ones he would prefer. As long as the government does not demand that he actually disobey God, he still continues his cooperation because he believes in God. In spite of its faults, the state is God's servant, and so the Christian does what he can to help it serve well. He is a good citizen of both heaven and earth.—Standard Commentary.

B. Jesus was a model citizen: Though He rebuked the officials of His own country, He always had the best interest of that country at heart. He kept its laws. He honored its institutions, He recognized the need of taxation, and He paid taxes Himself.

He wept over its sins and its impending doom; but He was constantly at work trying to get the people to take that course of action which would be best for themselves and their country. Though He wept over Jerusalem, He also did all within His power to save and redeem her. —The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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could hear them bickering all across the lake.

"Do you want me to help them?" Mike asked his dad.

Thinking for a minute, Mr. Jim said, "No, let's give them a little time. I think they'll figure it out."

Things grew quiet in the boat. Several times it almost came to a stop. Then, slowly at first, the boat inched forward and continued in a straight line. They were counting together, "One, two! One, two!" They were both making strong, powerful strokes at the same time.

Mr. Jim heard voices across the water. Then the voices turned to singing! Danny and David were making the boat skim smoothly over the water. At the top of their voices, they were singing, "Sailing, sailing, over the ocean blue!" Mr. Jim scratched his head again and smiled. He knew at last the two boys had learned to work together.

They sang every sailing song they knew. The singing stopped after awhile, and the boys were silent, each thinking his own thoughts. Then Danny said in a friendly voice, "David, do you know what I'm thinking?"

David's lips cracked open, and a big grin started creeping over his face. Nodding his head up and down, he answered, "I think I'm thinking the same thing!"

The older boy said, "I'm thinking I know now what Mother meant when she said we should learn to work together."

Still nodding his head, David agreed. "I know what you mean, Brother. I know what you mean."

They turned the boat around and headed back to shore, surprised at how easy it was when they worked together!—My Pleasure.

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Questions & Answers

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the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:27-29); "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Corinthians 11:24-26).

If you do not show forth His coming when you eat of the bread and drink of the cup, you may be a descendant of Cain in worship rather than Abel. (Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 and determine in whose footsteps you are now walking.) The way of Cain leads to eternal destruction and separation from all that is pleasant. The way of Abel is that which leads to Christ, to God, and to heaven with all the pleasant things the Bible invites us to participate in.

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OUR POSITION

One time the power of Satan bound us,
One time we dwelt in blackest night;
Then, to the Lord we came, believing,
And all our darkness turned to light.

One time our eyes were shut and blinded,
One time we perished in the way;
But when we saw the Saviour dying,
He turned our midnight into day!

—Author Unknown.

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HOW MUCH MORE CAN GOD TAKE?

Editorial...

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HOW MUCH MORE CAN GOD TAKE?

There is an upsurge of interest in religion nowadays. There is the popular Jesus movement; there are New Testament churches springing up; and more and more is being said about God. His Son has been presented as a "soul" man or brother (which may be all right); God has been called the "Big Daddy of us all, in the sky" (which causes us no little concern); and the story of Jesus' life has been put together in a folk opera called, "Jesus Christ, Superstar," which, despite the favorable acclaims of some well-known ministers, causes some of us to wonder if it all isn't a "form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." If this be true, we are admonished in 2 Timothy 3:5, ". . . from such turn away."

We haven't heard or read the Superstar story, but we can't help but wonder upon hearing parts of it on record whether that "holy hollering" can really be called religious. A folk opera, maybe; still parts of it are undeniably "hard rock." The world is trying so hard to be religious, even Christian—but in the wrong way!

Theatre groups portray Christ as something less than the Son of a divine God. They even mock His holy character and power. For example, a short while ago in London, England, a play entitled, "Council of Love" was presented at the Criterion Theatre, which was described by various ministers and Christian laymen as the ultimate in blasphemy. This is not the only such theatre production that has strained to be religious, but it seems that this particular play has gone further than the others—so far in fact that we can't help but wonder how much more God will allow . . .

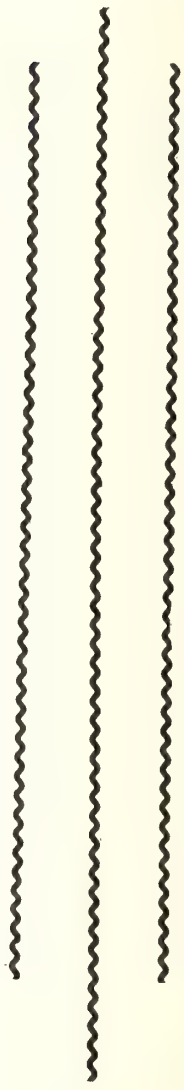
Please note: This production of "Council of Love" is said to have combined obscenity and blasphemy, portraying the heavenly Father as a tired old man plagued by a hacking cough; and His Son as an anemic invalid, passive and indifferent, spending the greater portion of His time in an old-fashioned wicked bath chair.

Scripture is quoted quite eloquently during the ensuing moments of the play. In fact, passages from the Book of Revelation, the Gospel According to John, the First Epistle to the Thessalonians, and a variety of Old Testament verses are interwoven throughout the speaking parts, but are used in such a manner as to mock the doctrines of creation, the virgin birth, and the second coming of Christ. It's a wonder that holy lightning didn't come down to destroy the blasphemers.

It is reported that some Christian members of the audience, who were distressed by the blasphemous nature of the production, had no more sense than to stand to their feet and protest the goings-on. They were asked to leave by the management. Perhaps they had more sense than the management credited them with.

In a day whn protest is the "thing" and people are taking up arms or demonstrating for all sorts of causes—some bordering on the ridiculous—it is gratifying to know that some individuals still do not appreciate having their Lord degraded and made fun of. We are saddened and dismayed, even to the point of despair, when we hear of such plays being produced, allowing evil to be exploited under the guise of "religious freedom." Yet, our hope is lifted again when we hear of people who will stand for their Lord despite the nose thumping of those who don't understand their reasoning and can't comprehend such dedication because they, themselves, haven't a personal knowledge of the Lord.

How much more can God take, though? How much longer will He allow His name to be cursed by tongues of men? How many more times will He forgive our sins and erase the thought of these from His memory? We are led to believe that the time is right for the Lord's second coming. Those deluded souls who participate in blasphemous productions had best be careful lest they be found "wanting" when He appears. "Council of Love" could become "Council of Fire." To repeat: How much more can God take?



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Dune Buggy

by
BETTY SWINFORD

THERE was a look of intense satisfaction in Larry's blue eyes as he surveyed the piece of chrome and metallic burgundy sitting in the driveway just outside his father's garage.

A year of his life had gone into the dune buggy, and, though he had taken it out for short test runs, he had determined to wait until it was completely finished before really using it. Now that time had come. The last hour had been put into it, the last touch of paint added, and the final dash of chrome attached.

"I want to see old Speed's eyes turn green when he sees this!" said a voice at Larry's side. "That buggy of his is going to look plenty sick."

Larry laughed, but he was inwardly troubled these days when he was with Chuck. It was not that he didn't like the red-haired youth with the big ears, for he did. Chuck had faithfully helped Larry work on the dune buggy after school and on Saturdays. But there was something Larry needed to talk to his friend about, and now he'd waited so long that it grew harder and harder.

"It sure was a stroke of luck, finding those black bucket seats," Chuck went on. "They look real sharp against that paint job and all that chrome."

Larry's thought pattern was quickly channeled again to the vehicle before him. Yes. Real sharp. And he'd built it from the VW transaxel to the Corvair-Spider engine. He'd even fashioned the short front fenders himself, fiberglassed them and finished them off in that terrific metallic burgundy. Parts of the frame and steering apparatus had been chromed. The tires were terra, size L78-15. And the name fit the buggy to perfection. It hung on a plate in the back: **The Scorpion.** Yuma, Arizona, had never seen another dune buggy like Larry's!

"Lucky we live where we do," Chuck said, as though reading Larry's thoughts. "It never gets too cold to have fun outdoors!" He lifted smooth sun-bleached brows. "And there's miles and miles of sand dunes just across the Colorado River." He gestured proudly. "We'll have some real neat times with this buggy."

Sure they would! And Larry would conquer this fear—or whatever it was that gripped him—and tell Chuck about his faith in Christ. He'd be a faithful witness to his friend and explain the way of salvation through the blood of Jesus, God's Son. And he'd lead Chuck to a sure knowledge of the Saviour. Oh, yes, they would have some really great times together then.

"I've got to move on." Chuck's dark eyes scanned the buggy once again, proud to have had a part in its making. "See you tomorrow."

Larry waved. "Hey, better than that! I'll pick you up for school at a quarter to eight, sharp."

Larry stayed with the dune buggy until ten-thirty that night, giving the smooth fenders a final polish, touching up the vehicle here and there. It had to be just right when it sat alongside Speed Harris' buggy!

His conscience nagged him gently because he didn't take time out for prayer and Bible reading that night. Of course, it wasn't the first night, by any means, that he'd put that off in order to stay up with his buggy. But—he'd get back to praying right away now that it was finished!

Feelings of pride swelled Larry's heart the following morning when he purposely pulled his dune buggy directly behind Speed's and parked it. He wanted to be on hand when school was out and Speed got his first glimpse of it. It did make Speed's buggy look rather old and tattered. And Larry had not wanted roll bars on his buggy.

It was three p.m. when school let out. Larry met Chuck by the orchestra room, and they headed quickly toward the sidewalk. Too late, Speed Harris was already there, lounging casually against the newly sprayed burgundy fender, peeling away at a nail with a short switchblade. Seeing the two youths coming toward him, he nonchalantly flicked the blade of the knife downward toward the fender.

"Speed!" Larry yelled, outraged. "That paint's not hard yet! Get your knife away from it."

"Oh?" crooned the boy, lifting his face quickly. "Well, maybe you ought not to have it out yet if it's so fragile. You know, there's always the possibility of its getting hurt."

Speed's movements were fast and jerky. That's where he'd earned the nickname—though all the kids suspected that he took methedrine.

"It won't get hurt if you stay away from it," Larry said through clenched teeth. He looked to see whether Speed really had nicked the paint.

"Isn't that why you parked it in back of me," Speed accused, his green eyes narrow and smiling, "so I wouldn't stay away from it?" He clucked his tongue. "And you shouldn't lose your temper that way, Larry, such a goody, goody boy. If you didn't spend so much time in church, you might have produced a dune buggy as powerful as mine."

That was too much. Larry's back went rigid, and his stomach turned into an angry knot. "My buggy can beat yours sitting still! With the engine and the tires I've got, my buggy can do anything."

"Really?" Speed stooped and flicked the nearest tire with his knife blade, barely penetrating its surface. "Then how about settling that question once and for all? Tomorrow is Saturday. I'll meet you at the dunes at the end of that old board road. We'll race those sands back to the big cottonwood tree two hundred yards this side of the canal. Then there'll never be any more question about whose buggy is the fastest and the best."

Larry's eyes were aflame. "I'll be there."

He and Chuck tore away with a wild screech of tires. The quiet voice was bothering him again. What does it really matter? Why do you have to prove anything to a guy like Speed? You're losing your testimony with Chuck even before witnessing to him.

But the challenge and the anger had already taken too great a hold. There was no backing out now.

"Larry?" Chuck began slowly. "We know this is a great buggy, but you haven't really tested it out yet to such an extent."

"What's the matter?" Larry growled.

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
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INSPIRING DAYS AT CRAGMONT

The 1971 General Youth Conference
by the Rev. L. E. Ballard



One hundred twenty-five of the finest of North Carolina Free Will Baptist young people filed into the tabernacle at Cragmont Assembly on the evening of Monday, June 14, and sat waiting as quietly as that many young people could be expected to sit. They ranged in ages from ten to eighteen. They were waiting for something to happen, and they did not know what it was going to be!

Then, in walked "Mr. America" (Tommy Manning), all dressed up in a patriotic uniform of red, white, and blue. At the piano sat Miss Mitzi Corbett who began to play martial music, and the 1971 conference (the nineteenth in annual succession) had formally opened. "Mrs. America" (Joyce Manning) entered, beautifully and patriotically dressed, and took her place in front of the now awed and expectant group of girls and boys. "Uncle Sam" was the third to enter, with his pants of red and white stripes, his jacket of star-decked blue, and his high stovepipe hat of red, white, and blue. He was the Rev. L. E. ("Pa") Ballard, who had attended every one of the nineteen sessions. He was followed by "Mrs. Liberty" ("Ma" Gertrude Ballard), who also was dressed to simulate patriotism. They took their places in line along with "Mrs. America."

In orderly procession, other "patriots" (staff members) filed in, all appropriately dressed to display patriotism. There were "Betsy Ross" ("Ma" Elizabeth Hansley), with her American flag; "Martha Washington" (Inez Davenport); "Dolly Madison" (Kay Jones); "Patrick Henry" (Wayne Vincent); "Thomas Jefferson" (Bruce Gray); and finally, little Noel Thomas Manning II as "Mr. America Jr." All the staff members wore patriotic sashes to compliment their ensembles.

"Mr. America" declared the theme for the conference to be, "Standing for Christ to Save America." He went to the piano and introduced the theme chorus while the "patriots" sang out: "In the love of the Lord we have taken our stand to fight 'gainst the forces of sin; To the rescue we go Satan's pow'r to o'erthrow, and his captives to Jesus we'll win. I'll stand for Christ, for Christ alone, Amid the tempest and the storm; Where Jesus leads, I'll follow on; I'll stand! I'll stand for Christ alone!

Then, the pagentry, which was to set the pattern for the week to follow, began. Four representatives of people who need help from Christ to become true patriots and Christians came in. They were a poor person, a proud person, an indecisive person, and an unloving person. All asked what they could do to help save America and were told that the answer would be given at the end of the week. "Pa" Ballard then presented the rules to be followed by campers during the week, in the form of a little skit with a rather unexpected turn. A selected group of young people, wearing patriotic sashes, did a most impressive formation to the theme chorus. Everybody sang the theme chorus with its lilting refrain so enthusiastically that they almost filled the hills with the sound of it. The theme chorus was followed by the beautiful song, "Here at the Cross," which was to be the closing song each night at devotions. Then Director Manning presented the "best campers" of last year and made some important announcements to guide the group, after which "Pa" Ballard offered thanks for the fine group of young people and prayed for all—and the opening session of the conference was over. At the onstart it was emphasized by the directors that the campers were to have fun but that they were also to be guided into a better relationship with their Creator, hopefully. The campers were to "stand for Christ" and to stand for Him in such a way as to make Him proud of them.

Our energetic directors, Joyce and Tommy Manning, had planned many wonderful things for the week; and the good Lord permitted most all of them to be carried out effectively, despite some unpleasant weather. There were pageants and playlets, written by the directors; "sing-a-longs"; interesting and helpful films, all having a religious flavor; periods of instruction, religiously oriented; illuminated stories; times for testimonies from the campers; counseling on many matters of interest to the young people; and many evangelistic features. The conference was chock-full of Christ and dedicated to making Him better known in the lives of those attending. Of particular interest was a youth forum

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I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



History of the Pledge

THE original author of the pledge was Francis Bellamy, who was born at Mount Morris, New York, May 18, 1855, and died August 28, 1931. He was ordained in 1879 at the Baptist Church in Little Falls, New York. The pledge he wrote was first used at the dedication of the World's Fair Grounds in Chicago on October 21, 1892, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America, and has been recited from that day to this, with some changes, by school children throughout our land. Reverend Bellamy's original wording was altered slightly by the First and Second National Flag Conferences in 1923 and 1924 and his work was officially designated as the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Public Law 287, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved December 28, 1945. On June 14, 1954, Flag Day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law House Joint Resolution 243, introduced by Representative Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan, which added to the Pledge of Allegiance the compelling and meaningful words "under God"

The song "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag", composed by Irving Caesar, ASCAP, at the request of Representative Louis C. Rabaut, was sung for the first time on the floor of the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, by the official Air Force choral group, the "Singing Sergeants", under the direction of Captain Robert L. Landers, AFRES, in special Flag Day ceremonies.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Sharon Humphrey Wins Sword Drill And Trip to Cragmont



Things are in full swing at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina now, as the boys and girls are going there this summer once again to enjoy the fellowship with each other and to grow closer to the Lord.

For the first time Sharon Humphrey had the privilege of attending Cragmont this year during the League week, June 28 through July 3. She is a member of the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina, and was the winner of the State League Convention Sword Drill.

The people of the Gray Branch church are very proud of Sharon for winning this trip and her league voted to give her spending money for the trip. This was the first time a young person from the church has entered the Sword Drill and the people are happy for Sharon.

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Nicky Cruz Team At Reedy Branch

Bubba Grimsley, representative of the Nicky Cruz Outreach Association located in Raleigh, North Carolina, visited the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, Sunday, June 27, and had charge of the morning worship service. The service was designed to acquaint the congregation with the dangers of drugs and their abuse and to provide interesting and pertinent information about this prevalent problem.

Bubba brought with him a young man named Gary who in his own words had been "doing dope" since he was nine years old. He offered his Christian testimony and told the awed audience how the love of Christ had cleansed him and had saved him from "dope." His was a thrilling testimony, despite his soft voice. He urged his listeners not to shun people "with long hair, dirty shirts, and who wear bell-bottoms." He cited that they were searching for something that they didn't have inside. He said that some kind of emptiness caused them to turn to drugs, and that Christ is what they need. He implored the listeners to tell them about Christ and what He can do for them, their loneliness, their despair. The people at Reedy Branch knew this all along, but having it spoken by someone who had "been there" made a profound impact.

After Gary's testimony and plea, Bubba cited appropriate Scripture and told of some of his experiences since joining the Nicky Cruz group. He reported that there has been much success in the rehabilitation program in Raleigh and foresees a good future for drug addicts who "kick" the habit with the help of Christ.

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Correction Please

The June 16 issue carried an article by Mrs. Pauline Mizell entitled, "Youth at Work." The union meeting mentioned **was** held at the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, but the remainder of the article should have been written about the **Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church at Cash Corner, North Carolina.** By mistake the name of the Arapahoe church was carried throughout the article. We apologize to the Mount Zion church. The mistake was not intentional. Insufficient information was the cause.

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If you want to be poor—grasp!
If you want to be needy—hoard!
If you want to be rich—give!
If you want abundance—scatter!
—Author Unknown.

CRAGMONT NEWS

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on drugs and movies and other pertinent subjects. And there was not a boring moment. We would like to tell about it all in detail, but THE FREE WILL BAPTIST is not a book, only a magazine!

In case some people believe that the gospel can only be preached by a minister behind a pulpit, they are mistaken. The gospel was preached effectively in word and song, in drama and pageant, during this week of camp; and in some people's opinion, the young people who participated did so in a dynamic manner. It was the strong feeling of the directors that young people should be a definite part of the action; therefore, they made them such; and the end result was a success. Many talents were put to use for the Lord. Planning and practice produced lasting impressions. Every night's program carried religious emphasis as did each day's activities.

The group made their annual field trip on Wednesday, going to Maggie Valley and "Ghost Town." Everybody seemed to enjoy the trip, and the many who had never been to the mountains before got a real thrill from the beautiful scenery along the way.

The spiritual high point of the conference came Wednesday evening. This service had not been especially planned as the time for special efforts to get the lost ones saved, but it seems that the Lord simply took over. This writer has seen the Lord work in mysterious ways many times, but never quite like He worked in this service. Saved and unsaved alike they rushed to the altar, as though compelled by some overpowering force, and they fell upon their knees in weeping and prayer; and not a one was left in his seat.

Around twenty young people found salvation through faith in Christ during this service and in the group meetings here and there which followed. Into the night, counselors and concerned young Christians worked with young people who were under conviction and who were disturbed over life's problems. And with them all, the Holy Spirit worked to the salvation of souls and the enlargement of Christian experience. Throughout the remainder of the conference a spirit of evangelism prevailed.

Each night just before bedtime, the group met in a great circle around a cross on the front campus for evening prayers and witnessing to the goodness

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TELL IT LIKE IT REALLY IS . . .

by
MARGO MANGUM

THIS past week I sat in for a young man—for a day—in a high school classroom.

Walking down the corridors that morning, turning corners, an occasional "Hi," or "Excuse me," could be heard as students shuttled back and forth—each one knowing exactly where he was going. Also the policemen stationed at various places—alerted to every sight and sound—yet time for a courteous nod. I tried to keep up with the nice smiling man who was showing me where I was to go, and at the same time assuring me that I would have no problems at all. He seemed so sure of himself, the fourteen hundred students, the faculty **and** me. Coming to a door marked Lab, we walked through it to the adjoining room.

We reached the teacher's desk where everything was in readiness for me. With a few instructions, another reassuring smile and a wave of the hand, the man went on his busy way.

For various reasons I have been in and out of classrooms for a number of years—thoroughly enjoying it. Today would be no exception. Would I be saying this if I had been here one week ago when bombs were exploded, students hurt and scared . . . general chaos? The papers and TV had told us all about it.

Hastily I wrote my name on the blackboard and sat down at my desk. I began reading my instructions, then scanned the list of student names. Somewhere maybe I'd find a familiar name or see a face I'd seen before. Being a comparatively new newcomer to this city it wouldn't be likely, but . . .

A bell sounded. I eagerly waited. A lot of hearty "Good Mornings," some shy "Hellos," plenty of smiles, a lot of scraping, slamming,—you know, the sounds that go along with thirty or so students getting their books and themselves put. A glance at the blackboard and then a respectful silence.

"Good morning, everybody. I'm afraid I'm not Mr. Banks."

"Now really."

"You're kidding."

"I hadn't noticed."

"Aw, come on."

Some real honest-to-goodness laughter, and then I began again.

"But with your cooperation we'll get along somehow without him today. He **will** be back with you tomorrow."

We had roll-call. Those fresh smiling faces as each answered "Here" did not go unnoticed.

Textbooks and notebooks were opened and pencils were poised. Classroom work had begun!

Was it really going to be this easy for me my first day? I began filling out my daily report, all the while thinking back . . . Another classroom, quite a few years back. My junior and senior years in high school. Hadn't **we** had substitute teachers sometimes?

Out of the corner of my eye I saw this handsome fellow to the left of me.

"Yes?" This from me.

He walked briskly toward me, stopped a moment, seemingly almost apologetic, but he felt he had to tell me.

"Ma'am, we **always** pledge allegiance to the flag . . . every morning, before **anything** else." He was pleading.

So, I thought to myself, I'm not with it this morning. How could I forget such an important thing? It is very important, in my opinion.

I looked over the classroom. From one to another . . . were they saying no?

I looked into the clear eye of the young man who was still waiting—with a look at his peers, he then returned my gaze.

"Great," I said. "I'm so glad to know this is being done again. Class, let us all stand while this gentleman leads us in pledging allegiance to our flag."

It was a stirring moment.

Work was again resumed. I was getting full cooperation. Every letter capitalized for that word—cooperation. Should I pinch myself?

All too soon, my time with this group was ending. As they filed by my desk I was told, "It has been a pleasure. Come again when Mr. Banks has to be away." The boys' hands were offered—gripping handshakes. Soft voices said, "Thank you for helping us out today. Of course we'd rather have Mr. Banks. Every girl in the room has a crush on him."

I knew about things like that. I remembered!

Some more bell ringing and another group, larger than the first. The same noises. The same routine, all very pleasant.

A moment later a young gentleman strode into the room—making a beeline to my desk. "Sorry to be a minute late, but . . ." as he handed me a slip of paper telling me exactly where he had been. Saying too, this young class president, that if he could be of any help, I could count on him. I smiled my profuse thanks.

All was quiet again.

I heard a chair being pushed back. I looked up from my papers. The young man, questioning as he came forward if it were all right. Of course it was.

Not whispering, but voice kept low, he began, "Mrs. Mangum, there's this guy sitting across from me."

"Yes?" I tried to look over the classroom, not at that one in particular. Blue-black hair, dark eyes concentrating on the work before him. A young man to be proud of.

"Well, he's a schizophrenic." He let that sink in. "You know, one day his hair is as straight as a stick . . . like it is now, but tomorrow it might be curled real tight all over his head."

I shook my head sadly. This spurred him on. "Why, some days he goes stone blind." I again let him know how much it hurt me to listen. Almost as much as it hurt him to tell me.

At any cost, he **must** finish. "Some days he acts real normal. But we **do** have to watch him. He has been known to go right up that blackboard, across the ceiling and down here right at your desk. Just thought you ought to know about him."

"Well maybe, just maybe today will be one of his better days."

"Let's hope so," the earnest young man said as he went back to his seat.

The day was passing entirely too fast, I was thinking. My mind wondered back to earlier years. Somehow I saw that other class a few years back. There was a difference, but what was it? Maybe I

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SUNDAY, JULY 11

LINCOLN'S PLEA

Scripture Reading—Psalm 137:1-6

A visitor to the White House during the days of the Civil War said: "I had been spending three weeks in the White House with Mr. Lincoln as his guest. One night—it was just after the battle of Bull Run—I was restless and could not sleep. It was coming near to the dawn of the day, when I heard low tones proceeding from a private room where the President slept. The door was partly open. Instinctively I walked in, and there I saw a sight which I shall never forget. It was the President kneeling before an open Bible. The light was so piteous and so sorrowful. 'O thou God, that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me! I cannot lead this people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without thy help. I am poor and weak and sinful. O God, thou didst hear Solomon when he cried for wisdom—hear me and save this nation.' God heard, and He answered him then and there. Will He not answer today?"—*Christian Beacon.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God answers when one submits himself to His will and prays earnestly in faith believing.

MONDAY, JULY 12

REST OF A SOUL

Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:14

A woman lay dying. A minister sat beside her and tried to break the news as gently as he could. He said, "They think your time is short." "Yes," she said, "I know it." "Have you made your peace with God." "No," he replied, "I haven't made my peace with God." Then you are not afraid to die?" "No." "Do you realize that in a few hours you must meet God?" "Yes." "And you have not made your peace with God?" "No, and I'm not going to."

There was a strange light of perfect peace in the woman's eyes, and the minister realized that there was something back of it all. He said, "What do you mean?" She said, "Listen! I know I am dying, yet I have no fear of meeting God. I am resting in the peace which Jesus Christ made in His atoning death upon the Cross, and I don't have to make my peace with God for I am resting in the peace which Jesus Christ has already made."—*Evangelical Visitor.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Perfect peace—that peace that comes when one accepts the Lord—that peace that abides and sets one at rest.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

NOT FAR ENOUGH

Scripture Reading—Psalm 138:8

Professor Drummond saw at a fair a glass model of a famous mine. The owner drove a tunnel a mile long through the strata he thought contained gold, spent one hundred thousand dollars on it, and in a year and a half had failed to find the gold. Another company drove the tunnel a yard further and struck the ore. So the gold of life may be but a short distance off. There are countless failures in life due to not going far enough. Keep on—the reward may lie but a yard ahead.—*The Sunday School Banner.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When troubles would deter from following the road marked "Right," let us press forward all the more. Rewards await us!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

TREATED LIKE A MINISTER

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 3:15

"You look very much like a minister," said an English gentleman to Woodrow Wilson many years ago. "Have you ever been taken for one?" "No," was the reply, "but I have been treated like one." "And how was that?" "Well," said Mr. Wilson, "there was a time when I waited six months for my salary."—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Ministers are men of God, dedicated to the spreading of His gospel. They are worthy of their hire, according to the Scriptures. Let us not forget this.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

DISCHARGED SOLDIER PAYS CONSCIENCE MONEY

Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:3

The United States Treasury is $60 ahead and a former soldier's conscience is at ease, the War Department disclosed.

The unidentified ex-serviceman placed two bills—a fifty and a ten—in a plain envelope. He enclosed a one-sentence note: "The enclosed covers some blankets which, as I see it now, should have been turned in by me on my discharge."

Marked personal, the letter was mailed in New York to Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces. The money was forwarded by the War Department to the Treasury.

The above release from the War Department is more than interesting. It is great to have a conscience void of offense toward men. But through faith it is possible to know things are made right with God. "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).—*Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Making things right with men is good but making things right with God is better and more beneficial. Do it for God first and other things will fall into place.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

THE BEST WAY

Scripture Reading—Romans 12:1

Robert Chapman of Barnstaple, a great friend of the late George Muller of Bristol, was once asked, "Would you not advise young Christians to do something for the Lord?" "No," was the reply, "I should advise them to do everything for the Lord."—*The Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Doing something for God will not suffice. What will suffice is doing "everything" for Him.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

A YOUNG JEW'S CHOICE

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 1:9

At a Sunday school anniversary a boy of Jewish caste, with piercing eyes, rose and repeated, "Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee," in a voice so thrilling as to move the whole audience. Many eyes were moist, for the story of the young Jew was known. His father had told him he must either leave the Sunday school or quit home forever, and the words of the hymn showed what he had given up to follow Christ. The meeting was inspired with new life. Friends and businessmen secured him a situation by which he would earn his own living.—*Christian at Work.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sometimes we are required to give up friends and family to follow Christ, but one moment in heaven will pay for it all.

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Please Notice!

The Rev. Robert L. Langley was ordained Sunday, June 13, at the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, North Carolina, and has accepted the pastorate of the Plymouth, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. Langley and family are now living on Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, but will move to Plymouth the end of this month.

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A full hand cannot take God's gifts.—Selected.

YOUTH STANDS FOR CHRIST

by Gail Boyd

(The following are parts of a letter and a poem received from Miss Boyd, a member of the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina. We trust that it will be an inspiration to other youth who might take the stand for Christ that she has taken.)

I AM sixteen years old and a member of the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church. We have just recently held our yearly vacation Bible school using the theme, "Doing Our Thing for Jesus." Our teen-age class really enjoyed the books and crafts we purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden that went along with our theme. All in this class learned a lot from the lessons, and I for one, came closer to God because of them.

This year as a sophomore in high school I discovered a new talent that God has blessed me with, the writing of poetry. My English teacher has helped me quite a lot, and she thinks some of my poems are good. In fact, one night at a P.T.A. meeting she asked me to conduct the devotional and read one of my poems about God which she liked very much. I did this and the school principal told everyone that I had written the poem I read, entitled, "You Can't Go Wrong."

The poem included in this article, "The Jesus Thing," is one that I wrote to go along with the Bible school theme; and I read it during our commencement exercises.

These poems were written with the sole purpose of bringing other young people, like myself, closer to God. True, adults need Christ in their lives, but we young people are faced with so many temptations, like drugs and drinking, that we really need Him in our lives the most of all. Sad to say, but the youth of today are mostly the ones who are rejecting Christ.

The Jesus Thing

Young folks today are always saying
That this or that "ain't their bag";
They don't want to come to church or pray,
'Cause in their mind, it's all a drag!

But listen to me, you young folks,
'Cause Jesus Christ is my King;
Coming to church ain't such a drag
When you're doing "the Jesus thing"!

You come to learn about the King of man,
And to sing to the heavens above;
And everything's so right in your soul,
That your heart is just bursting with love!

You're filled with a joyous feeling
As you worship and sing and pray;
And you know that working for the Son of God
Is really a-okay!

So think it all over, young folks;
Jesus Christ is also your King;
You could be winning others to Him
While doing "the Jesus thing"!

Crab Point Church's Kindergarten Graduates

The Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church's Kindergarten graduation exercises were held on May 21. The program was designed to show parents how the kindergarten prepares the five-year-olds for school.

During the kindergarten year, the child learns to adjust socially, become self-reliant in such things as dressing himself, health habits, and in making decisions. He learns muscular coordination, particularly of the eye and finger muscles (built through finger plays, games, music, and rhythm). Many of these and other basics necessary before entering first grade, were demonstrated throughout the program.

Helping the children become acquainted with Christ is a pleasurable goal of the church kindergarten. Therefore the program for the kindergarten opened with pledges to the flags and Bible. The class then prayed the Lord's Prayer, after which several Bible choruses were sung. Greg Maready and Michael Hardison sang "A Cowboy for Jesus" and did a dramatization of "The Devil Is a Sly Old Fox."

To show that counting can be fun, eleven children (ten mice and a cat) did a skit entitled "Ten Little Mice." Just for fun "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" was sung by the class with solo parts and dramatization by David Ensley, Karen Garner, and Mary Alice Bell. Robin Weeks and April Smith demonstrated using the telephone which they sang the "Hello Song."

Next on the program were finger plays entitled "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and "Jump Rope Aches." In a 'Do-It-Yourself" skit several children demonstrated putting on boots, crossing the street, brushing teeth, buckling shoes, zipping coats, combing hair, and dialing a number on the telephone.

The program came to a close with two action songs—"The Banjo Song" and "The Good-Bye Song." The Rev. Dewitt T. Cleve presented the diplomas and personalized Bibles to each child in the graduating class.



Members of the class are pictured with the teachers. Front row, left to right are: Kenneth Jones, Douglas Fulcher, Mary Alice Bell, Mark Dillon, Greg Maready, Beverly Blevins; center row, left to right are: Miriam Holle, Joseph Davis, Robin Weeks, Mark Fulcher, Oscar Noe, Michelle Hardie, Michael Hardison; back row, left to right are: Mrs. Leroy Buck, Jodi Duncan, Adrian Kittrell, David Ensley, Jennie Brand, Joannie Brand, Ray Coarsey, Dawn Williams, Mrs. James Bell (Mrs. Betsy Weeks has replaced Mrs. Bell who resigned due to illness). Not pictured are Karen Garner, April Smith, James Onorio, and Archie Willis.

YOUTH DOES IT AGAIN

by Mrs. Otto Sawyer

On Monday, July 5, a long-worked-for dream came true for twenty-three young people of the Sound Side Community, Columbia, North Carolina, and their adult leaders, when they boarded a bus for Cragmont Assembly, the beautiful Free Will Baptist summer camp near Black Mountain, North Carolina. There they joined youth fellowship auxiliary members from other North Carolina churches for a week of spiritual uplift and summer fun. They are now experiencing Bible study, informal group discussions, singing, hiking, mountain climbing—all youth-oriented, all carried out in a deeply spiritual atmosphere near that grandest of all God's handiwork, the awe-inspiring mountains.

It all began one Monday night in early February in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Brickhouse. The Youth Fellowship Auxiliary of the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church had just completed its regular monthly meeting when someone casually mentioned Cragmont. At first the talk was only wishful, as of an impossible dream. Then the enthusiasm and the interest grew, and before the group disbanded, a few members had definitely decided that they would go to Cragmont. It soon became apparent that each member wanted to go, but there were financial problems. And so the drive began! Everybody worked—the youth, the parents, the church, the whole community, and many outside the community. Everywhere and everyday people expressed their interest and desire to help. The number wanting to go grew to twenty-five with a total cost of $925. Nobody really expected to raise that much, but at least they'd try. They had a fish fry, a car wash, a bake sale; they even washed windows. They gave a Mother's Day program at church and received a sizable love offering. Many donations were received, many of them from people without children in the group and even from people of other communities. The teen-agers themselves gave their entire league treasury of $137. Then on June 20, the YFA gave a Father's Day program at church and received another generous love offering. And on that day the Ladies' Sunday School Class and the Adult League donated the final $163.50, and the goal was reached!

The past four months had been busy ones for the YFA of Sound Side, and in the midst of all their fund-raising activities they were asked to give a short program at the State Youth Convention in New Bern, North Carolina. They gave a very successful patriotic program.

Sound Side is rightfully proud of its youth. The work has been hard and long, but not one person refused to do what he was asked; and not one project was tried in which the church and community did not willingly and eagerly cooperate.

Much appreciation is expressed to each person and organization that has helped in any way. Already much has been gained by a group of people working together on a worthwhile project. When the bus left with those young people on July 5, much love and many prayers went with them; and the young people remembered with grateful hearts the many people who made their trip possible.

The group includes Billy, Bennie, Debbie, and Phyllis Ambrose; Barry, Mary Ellen, Bruce, Marie, Ned, Randy, Kathy, and Jeanie Brickhouse; Donald Cooper; Al, Lorraine, and Darlene Etheridge; Rachel Ludford; Cindy, Doug, and Robin Sawyer; Barbara Ann Snell; Junior Taylor; Layne Van Horne; and leaders, Mrs. Betty Sawyer and Mrs. Beatrice Marie Brickhouse.

And so, once again youth proves itself!

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Mrs. Eisenhower and Mrs. Penney Reveal Favorite Psalms



In New York Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower left, and Mrs. J. C. Penney, widow of the late chain store executive, disclosed their favorite psalms during a recent meeting there. The former First Lady said the Ninety-First Psalm is her favorite and cited the eleventh verse: "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Mrs. Penney's favorite, Psalm 121, begins like this: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." The two psalms were read after Mrs. Penney presented Mrs. Eisenhower with a red leather-bound copy of **The Psalms for Modern Man**, a gift from the American Bible Society.

THIS ALTAR

by Rene Broyles
Gallipolis, Ohio

This altar—
This polished piece of wood,
Is your first step to glory
To stand where Jesus stood.

This altar—
Lay all your burdens down;
This altar is the first step
To earn your golden crown.

This altar—
On your knees, tell God you're sorry
For all the strife you've caused;
Let Jesus wipe away your tears
And give our God your all!

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Selfishness with much can do little; love with little can do much.—Selected.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What became of Mary, Jesus' mother?—**R. S.**

Answer: I do not know. Jesus committed her to His beloved Apostle John to be cared for as though she were his own mother, while He hung on the Cross, and John to her was to be regarded as a son. "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home" (John 19:26, 27).

I regard these as some of the most touching words He could have uttered. She was among those to leave the grave last the day His body was placed there, and among those to approach it first after His resurrection. She was also one of the 120 to await in the upper room in obedience to His command; therefore, one of the number upon whom the Holy Spirit came in His initial descent. She was one of those to witness for Him at Pentecost when 3,000 souls were added to the church. "And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children" (Matthew 27:55, 56). James and Joses were Jesus' half brothers and mentioned in verse 56 as being the sons of one of the Marys. Mary, the mother of Zebedee's children, was the mother of James and John, the fishermen and disciples of Christ, being also His cousins. "These also continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:14).

His brethren were James, Joses, Simon, and Judas; that is, His half brothers, sons of Mary, His mother, and Joseph, His foster father. What seems to be quite an accurate tradition indicates that Jesus' half brothers and half sisters did not accept Him as their Lord before His crucifixion, but emerged as being saved immediately after His resurrection. I suppose that none living on earth have the full or complete interpretation of: "And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34, 35). This may or may not mean a literal sword. Most do not think that was necessarily a part of what Mary was destined to suffer in behalf of her precious Lord that was her firstborn son. Some think it was. It could be that she was among those martyrs that sealed their testimony with their blood; such as, Peter, James, Paul, and others who dared to be bold in their proclamation of the good news (gospel) of Christ; His death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and soon coming again.

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Question: Please explain what seems to be a difference in John's account of the time of the crucifixion of Jesus with that of Mark's.

Answer: The common and correct explanation is that Mark speaks according to the Jewish computation of time, and says: "And it was the third hour, and they crucified him" (Mark 15:25); and John speaks according to Roman computation of time: "And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!" (John 19:14).

We all, there is no doubt, know that the land of Palestine was ruled by Rome when Christ was crucified as also was the rest of the world as they knew it then. Therefore, many Roman customs prevailed along with many that were Jewish. Jewish people understood and adhered to both at the same time—a fact that many Jewish writers were versed in and complied to. Then, in short, Mark here speaks in terms of Jewish usage while John uses Roman time in his account.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Jimmy Webster would like to state that he will be available for full-time pastoral services beginning in September. He is in good standing with the Albemarle Conference. Any church desiring his services may write him at Route 1, Box 219, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865; or by telephoning 943-2042.

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People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church please write Mr. W. E. Crumpler, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina 27822; or telephone 442-4416.

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CRAGMONT NEWS

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of the Lord, with various members of the staff leading.

In the final session on Friday evening, the four representatives of needy persons returned with their questions as to how they in their particular circumstances could help to save America, and the director called their attention to things that had been presented during the week in which they could find answers to their questions. At this session also, the following were chosen as the best all-around campers in the 1971 conference: Junior boy, Jeff Kennedy; junior girl, Alice Hines; senior boy, Wesley Beddard; and senior girl, Jane Hinnant.

We believe that this conference will go down in history of the conferences sponsored by the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention as one of the best of the sixty-two conferences which the convention has sponsored and cosponsored since the year 1953, a fine tribute to those who have labored through the years in the interest of an ever-increasing camping program for our young people.

STORIES

for our youth



MYSTERY OF THE LOCKED SHED

HELEN F. GREEN

THE moving van stopped at the big farmhouse, and the Selby children could hardly wait to explore their new home. They had always lived in the city. With their dog Pal close at their heels, they raced through the barn, down to the orchard, then to the pasture, and down the hill.

"Look! A creek!" Nathan shouted.

"And a little house across the fence," Jean said. 'Wonder who lives so far back from the road?"

When they mentioned it to Daddy, he said, "We'll soon get acquainted with our neighbors."

The next day, Barry Taylor came over. "Hi, neighbors! I live in the brick house at the corner. There's a farm between ours and yours."

"We saw the house," Nathan said. "Who lives there?"

"Mr. Duncan. He's been here a month, but he's real quiet and never goes anywhere. He always looks sad and lonely."

That night Jean suggested, "Let's pray for Mr. Duncan."

Monday, the children were playing in the creek. "There's Mr. Duncan," Jean whispered. "Let's go over." They ran to the fence.

"Hello," Nathan said. "We're your new neighbors."

"Good morning. Do you like the farm?"

"Oh, yes! Especially the creek!"

"Well, I'd better get busy," Mr. Duncan said as he went into the barn.

Friday, Jean asked, "Mother, may we take some cherry pie to Mr. Duncan?"

"That's a good idea," she agreed.

As they entered his yard, they noticed a shed with a large padlock. "That's funny," Nathan said. "No one locks sheds out here."

Mr. Duncan thanked them, but he said very little. Suddenly Nathan asked, "Would you like to go to church with us Sunday? Daddy would be glad to take you."

"I can drive over in my pickup. I just haven't started yet."

Nathan felt uneasy. "We'd better go, Jean," he said.

As they passed the shed, Jean giggled. "Maybe it's full of gold. But why would he be sad if he's so rich?"

They prayed for Mr. Duncan every night.

One day, Barry went with Nathan to the little house.

"Mother sent you some hot rolls," Nathan said.

"Thanks. Do you want some apples?"

Their hands full, they started away.

"Look at the padlock on that shed," Barry remarked. "Wonder what's in it?"

"It's a mystery to me!" Nathan answered.

One evening as Barry came into the yard, Mr. Duncan drove past.

"That's the first time I've seen him go anywhere!" Barry declared.

The boys hunted crawfish in the creek. At bedtime, Nathan remembered.

"My shoes! I left them at the creek!"

"I'll get the flashlight and go with you to get them," Jean offered. "Come on, Pal!"

Near the creek, Nathan stopped. "Listen!"

"Someone is at Mr. Duncan's," Jean whispered. "He's gone!"

Pal growled.

"Quiet, boy!" Nathan held him. They could see shadowy forms moving.

"They've broken into the shed!" Jean exclaimed.

Pal jerked loose and raced across th pasture, barking furiously. Somethin large hit the ground, and two forms dis appeared among the trees.

"Back, Pal!" Nathan ordered.

"Hey! What's wrong with Pal?"

"Daddy!" Jean cried. "Someone wa in Mr. Duncan's shed! Pal scared ther away."

"Let's see what damage they did." Mr Selby took the flashlight.

Near the barn, Nathan stumbled ove something. "A toy tractor! Where di it come from?"

Mr. Selby turned his light on the shed

"Wow! Look at that!" Nathan's eye were popping. There were small trucks a train, a coaster wagon, a basketball- "So, that's what is in the shed!"

"But why? Does Mr. Duncan have boy?" Jean puzzled.

"Maybe that explains his sadness, Mr. Selby said.

They saw lights and heard the picku

"Let's go!" said Nathan starting t run. "He'll think we're the thieves!"

"Wait, son. We'll explain."

Mr. Selby told the story. Finally M Duncan spoke.

"It looks as if Pal saved the toys. know you wonder why I have them." H voice trembled. "I had a boy name Richard. He was wonderful—" he tur ed away.

"What happened?" Nathan whispere

"His boy scout troop was in a boa Somehow Jimmy Banks fell overboar and Richard jumped in to rescue him. the boys pulled Jimmy in, the boat rocke and struck Richard on the head. went down before they could help him His voice broke.

"We're sorry," Mr. Selby said softly

"His mother was ill already. She di a month later. I came to the farm try to forget."

"Mr. Duncan," Nathan venture "Richard was something like Jesus. Ric ard died to save Jimmy. Jesus died save all of us from everlasting punis ment."

Mr. Duncan stared. "I never thoug of that! In fact, I haven't been thinki about God. It seems as if He has fo saken me."

"He won't ever do that! He says, will never leave thee, nor forsake the (Hebrews 13:5)."

"You sound like Richard. He used quote that verse.

"We saw how sad you were. We' been praying for you."

"I certainly need prayer." He cover

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THE GREATEST NEED

by Mrs. Carl Dudley
Fuquay Varina, North Carolina

SOME years ago a newspaper ran an account of a young girl from a very poor family who came to the city and saw for the first time such things as electric lights, radio, motor vehicles, and motion pictures. She was an intelligent girl but had never heard of many of the things she saw. We are surprised that one born in our country would be ignorant about the things that to us are commonplace. Yet we show little amazement about the millions in our land and around the world who know nothing of Christ. Acts 1:8 tells us, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." A personal experience with Jesus qualifies us to be a witness. A good place to start is at home. Is there anyone in your family who does not know Christ as his Saviour? We are not, however, to stop at home. It is our responsibility to declare the gospel to others until all have heard. Why should we hesitate then to witness for Christ and spread the gospel? Man lives in sin, and Acts 4:12 tells us, ". . . for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

One day Jesus looked on a multitude of five thousand hungry people. He had compassion on them and commanded the disciples to "Give them to eat." Today there are still thousands of people hungry for the "Living Bread." Can you not hear Jesus say unto you, "Give them to eat"?

Mark 16:15 commands us to ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." There are many people in the world today who do not attend church. This makes it necessary for us to take the gospel to them.

One of the most effective ways of witnessing is by personal approach. An eunuch was going to Gaza from Jerusalem where he had been to worship. The Lord spoke unto Philip and led him in the same direction. Philip found the eunuch sitting in a chariot and reading from the book of Isaiah, not understanding what he read. When Philip came face to face with him he "preached unto him Jesus." The eunuch was saved and went on his way rejoicing. The plan of salvation is simple, but there are many today who, like the eunuch, do not understand. They need to be taught that they too might rejoice.

A certain church had gone for more than a year without a single soul being saved. The pastor and deacons made a covenant that they would work one week witnessing to those they came in contact with and if by the end of the week they did not see any results, they would all resign their offices. The first day one deacon led eleven persons to Christ. The following Sunday thirty men were received into the church. Our responsibility as individual Christians is no less than that of these church officers. We too are trustees of the gospel. We too must share it with others. Jesus witnessed in the synagogue, in a boat, on the mountain, at the well, and wherever He went. He frequently commanded His followers to do likewise. When Jesus returns again to this earth our time of witnessing will be at an end. Will it not be sad to think of Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved"? Some are in this condition because they have not heard; others are because they have not followed Christ's example and commandment to witness for him. ". . . Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

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A man's true wealth is the good he does in the world. How rich are you?—Selected.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Listed below are gifts to the North Carolina Board of Missions of Original Free Will Baptists for the period June 16-22, 1971. Also shown is the balance left on the budget for the church year—1970-71, as of June 22.

Balance Left on Budget for 1970-71, June 15, 1971		$4,291.81
Receipts for June 16-22		
Mt. Zion Auxiliary, Roper	$ 25.00	
Spring Branch Church, Walstonburg	70.00	
Mrs. J. Meade Hill, Wilson	25.00	
Faith Church, Kinston	54.66	
St. Mary's Church, New Bern	84.75	
Sherron Acres Church, Durham	286.00	
Johnston Union Church, Smithfield	265.79	
Friendship Sunday School, Farmville	30.50	
Sidney Church, Belhaven	112.50	
Woman's Auxiliary, Kinston Church, Kinston	26.00	
Senior Sunday School Class, Shiloh Church, Pinetown	11.53	
Otway Church, Beaufort	10.00	
Spring Hope Church, New Bern	50.00	
Willing Workers Sunday School Class, Greenville	16.00	
Vacation Bible School, Shiloh Church, Pinetown	25.00	
Shiloh Church, Pinetown	37.00	
Ladies Sunday School Class, Shiloh Church, Pinetown	7.00	
Rose of Sharon Sunday School, Robersonville	15.00	
Gum Swamp Church, Greenville	10.00	
Spring Hill Church, Goldsboro	50.00	
Glenda McLawhorn, Dover	100.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Smith, Dover	100.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Briley, Topeka, Kansas	65.00	
Total		$1,476.73
Balance Left on Budget June 22, 1971		$2,815.08

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 18



GOD, THE CHRISTIAN, AND CIVIL LAW

Lesson Text: Acts 4:13-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Memory Verse: Acts 5:29

I. INTRODUCTION

It was reported of the late Martin Luther King, apostle of nonviolent resistance, that he declared he would not hesitate to disobey certain laws which he felt were unjust. Sometime later Martin Luther King was dead, slain in the city of Memphis by an assassin's bullet.

What this famous Negro leader said and the act of infamy against him may or may not have had any relationship, but somewhere between the two an ugly hatred grew up against him. Many say he was wrong to encourage defiance against unpopular laws. They ask, "Who is properly qualified to determine what laws are bad?" They ask further, "If one man can say this or that law is bad, why can't another, or ten others, or tens of thousands—until there remain no laws that are considered other than bad?" There is little question in our minds that the man who slew him was wrong. We do not believe he had a right to take the law in his own hands, even if a law had been violated by the Negro leader.

Some say that both men were wrong. Be that as it may; some things we will leave to heaven. What we do know is wrong is violence against the rights of others. We know it is also wrong to establish your own right at the expense of another's.

We are concerned in this lesson with the Christian's attitude toward civil law, not the unsaved man's. There must be a difference in the attitude of these two. The former must decide the issue along the line of "What would Jesus do?" The latter has no access to this question, for he does not know Jesus, nor can he imagine what He would do. God is in this matter of law observance, for He established law. This we must always remember.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Give a comparison of this lesson with that of last Sunday.
2. Tell the story of Jesus and the tribute money.

B. Speakers for Christ (Acts 4:13-17)
1. Tell the boldness of the apostles in preaching Jesus.
2. Tell of the presence of the man that had been healed.
3. The conference of the Sanhedrin was to decide the problem.
4. What was the decision at this conference?
5. What was the reaction of the apostles?

C. Silencers of the Gospel (Acts 4:18-20)
1. Discuss the decision of the Sanhedrin.
2. Describe the reaction of the apostles.
3. Christians are obligated to obey God as supreme.

D. The Call to Submit (1 Peter 2:13-15)
1. The laws of the country are for men to obey.
2. The laws of the country are for justice.
3. The lawfulness of the Christian is a witness against the lawlessness.

E. Servants of God (1 Peter 2:16, 17)
1. The Christian is free.
2. This freedom is not a license. The Christian should obey the laws of his country.
3. The Christian should respect the authorities.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Earthly governments may be an enemy to God and His cause, though it is not necessarily so. There have been times when the two have been in conflict, and there probably will continue to be such times. When civil government invades the realm of the moral and the spiritual, denies the right of worship, forbids the study of God's Word, commands the worship of the state, makes void the worship of God through the commandments of men, then the Christian can and must follow the leadership of God."—Selected.

B. Christians in free lands are fortunate in that no civil law commands them to disobey God. They have not been forced to choose between obeying the Bible and obeying the government. Christians in "iron curtain" countries are confronted daily with this kind of choice just as the first Christians often had to decide between obedience to Rome and faithfulness to Christ.

Peter and John were thrust into an equally difficult decision. Should they yield to the threats of their national authorities, or continue to tell the good news? It was as if the Sanhedrin had erected a stop sign in the path of the apostles. "Stop spreading this explosive heresy," they warned. "Stop telling people that a small-town carpenter is the Messiah. You are upsetting the people and our entire religious system is in danger of being destroyed."

Peter and John were not intimidated by the stern judges. Their reply indicated that they were taking orders from an authority higher than that of the chief priests. They saw a yield sign instead of a stop sign. In other words, the apostles were ready to yield the right of way when it came to obedience, and they knew that in this conflict as in any conflict, God had the right of way.

For the Christian citizen, God's will must always take priority when His law and man's law are in conflict. Civil law, however, must never be defied unless it would compel citizens to disobey God.—Standard Commentary.

C. In 1651 in Boston, Massachusetts the horror and glory of Christian suffering were evidenced before a spellbound crowd at the public whipping of Obadiah Holmes, a Baptist preacher. As the thirty lashes were laid on the back of the minister, bringing his blood, he was heard to say, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Mr. Holmes, with John Clark and John Crandall, had been arrested and charged with conducting illegal worship services in the home of William Witter, a blind and aged Christian.—Bible Expositor.

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One gives away, and still he grows richer; another keeps what he should give, and is the poorer.—Selected.

DUNE BUGGY

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Don't you think it's a better dune bug-
y than Speed's?"

Chuck sat back with a sigh. "Sure,
arry. I know it is."

Again, Speed was there before them
he next morning. He was high. There
uld be no doubt about that. Another
outh, Darwin, had come along with
eed to signal the take-off.

The dune buggies sat side by side, wait-
g for the signal. Engines revved. Sul-
n-eyed youths glared back and forth
one another. Then Darwin fired a
llet gun and the race was on. Trans-
issions were overworked as the huge
res flung the vehicles forward. A gold-
n sea passed beneath the wheels. The
uggies sped over one crest, racing
noothly down the other side. Over and
ver they went until Larry's buggy be-
an slowly but steadily moving past
eed Harris' souped-up vehicle. So in-
nt was Larry upon winning the race
nd proving the worth of his dune buggy
hat he didn't realize the cottonwood
ee had come and gone.

"We've got it made!" he cried and the
ind caught his words and flung them
ackward. "We're going to win!"

"Larry! Larry, stop this thing!"

But Larry didn't hear, so overcome
as he by the fire of excitement and the
lory of having won the race. Up, up,
and over the high golden crest of
nd. They were sailing now, with no
round beneath them.

"Larry! Stop!"

Too late! The wide American Canal
as suddenly there, calmly waiting to
nvelope them in its depths. Larry swung
he steering wheel crazily. A shout rip-
ed from a dry throat. The beautiful
une buggy shot sideways, turned over,
nd slid and plunged hard into the deep
anal.

Larry was thrown free and swam half
bbing across the wide canal; then he
awed his way up the cement side and
y gasping. Nothing was clear to him
r a moment except the loss of the dune
uggy. And then a question began to
me into focus. Where was Chuck?

He lifted himself up. "Chuck! Chuck!"
e was still down there, locked or en-
ngled or imprisoned in that buggy—
ithout a knowledge of Jesus Christ!

"No! Oh, God, please, please, no.
on't let Chuck die without Jesus!" And
uddenly that was the really important
ning—not himself or his work or his bug-
y but Chuck. He had to save Chuck!

He threw his lean body back into the water and swam back toward the submerged dune buggy. Down, down, hands reaching out, searching for his friend. Lungs bursting, he rose to the surface, took a frantic breath of air and plunged again.

This time his groping fingers found Chuck's shoulder. He grasped it and pulled. He was stuck! He pulled again, twisted, pulled straight up with all his remaining strength. The limp body went free, and Larry got him to the surface and swam to the edge of the canal, pulling his friend onto the warm sand.

Choking for breath himself and praying the most desperate prayer of his life, Larry turned him over and began artificial respiration. Nothing. In a frenzy, he rolled Chuck over, checked to make sure his throat was clear, and applied mouth to mouth resuscitation over and over, until Larry feared he would faint from exhaustion. And suddenly Chuck tried to catch his breath, choked violently and tried again.

"Thank you, Father," Larry sobbed, lying back on the sand. "God, thank you."

Oh, sure, the dune buggy would be pulled out of the canal and reworked, but it would never be the same. It didn't matter, though, Larry thought. From now on Christ was going to be first in everything—for keeps.—Gospel Herald.

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TELL IT LIKE IT REALLY IS . . .

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am wrong? You know, all this talk about the generation gap, etc.

All of a sudden my mind was as clear as a bell! I had figured it out. Hadn't one of our boys put a dead bat (all spread-eagled) in the teacher's desk drawer one day when we had a substitute with us? I can see the look on her face still. Hey, he's teaching at some university out west. He's made quite a name for himself. Written quite a few books. One of his many accomplishments. And his cohort, Tom. I think Tom really instigated the whole thing (fixing the bat just so)—small wonder he went on to become a great surgeon. Groundwork was begun on bats and such for Tom.

Yes, I had figured it out. Our young people are the same as they were when I was their age. Maybe even a little better. They still have favorable thoughts about God too. I know this is true—and isn't it wonderful?

OBITUARIES

Myrtle Willoughby

On June 10, 1971, the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and community of Ahoskie, North Carolina, realized a great loss in the passing of Myrtle Willoughby, age 77.

Instead of marrying, she remained with her parents, greatly honoring them. She contributed everything possible to their comfort and happiness. After their departure, she held high the spiritual torch she had enjoyed with them, making the home in which she, a brother, and two sisters maintained, where pastors felt at home and everyone was welcome.

Myrtle never taught a Sunday school class, but in daily living she taught great lessons by her unselfish Christian life which was surpassed by few. She never thought of giving money only but gave of herself in humble service to others. She brought no children into the world but was mother to many.

Myrtle's life can be described in a few words: "She did what she could," which portrays a beautiful picture of a life well lived.

Submitted by a friend,
Bettie Tinkham

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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his face with his hands. "What would Richard think if he knew I had turned away from the Lord?"

"You invited me to go with you to church," Mr. Duncan said. "Is that invitation still open?"

"Sure is!" the Selbys answered.

"And you children come over tomorrow. We'll unlock the shed and share Richard's toys. I think he would want it that way!"—My Pleasure.

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God Pays His Workers

Who does God's work will get God's pay,
However long may seem the day,
However weary may be the way.
He does not pay as others pay,
In gold or lands or raiment gay,
In goods that perish and decay;
But God's high wisdom knows the way,
And that is sure, let come what may,
Who does God's work will get God's pay!
—Author Unknown.

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WATER MORE PRECIOUS THAN WEALTH

Editorial...

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WATER MORE PRECIOUS THAN WEALTH

The Easterners tell the story of a man who was traveling through the desert and somehow strayed from the caravan with which he was traveling. He found himself all alone, knowing no direction, having no knowledge of the desert, fearing this most foreboding of wildernesses, but hoping that he would be able to find his way out.

For a whole night he plodded onward, first in this direction and that direction, hoping to spot the silhouette of a camel and its rider in the moonlight or the gleaming roof of some outpost; but he sighted none. When the sun rose in the sky and its rays bore more heavily on his back, he became so thirsty that the want of water became a compelling force, pushing him onward, even aimlessly.

All day he longed for water, for just one swallow to cool his parched tongue; but he found none. Behind every hill he hoped to find some oasis, but none appeared. When the sun set that day some relief came —from the heat—but the thirst was as real and as severe as when it first began. Half crazy with the want of water, he searched all night, tired, yet pushed forward by the supremest of physical cravings, an unsatisfied thirst. He searched in vain.

The next day, not knowing day from night, he dragged himself along on his hands and knees, insensitive to the heat of the sun and the sting of the sand as it was whipped against his face by the desert wind. He dragged himself onward until his sand-filled eyes saw what he thought was a water bag. In his weakened condition it took great effort, but he crawled toward it. Upon reaching it he tore it open in haste, coveting the water that would satisfy his craving.

Reaching his hand inside to feel the soothing wetness of the water, he screamed in horror as his hand brought out a cluster of jewels instead. A bag of precious jewels! To him they were as unimportant and as worthless as the grains of sand that covered him and his surroundings. Water was what he wanted—wet, thirst-quenching water!

He died an agonous death that day, holding a million dollars' worth of jewels and begging for water — holding a bag of jewels which he would gladly have traded for one small drink of water. . .

No substitute, no matter how tasty, can suffice when water is wanted. Likewise, when peace of mind and contentment of heart are wanted, nothing can satisfy but the love of God. Men can drown themselves in wealth and never know the joy of one drink from God and never know what it means to be "rich" in Him.

Men thirst for knowledge, spiritual and mental. They reach out for "water bags," and often, like the man in the story, happen upon something quite different from that which they really want. Many men die tragic deaths because in their final struggle for survival the "bag" they find does not contain what they need—the water of life. The water of life can only be found in Christ, and he who drinks of that water shall never thirst again.

The next time you're thirsty, think on that.

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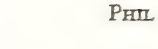
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Mission Accomplished

by
PHIL LEWIS

(Phil Lewis is the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis of Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, and attends the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville. He delivered the following message fifth Sunday in May upon request of his pastor, the Rev. N. B. Barrow. Phil attends Farmville High School where he is active in various school activities, including sports—baseball, football, and basketball. He is a young man that any church would be proud to have in its ranks, and he is described by his pastor as "a good boy." We commend him for his fine composition.)



PHIL LEWIS

A TOURIST was traveling in a foreign country. When he went to pay his hotel bill, the cashier asked if he wished to wait for a receipt.

"No, thank you," he said. "If God wills, I will be back here next week; and you can give it to me then."

"Do you still believe in God?" asked the cashier.

"Why, of course," said the tourist, "don't you?"

"Oh, no," he answered. "Over here we gave that up a long time ago."

"In that case," replied the traveler, "I believe I will wait for my receipt."

It makes a big difference whether you believe in God; and what you believe about Him is the most important thing in your life, because that's how you decide what your life is going to be. What we believe about God determines whether we will seek our pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow or at the foot of the Cross—and it determines what real mission we will accomplish in our lives.

All of us want to accomplish some mission in life, but sometimes we aren't willing really to put ourselves into it and work at it. Sometimes we are lazy and just sit back and let someone else do what has to be done; but religion is like baseball—to get the most out of the game you have to get involved to the limit of your ability. It's fun to watch, but it's twice as much fun to be in the game; and the players get physical and mental benefits that the spectators can't. Of course, any team could use a man who plays all positions well, is an expert umpire, and makes no errors; but there's no way to make him lay his hotdog down and come out of the stands.

That's the way it is with a lot of people's religion. We "talk" a good game. We can tell anybody what the preacher, deacons, teachers, building committee, and anybody else that does anything, are doing wrong; and, of course, we know what should be done and how, but we want to tell someone else how to do his job instead of doing what we can do ourselves.

We go to church and sit and listen and occasionally join in singing like spectators cheering at a game—but certainly with much less enthusiasm. We usually don't even think about the meaning of the words we are singing. Then we file out. The game is over, and there won't be another one for a week!

We need to come down out of the stands and start playing on God's team. We need to begin by really worshiping when we come here and by trying to find God's mission for our lives. If we intend to fulfill His purpose for us, we have to start now. After all, what we are to be, we are becoming right now!

Memorial Day is a day to honor men who accomplished a mission with their lives or with their deaths. Let's look at some men who accomplished a mission, even though some of these aren't soldiers.

There was a popular wartime song in World War II (so I'm told—that was before my time) called "Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer." These words were spoken by the man who led a squadron of planes on a vital and hazardous bombing mission over Germany. Their objective was to destroy a munition's dump. His own plane was riddled; one wing wobbled, full of holes. They fought their way through a hailstorm of flak (bursting shells) and a swarm of enemy fighter planes. Most of his group of planes were shot down. He came in low over the water and onto the landing field. The wing crumpled, and the plane skidded as he landed, then turned over. The rescue crew helped him out; and when they noticed the four bloody spots on his uniform, they put him in a jeep and headed for the hospital. He insisted that they take him to the commanding officer first.

He limped into the office, make a ragged salute, and in a husky voice said, "Mission accomplished, Sir; but we came in on a wing and a prayer." In a half-audible voice, he repeated, "Mission accomplished," and then he dropped to the floor. In the many weeks it took for his recovery, the words "coming in on a wing and a prayer" became famous, but the most important part of his message was "Mission accomplished, Sir."

There was another wounded soldier in Vietnam who was told by the chaplain that the doctors said that he was well enough to return home and could leave the next day or the day after. The young soldier chose to wait the extra day so that he could take three young children

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Attend "Pa" Ballard's "Swan Song" Conference

by the Rev. L. E. (Pa) Ballard

The Young People's Bible Conference, sponsored at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, August 2-7, by the State and Carteret County Sunday School Conventions, offers a final opportunity for young people to attend a conference this year at Cragmont. This conference had its beginning in 1953, and this will be the nineteenth annual session, and the sixty-fourth Cragmont youth conference in which this writer has participated in some manner. During these years we have associated with more than five thousand of our finest Free Will Baptist young people, and the experience has been a rich one.

This will probably be my last youth conference at Cragmont. When I became involved in this work for our young people in 1953, I made a vow that so long as I could maintain a harmonious relationship with the assembly and its leadership, I would do my best in the interest of helping promote Cragmont youth conferences. Up until this year, I enjoyed such a relationship—or sincerely believed that I did. But recently the board of directors of Cragmont saw fit to question my devotion and friendship for Cragmont. They passed a motion requesting certain retractions and virtually an apology through "The Free Will Baptist" (June 9 issue). This request was not based upon the slight misunderstanding I had with the chairman regarding the number of young people permitted to go to Cragmont, nor upon the bit of disagreement I had with the board regarding the advisability of some of its policies, but it was a direct challenge of my friendship for Cragmont, for the motion requested my printed statement as a means of proving myself "a friend to Cragmont"—something that I believed unquestioned. One of several minister friends who contacted me after my statement was published expressed the idea that it seems that when one differs with the Cragmont board, one ceases to be a friend to Cragmont. The board could easily have just respectfully declined to honor my protests, but they chose rather to use the "branding iron." Anyway, this conflict, necessary or unnecessary, seems to call upon me to remember my vow of 1953, sing my "swan song," and leave future promotion of Cragmont to persons whose devotion and friendship are unquestioned.

I do not expect to go out "in a blaze of glory"—I do not think that I deserve this; but I would like for my final conference to be a good one, marked by some of the great points remembered fondly of other conferences. For this reason, I appeal to those young people who have not been to Cragmont this summer to attend this conference. I especially hope for many who have attended the Bible conference before to make a "comeback" this year. Just send your application to me at 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, giving your names clearly, your age, and sending a $7 deposit on the overall fee of $37 set by the Cragmont board.

I would like to hear from some of you young people, even if you can't attend this conference. I am preparing a big book of memories of these 19 years, which will eventually become a part of the historical collection at Mount Olive College. Your letter might well find a place in the big book.

A Tribute to The Rev. Willie E. Stilley

by the Rev. B. F. Ringgold Sr.

To Whom It May Concern

This is to certify that I have known the Rev. Willie E. Stilley for fifty-four years. He was a very quiet boy when growing up. He joined Sts. Delight Free Will Baptist Church near New Bern, North Carolina, around the age of fourteen, under the preaching of the Rev. D. B. Garner. Here he was very active in Sunday school and prayer meeting work.

On the second Wednesday in September, 1947, Brother Willie came to me and asked how a preacher was called to the ministry. I asked him, "How do you feel?" He said that when someone was preaching he wanted to be the one standing in the pulpit telling the good news; that he often dreamed of preaching.

At the time I had received a call from the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church about two miles from Columbia, North Carolina, for a trial sermon. I asked Brother Willie if he would like to go with me on the second Sunday in September, 1947. He said that he would, and on this visit he brought the eleven o'clock message, using for his Scripture text Acts 16:30. I thought for his first time it was a very inspiring message.

On the third Sunday in September, 1947, I made a talk to the membership of Sts. Delight church and told about Brother Willie going with me the Sunday before and bringing the message. I told them that I felt within my heart that Brother Willie would make an outstanding minister and asked the pastor, the Rev. Kenny Gaskill, to call a church conference. In this conference I made a motion that Brother Willie be licensed to preach.

The fourth Sunday in September, 1947, I took Brother Willie with me to Brice's Creek Free Will Baptist Church. There I let him bring the messages in the morning and evening services. At the close of the evening service, I asked the church to accept Brother Willie as a supply minister for the second Sunday of each month. Brother Willie worked with this church for some ten years, as he was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister in October, 1948.

During Brother Willie's pastorate at Brice's Creek church, a new church building was built and a number of converts and rededications was experienced. During his pastorate at Russell's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beaufort, North Carolina, another new church was built. While pastoring Edwards Chapel church, Route 2, Beaufort, Sunday school rooms were built onto the church; and during his pastorate at New Haven church, Route 5, New Bern, another new church was built. For the past six years he has pastored the Sts. Delight church, and the tribute in "The Free Will Baptist" will count for his achievements there. He is also at present pastoring the Juniper Chapel church near Vanceboro, North Carolina, and they are in the process of building a fellowship building.

Recently I had a talk with Brother Stilley and asked him what he felt his achievements as a pastor had been. He told me that in the twenty-two years he had been a pastor he had experienced 450 converts and over 500 rededications. He also said he had performed 150 marriage ceremonies, 25 of these being church weddings. I was very happy that Brother Stilley asked me to bring the Father's Day message at the Sts. Delight church the third Sunday in June, 1971.

I feel that any church desiring a God-called progressive man, a good builder, and a good pastor, would not go wrong in calling the Rev. Willie E. Stilley as pastor.

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A prayer shortage means a power shortage.—Selected.

RECORD SUNDAY SCHOOL THOMAS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

A RECORD 10,758 people attended Sunday school at the Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia, June 27, 1971, on the special homecoming celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the church. There were 154 professions of faith recorded at the conclusion of the morning service, when youth and adults responded to the invitation.

Dr. Jerry Falwell, senior minister, founded the church June, 1956, when 35 adults and their children gathered for their first meeting in the Mountain View Elementary School, Lynchburg, which Falwell had attended as a boy. The following Sunday the small congregation moved to a 50' x 30' building which stands on its present site. This building had been a grocery store and later a beverage bottling company.

Today the Thomas Road Baptist Church has property, buildings, and various ministries totaling $7 million and church membership of 10,000. The fifteenth anniversary was the third time in the past year that Sunday school attendance has gone over 10,000. According to Falwell, "We want to demonstrate that Sunday school is not dead—very much alive—and people still **go** to church."

Two years ago the Thomas Road Baptist Church was listed ninth among the 10 largest Sunday schools in America by **Christian Life** magazine's annual poll, with an average attendance of 2,640. This past year's average weekly attendance has almost doubled to 4,857, with over 2,000 recorded adult professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

The attendance success is considered miraculous by many observers, since the church is so young and is located in a small town (population 53,000) and Dr. Falwell is only 37 years of age.

The congregation has built four sanctuaries in the past 15 years. The $2 million newest one, dedicated one year ago, seats 3,200 and was designed by Thomas Jefferson over 200 years ago but never built until now.

The outreach of the church includes various ministries. The church owns 285 acres of land in and near Lynchburg, including 20 acres at the main church site. In addition, it owns two islands in the historic James River just five minutes from downtown Lynchburg—the location of Treasure Island, the church camp where 2,500 children come from inner city areas and tenant farms free of charge each summer. Elim Home, a ministry for rehabilitating alcoholics, and Halfway House for rehabilitating former prison inmates are located twelve miles from the church in Amherst County.

Adjacent to the church complex, the Lynchburg Christian Academy offers a full-fledged educational program of high academic standards at the elementary, junior high, and senior high levels to the 800 students who are enrolled there each semester. A modern building with four wings, full-size gymnasium, library, stage, cafeteria, athletic fields, and 40 modern classrooms make up the excellent facilities of the school.

Dial-A-Prayer Phones originating from the church receive up to 10,000 calls each month, and the church sends 50,000 copies of its newspaper, **The Word of Life**, biweekly.

On homecoming day Falwell explained to the crowd the strategy for attendance success, summed up by the word **saturation:** "Preaching the gospel to every available time, and by every available means."

A daily radio program is aired over thirty stations, and the Sunday morning service—The Old Time Gospel Hour—is telecast over 310 outlets in the United States and Canada. The television studio is situated four stories above the main seating in the sanctuary so that studio personnel can look down upon the church platform. The technical staff is comprised of volunteer workers from the church who have been trained in television schools to operate the TV control room, considered as modern as most commercial studios.

This fall the Lynchburg Baptist College is being inaugurated under the leadership of Dr. Elmer Towns. A liberal arts college, with six courses of study, will have over 200 freshmen to begin study in September, 1971. Dr. Towns is a former president of Winnipeg Bible College and served on an advisory committee of the Association of Bible Colleges. The college is under the control of the 10,000-member congregation and is constituted to equip youth for full-time Christian service and to educate them in the arts and humanities.

Thomas Road Baptist Church does not use commercially published Sunday school material, but the staff writes its own lessons. According to Falwell, "We study only the Bible and our children are given a good introduction to biblical truth." The material is printed in the modern seven-press print shop, equipped with enough technical machinery to last year produce four million booklets, tracts, and other pieces of literature.

One key to the church's success is lay training found in the Sunday evening training hour, called the Thomas Road Baptist Institute. Youth and adults elect a class from the nine study courses which are: The Christian Home, Work in the Counseling Room, Cults, Personalities in the Scriptures, Evangelistic Visitation, How to Study the Bible, Deaf Ministry, Child Evangelism, and Camp Counseling (preparation to serve on the staff at the church camp). Classes are taught on the college level and each student who completes a course is given a diploma.

Falwell honestly believes he will average 10,000 in attendance every Sunday within the near future: "Most Christians place emphasis on small groups and de-emphasize institutional Christianity, but historians will look back at the decade of the 70's and see that the continuing work for God was carried on by those who preached the gospel, rallied people together under the teaching of the Word of God, constructed buildings to carry out the ministry, and collected money for foreign missions."

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Jimmy Webster would like to state that he will be available for full-time pastoral services beginning in September. He is in good standing with the Albemarle Conference. Any church desiring his services may write him at Route 1, Box 219, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865; or by telephoning 943-2042.

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People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church please write Mr. W. E. Crumpler, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina 27822; or telephone 442-4416.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

New Parsonage Dedicated
At Mount Zion, Nash County

A dream became a reality. The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Nash County, North Carolina, realized that it needed a parsonage. The people became involved in the possibility of Mount Zion's doing something this large. In October of 1970, the church voted to start a parsonage fund. The fund grew rapidly because of the love and generosity of the people. In January, 1971, the men of the church began clearing a beautiful wooded lot to be the site for the parsonage. The lot was very graciously provided by three individuals. In February the actual construction of the house was begun, and on May 25, 1971, the present pastor moved into the completed dwelling. God has blessed the church for their effort. This was an act of faith on the part of this church membership. Now the parsonage is over half paid for—and this has been realized in a few short months.



On Sunday, June 13, at 2 p. m., a dedication for the parsonage was held. Pastor John D. Swain expressed his thanks to the building committee members and the members and friends of the church who had helped make the parsonage a reality. After dedicating the house to God's service, the pastor called on Harold Matthews, building committee chairman, for the dedicatory prayer. Following the dedication, a large crowd attended the open house which was held from 2-5 p. m. The members of Mount Zion would like to take this opportunity to say, "Praise the Lord," and they request the readers' prayers that this successful project will be just the beginning of many good things for God's kingdom.

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State Superannuation Report
For Second Quarter, 1971

The following is the report of the Rev. Walter Reynolds, Director-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, for second quarter, 1971:

Receipts		
Balance April 1, 1971		$ 9,024.40
Religious Contributions for Second Quarter		2,455.24
Endowment Gift		100.00
Insurance and Retirement Premiums for Second Quarter		3,776.14
Interest Income		135.96
Total to Account For		$15,491.74
Disbursements		
Ministers' Checks for Second Quarter	$ 330.00	
Widows' Checks for Second Quarter	340.00	
M.R.S. Retirement Checks	211.50	
Insurance Premiums for Second Quarter	2,744.46	
Operating Expenses for Second Quarter	327.40	
Transferred to M.R.S. Fund	4,008.03	
Total Disbursements		7,961.39
Balance June 30, 1971		$ 7,530.35

Information on the superannuation work may be secured by writing North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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Successful Bible School
At Wilson Church

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, held a successful week of vacation Bible school June 28—July 4. There was an enrollment of 217 with an average attendance of 198.

Director of the school was Mrs. Woodrow Ferrell; assistant director, Mrs. Eddie Cooke; secretary, Mrs. Earl Suggs; music director, Alane Vester; pianists, Debbie Lancaster and Mrs. Gerald Pearson.

Teachers and workers by departments were as follows: **Nursery Department:** Mrs. Jean Williams, Mrs. Janie Fulghum, Mrs. Nelda Futrell, Mrs. Doris Bunn, Patricia Barnes, Mrs. Alta Howell, and Mrs. Jean Stott; **Beginner Department:** Frances Watson, Mrs. Janet Pittman, Wilma Pittman, Ellen Dickerson, Mrs. Linda Pollard, Mrs. Edna Baker, Mrs. Geraldine Starling, and Mrs. Debra Williams; **Primary Department:** Mrs. Peggy Stott, Phyllis Bunn, Mrs. Dorothy Barnes, Mrs. Edna Earle Cook, and Mrs. Geraldine Whitley; **Junior Department:** Mrs. Fannie Lee Dickerson, Mrs. Muriel Timlinson, Mrs. Eleanor Sullivan, Mrs. Florence Skinner, Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, Mrs. Annie Lee Lamm, Mrs. Laura Price, and Mrs. Daisy Lucas; **Intermediate Department:** Mrs. Kathleen Pipkin and Mrs. Eleanor Dickerson; and **Adult Department:** C. F. Bowen.

The refreshment committee consisted of Mrs. Lillian Lamm, James Murray, J. D. Skinner, Franklin Vester, Mrs. Kathy Pipkin, Alton Dickerson, and Dwight Hawley.

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Dedication and Revival
At Palmer Memorial

The Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, will have a dedication service for their new church building, Sunday, July 18. The dedicatory activities will take place during the morning worship hour and will be followed in the afternoon by a singspiration.

On Monday evening, July 19, at 7:30 p. m., revival services will begin at the church, with the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Virginia Beach, Virginia, Free Will Baptist Church, serving as guest evangelist. He will be assisted each evening by the pastor of Palmer Memorial, the Rev. R. W. Allman. The revival will continue through Friday evening, July 23, and will feature special music.

The public is cordially invited to attend the dedication and revival.

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Change of Address

The Rev. Davie Brinson would like to announce a change of address. His former address was P. O. Box 38, Arapahoe, North Carolina. His new address is Route 3, Box 93-C, Kenly, North Carolina. Mr. Brinson is now pastoring the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, and advises his correspondents to note this change in address.

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Our highest faith is born of what is deepest within our hearts; it is best to believe the best and wisest to trust it.—Selected.

SOW GOOD SEEDS

by
MRS. HERSEL L. BOWEN
Winterville, North Carolina

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

YOU and I are going to have to face an old woman or an old man one day, because old age will be catching up with us. However, this may be ten or twenty years down the road of life, if the Lord is willing that we live. But what kind of an old woman or old man will we be? Are we going to be seasoned, soft, and kind? Or are we going to be a lady or gentleman that has grown old gracefully? Will we have a lot of friends? Will our life have blessed anyone or just ourselves? Will the old ladies or gentlemen, which we have become, be bitter without a good word for anyone, because things didn't always go our way? Will we be sour about life, causing ourselves to be friendless and therefore making us alone?

Our age depends entirely upon us. It may be that we wish to be as active or as well as we can, remembering that everything which we do, say, or think today will be in our tomorrow. By doing for others, we put fruit in the mold of life. This time is used to make life better for all because of our attitude of love. Our mold of life will turn out to be what we have put into it. We become exactly what we have made of ourselves —no more or no less. We have no one but ourselves to blame. No one loves a cynical old grouch who is always complaining. When we live only for ourself, we are just getting to be a smaller person. We get hard anld hateful—hard to get along with even ourselves. If we continue and stay self-centered, then someday we may need those which we have left out of our mold of life.

If we open our hearts to others, give while we can, and do when we are able to do; then old age will grow sweeter. We will become greater for it and those that come in contact with us will be blessed. But most of us may not have even noticed what kind of attitude we have, and it is time that we take a look!

How high are our goals? What are our goals to be? Do our ambitions include the good of others? What are our desires?

To me to enjoy anything means that I must share it with someone. By doing this and many more things, they add up inside to form the mold of our heart and mind. Therefore, old age will not soften or change us. We are just ourselves.

Today is the time to mold our lives to make us a gracious old lady or old gentleman in the future. If we are not living right, now is the time to make a new mold of life because character crystallizes quickly. Is this the reason why so many old people are placed in rest homes, away from their families and homes? We hear children say, "If only Mama and Daddy were not so hard to get along with." But let's think on this while we can. Some of the most wonderful moments of my life were spent in my grandmother's home. She was old, but she was never too busy or cross to have time for me. And so it was with my mother, because as my mother grew older she grew sweeter everyday. I realized, believe it or not, that she really had good sense. Her outlook on life was wonderful. She suffered much before she died, but she had many friends to share her troubles with. However, most of all my mother loved God above everyone and everything. Old age gave to her a place of rest, contentment, and joy, because she loved; and I believe she was loved. She sowed seeds that made life worth living.

I hope all of us will take inventory of our way of life. Old age will come awfully soon, then it is too late to change. By visiting an old person we can learn a lot. What do we see in ourselves? What do we see in the old person that is different from our way of life? They have a lot to tell us if we will just listen; therefore, we should do unto the old person as we will someday want things done for us as we sit by the fireside of old age, and we may not sit alone.

As Earle J. Grant has said:

"In the Word I read of Jesus,
How He died to save lost men;
Then I gave myself unto Him,
He forgave my every sin.

"Love and joy and peace He gave me,
No more wandering far and wide
Since I found what I had searched for
Right here by my own fireside."

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Attention Eastern District Youth Directors!

Soon it will be time for the Fall Convention for the Eastern District youth. Does your YFA and AFC hold a rating of number one? Please check up and see if you are up to par with your youth work?

Below is a list of questions you should be able to answer "yes" to:

1. Were you represented at the spring session of the District Youth Convention?
2. Do you have a youth fellowship for your union district? Are you a supporter of this?
3. How many youth Sundays did you have this year? (You should have had at least two.)
4. How many study courses were conducted? (You should have conducted at least three on such subjects as Missions, Prayer, Stewardship, etc.)
5. Did you support any denominational enterprises? (You should support not less than three; such as, Missions, Children's Home, Cragmont Assembly, Mount Olive College, Camp Vandemere, etc.)
6. Have you held a youth banquet this year?
7. Did you honor the seniors of your church this year?
8. Did you install your officers when they began serving their term?
9. Were your groups represented with an essay and declamation in this year's contest?

I hope you are able to answer "yes" to all these questions. If not, this will be your goal to work for next year.

Please watch for the announcement of the date for the Fall Convention to be held at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina.

Grace Sumner
Eastern District Youth Chairman



SUNDAY, JULY 18

What Prayer Changes

Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 7:12-14

Perhaps you have a motto in your home which reads: "Prayer changes things," and no doubt you can testify of many occasions when prayer most certainly did change "things." But I am inclined to believe that frequently "things" do not change one iota. Rather, prayer changes us to such an extent that we gloriously triumph over "things," whether they be a disagreeable environment or an unpleasant task, or perhaps a fiery inexplicable trial. Praise God, His all-sufficient grace is able to make us completely oblivious to all of these "things," and our triumphing over them is a more glorious victory, and brings more glory to God, than their removal could ever accomplish.—*Gospel Herald.*

Prayer Thought

God appears and answers our prayers just as He appeared to Solomon of the long ago. But do we hear Him? Pray earnestly that through prayer we may be changed and obtain God's all-sufficient grace.

MONDAY, JULY 19

Love Through the Dark

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 1:1-7

A father and little daughter buried the mother of the home. They were broken-hearted when they returned to the old home after the funeral, and things were so different. The little daughter was placed in her bed for the night as usual. The father retired, but could not sleep. After awhile the little daughter said, "Papa, it is so dark," And then after awhile the little child said, "Papa, you love through the dark, don't you?" Away in the dark hours of the night the father looked up into the face of Jesus and said, "Jesus, thou doest love though it is dark." Jesus loves His children, and no night is so dark that He does not see us.—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

No day is too dreary or no night too dark and gloomy but that Jesus looks after and cares for His children. Are you His child?

TUESDAY, JULY 20

A Verse for Missionaries

Scripture Reading—John 10:4

A young lady leaving for the mission field was sitting by a dear friend in the home church the Sunday evening previous. Suddenly, as if moved by a strong impulse, the friend took the young missionary's Bible and turned to John 10, and underscored part of the fourth verse: "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them." How many times during the years that followed, in days of darkness and difficulty, that promise was a source of power and comfort. "The Lord . . . sent them . . . whither he himself would come."—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

As a foreign missionary leaves his home people to tell others about God, it should be the duty of the Christian who remains at home to tell the people left at home about God. Pray that souls may be won to Christ, both at home and on the foreign field.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

For Children Only

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:1-3

"Their Size Is Their Ticket," the *Chicago Daily News* captions a picture of small children entering a "tiny-tot play lot" through a low gateway shaped like a keyhole. Admittance to the lot, given to the youngsters of Oak and Sedgwick Streets by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Dewey, depends on the ability of the child to walk upright through the low gate. Size too, determines whether or not a person enters Heaven. When His disciples asked the Lord Jesus who was the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, He ". . . called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18: 2, 3).—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Pray that men may become converted and come to Christ as little children, which will enable them to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

No Clouds, No Showers

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

". . . we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, . . ." (Romans 8:28).

We are often comforted by the words of others who have experienced the loving-kindness of our God, but if we are able to bear witness to it we must experience it for ourselves.

An old saint was speaking of God's great goodness so joyously that it seemed as though she had never known a trial. "But have you never had any clouds?" she was asked. "Clouds?" she replied; "why of course, else where would all the shower have come from that have refreshed an blessed me so?"

No clouds, no showers; no trials, no re fuge; no labor, no "well done." But all i in His hands, who tempers all, balances all and has nothing but our present and eterna good in view.—*Scripture Truth.*

Prayer Thought

Those who have never experienced trial and hardships do not know how to enjoy the blessings of God.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

Quite Suddenly

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:52

"In a moment in the twinkling of an eye, . . . we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:52).

Quite suddenly—it may be at the turning of a lane,
Where I stand to watch a skylark soar from out the swelling grain,
That the trump of God shall thrill me, with its call so loud and clear,
And I'm called away to meet Him, whom of all I hold most dear.

Quite suddenly—it may be as I tread the busy street,
Strong to endure life's stress and strain, its every call to meet,
That through the roar of traffic, a trumphet, silvery clear,
Shall stir my startled senses, and proclaim His coming near.

Quite suddenly—it may be as I lie in dreamless sleep—
God's gift to many a sorrowing heart, with no more tears to weep—
That a call shall break my slumber, and a Voice sound in my ear,
"Rise up, my love, and come away, behold the Bridegroom's here."

—*The Evangelical Christian.*

Prayer Thought

May we not be as the foolish virgins, but ever be ready for the second coming of Christ, with our lamp brightly burning!

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Walking Straight

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 3:12

Some boys were once trying to see which could make the straightest track across a snowy field. One succeeded in making a perfectly straight track. When asked how he did it, he said, "I kept my eyes fixed on the goal, while you fellows kept yours on your feet." If "mine eyes are ever toward the Lord," I will walk a straight way.—*Earnest Worker.*

Prayer Thought

What is your goal in life? Whatever it might be, you will not reach it unless your eyes are fixed on it. May your goal be the portals of heaven.

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Kent State Campus Flooded with Free New Testaments

Six tons of paperback New Testaments n modern English have been given away ree to students at Kent State, Kent, Ohio, as part of the rapidly expanding ampus outreach of the **Free Bible Lit-rature Society** of Hawthorne, New Jer-ey.

Started in the fall of 1969 as a local ffort to assist the witness of evangeli-al student groups by the provision of a



ree copy of the Scriptures to every udent of Fairleigh Dickinson University New Jersey, this special project by a nall handful of concerned businessmen ttracted such an enthusiastic response hat they are multiplying their efforts as apidly as resources permit.

Campuses reached so far this year in-clude Maine State; the University of Rhode Island; Virginia Tech, Roanoke, and Radford Colleges in Virginia; the University of South Carolina; and the State University of New York at New Paltz. Total Testaments given away so far in 1971 exceed 60,000 copies.

Latest in these efforts is a concentrat-ed three-day distribution campaign on the troubled campus of Kent State Uni-versity where some 15,000 copies were handed out with the enthusiastic assist-ance of students connected with Navi-gators, Campus Crusade for Christ, and Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

"I must confess my ignorance of the New Testament," is the way one student responded. His letter, echoing the tragic state of so many students, goes on to confess, that "In all honesty, I have never considered the Christian way."

His closing words, however, indicate a newly awakened interest in what the Bible has to say as he requests that simi-lar free copies be sent to seven of his young friends because "Good news is just what these people need!"

The interesting part about this spon-taneous program of Bible distribution is that it is carefully coordinated with the student ministries on each campus. Each New Testament handed out includes a flyer announcing special meetings, dis-cussion groups, and other activities of the campus groups seeking to follow-up this initial contact. As one student lead-er describes it, "The dorm discussions that followed were really great with a large number of guys turning up. God has drawn people to Himself already . . . and we Christians are so much more alive and aware of our opportunities. Words cannot adequately express the apprecia-tion we have for your coming."

Distribution plans for the months im-mediately ahead include such widely separated campuses as the University of Massachusetts and the University of Pennsylvania, each with a student body exceeding 20,000.

"The results are far above anything we ever anticipated!" Says Henry Ab-bink, president of the Free Bible Litera-ture Society, Hawthorne, New Jersey.

"The opportunities are unlimited and we are responding to invitations from campus groups as rapidly as time and money permit."—Free Bible Literature So-ciety.



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What Do You Owe?

What do you owe God, you ask?
Suppose He sent His bill:
One hundred thousand dollars
For the sun upon the hill;
Two thousand for the brook
That runs along the way,
Five hundred for the nighttime,
And thousands for the day.
These are the bills which
Everyone in every clime forget;
If God should charge you what you owe,
You'd always be in debt.

—Author Unknown.

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Love is not love at all until it has paid the price; and after one has paid the price, a peace comes that only love can give.—Selected.

Mission Accomplished

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to an orphanage and make sure that they were cared for before he left. He had been caring for them since their parents were killed, and he had to make sure that they were provided for. He left as much money as he could for their care.

He, too, accomplished his mission. This wasn't a command from his officer, but a command from his heart and from his God.

A preacher told a story about a service which he was holding in a large city church with a balcony. There were only three boys in the balcony, all on the front row. During the service the preacher noticed a little commotion in the congregation, and as he followed the line of gazes he saw a man sitting just below where the boys were who had fallen asleep with his head thrown back and his mouth open and was snoring. The boys began tearing pieces off their bulletins, making little balls, and trying to drop them into the man's mouth. The preacher said that he turned a little to one side and preached to the "amen corner" until a loud gurgle and a cough told him that the boys had accomplished their mission.

God has a mission for all of us, and dedicated men through the ages have worked to accomplish God's mission for them. Can't you picture how the people of Jericho made fun of Joshua as he led the Israelites around and around the city. But Joshua did as God told him, and his mission was accomplished. And Gideon took just 300 men as God had instructed and conquered a numberless army.

There came a day when Paul could probably see the executioner with his broad-bladed axe waiting to put an end to his life here on earth; but he didn't sound sorry for himself; he even sounded content as he wrote to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, . . . I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give at that day: . . ." (2 Timothy 4:7, 8). Mission accomplished!

Then Jesus, speaking from the Cross, said, "It is finished." He had done what He had come to do. There only remained the miracle of the resurrection and the task of showing the disciples and others that the tomb couldn't hold Him to complete God's plan for our salvation. Mission accomplished!

A coach from a big high school in Alabama tells of taking his track team to a state meet: "I saw a most unusual and wonderful thing. The men were lining up for the mile race which, of course, was the big event of the track meet. Since it was rumored that the state record for the mile might be broken that day, an unusually large crowd of spectators had gathered. One of the schools had a most promising miler. Twice at other events he had come within a second of the state record, and he was out to break it this time. As they gathered around the starting mark, all eyes were on that tall, good-looking young man with a gracious smile on his face. He was long of limb and had all the marks of an athlete of the first magnitude.

"Then I saw at the far end of the starting line a boy who was in every way a sharp contrast to this athlete. He was small of stature; his shoulders were bent a little; he was hollow-chested; and even his legs were not straight. I wondered why in the world a school would put a boy like that into the mile race to run against that splendid athlete.

"The command came to 'toe your mark, get set.' Then the pistol cracked and the race was on. The fine athlete sprang into the lead at the very beginning, and with every lap he widened the distance between himself and the others. The little fellow steadily fell behind. When they came into the home stretch, the athlete sprinted the last hundred yards. As he broke the tape, a deafening roar went up from the crowd. He had broken the state record! Only a few others finished the mile; most of the runners had dropped out when they saw it was hopeless for them to win.

"As the field crew were bringing out the hurdles to set up for the next race, suddenly one of the judges yelled, 'Get those hurdles out of the way. This race is not over. Look!' Around the turn came that little boy, panting and staggering. Everybody in the audience stood silently and watched as he dragged up that last hundred yards and literally fell across the finish line. His face ground into the cinder track. One of the judges ran and turned him over on his back, took his handkerchief, and wiped the blood off his face. The judge asked him, 'Son, why didn't you drop out back yonder; what are you doing in the mile race, anyway?'

"Between gasps for breath, the boy answered, 'My school had a good miler, but he got sick and couldn't run. The coach had promised to have a man in every event, so he asked me if I'd come and run the mile.'

" 'Well, Son,' the judge continued, 'wh didn't you just drop out, quit 'way bac there? You were over half a lap b hind.'

"He answered, 'Judge, they didn't sen me here to quit. They didn't send m here to win. They sent me here to ru this mile, and I ran the mile.' " Anothe mission accomplished.

Are you accomplishing God's missio for yourself? Have you tried to find ou what that mision is? Are we like th church who had a young man who wa just out of the army come speak to the on youth Sunday? First he asked the to sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," an then this is what he said:

"You have been singing 'Like a might army moves the church of God.' Tha might have been all right once. Th trouble is now that just about ten mi lion men know exactly how an arm moves. And it doesn't move the way lot of you folks here do—or do not. Su pose the army accepted the lame excuse that many of you people think are goo enough to serve as an alibi for not a tending church.

"Imagine this, if you can. Reveil seven a. m. Squads on the parade groun The sergeant barks out, 'Count four One! Two! Three! Number Four missin Where's Private Smith?'

" 'Oh,' pipes up a chap by the vacan place, 'Mr. Smith was too sleepy to ge up this morning. He was out late las night and needed the sleep. He said t tell you that he would be with you i spirit.'

" 'That's fine,' says the sergeant. 'R member me to him.'

" 'Where's Brown?' asks the sergean

" 'Oh,' put in another fellow, 'he's ou playing golf. He gets only one day week for recreation, and you know ho important that is.'

" 'Sure, sure,' is the sergeant's chee ful answer. 'Hope he has a good gam Where's Robinson?'

" 'Robinson,' explains a buddy, 'is so ry not to greet you in person. But he entertaining guests today and of cours couldn't come. Besides, he was at dri last week.'

" 'Thank you,' says the sergeant, sm ing. 'Tell him that he is welcome an time he is able to drop in.'

"Honest, now, do you think any co versation like that ever happened in ar army? If any G. I. tried to pull that stu he would get 20 days in the guardhous But you hear stuff like that every wee

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please clarify 1 Corinthians 5:21. I believe that man was the reason for death, but how could he be the means of bringing resurrection?

Answer: "For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:21). The first part of the verse says, and there is no doubt but that you agree, "for since by man came death." Also note, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12).

This indicates that through Adam, death—God's penalty for sin—fell to man's lot. Adam was created man, but Christ who was deity became man. "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

It was through His death as the God-man that He paid the penalty for our sins. Then He arose from the dead (among the dead) to justify us lost sinners and thereby provided physical resurrection for us all, saints and sinners alike, for both will be resurrected in a body and come before the judgment. The saints will be raised at Christ's coming for His church, and the sinners that are unsaved, when they come to the end of this life, a thousand years later, when Christ comes in vengeance against all ungodliness. The unsaved will be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment at which time this present earth and the present heavens will be destroyed to make place for the new earth and the new heavens.

So then by one man, Adam, came death; but by a second Adam, Christ, came resurrection from the dead. In considering the above Scriptures read and compare Revelation 20; 2 Peter 3:10-14; Psalm 102:25, 26; Isaiah 51:6; 2 Thessalonians 1:8. Pay special attention to Revelation 20:11-15.

As the sin and death of Adam brought all his descendants death, confusion, sin, and judgment; so Christ, the head of a new race, in His sinlessness brought to us resurrection, justification, righteousness, pardon, and joint heirship into all the blessing and glories He has entered.

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Question: Would it be wrong in any way for a Christian to send his son to a military school? Should Christians help maintain such schools?

Answer: No! The act in itself, as I understand the Bible's teaching on the subject, would not be wrong if the father and son were agreed that such a school fitted him to serve his call. However, there might be circumstances and conditions that would cause it to be wrong. If a son, for instance, should not care for military services, but would rather attend some other type of school which would be more suitable to his calling, then I think it would be wrong to send him against his will and judgment.

Military academies for boys do not specialize in the science of war as a rule, but generally they offer the regular curriculum found in any state or county school, and at the same time a rigorous training program in discipline and physical education. The advantages or disadvantages in military schools over other secular schools would depend largely upon whether or not a devoted Christian is guiding its policies. I have heard of such schools changing the lives of students, and have read of the fervent evangelistic efforts and zeal of some leaders that influenced graduates from these schools to go into the ministry of the gospel. When God leads a Christian into such a school, or into military services, he should give his all to the task, remembering that first and foremost he is a Christian and that all Christians are called to be witnesses for Christ—to preach the gospel both in season and out of season.

Like in everything else for Christians, God chooses the school that is the most suitable to the needs of each Christian. He leads us into it in some cases, opening what seemed to be impossible doors. We Christians are all His people and the sheep of His pasture. "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. . . . My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:4, 27).

When a person is out of the will of God, he may not understand what God says in His Word regarding him and the circumstances in which he finds himself; but if he is in the will of God, he knows what that will is and will be diligent to keep in it by studying and obeying the Word of God.

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Question: How do you reconcile, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Corinthians 12:3); "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21); "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46)?

Answer: The word "say" in the first text does not imply the mere utterance of the words but the hearty and spontaneous confession of belief in the Messiahship of Jesus. In the other two texts the calling of Him "Lord" is mere lip service or words without sincere meaning.

A thorough study and a careful comparison of the contexts of passages such as these that to some may appear to support inconsistency upon a casual glance or reading, will generally clarify to us the unity of the whole of God's Word and will in such cases help us to see the general consistency and unity of the whole of God's Word and will in such cases help us to see the general consistency and unity of the whole of the Bible's message to us sinners. (See 2 Timothy 2:15, 16.)

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

STORIES for our youth



UPROOTED GARDEN

BETTY STEELE EVERETT

JOEY MARSHALL sat listlessly on the front steps, boredom showing on his face.

"Pretty dull around here, isn't it?"

Joey looked up to see Ed Mather coming up the walk. Ed had a bad reputation around town. He usually hung around with the older boys who were not his own age.

"I've got an idea for some fun," Ed said, "if you're not a coward."

"I'm not a coward!" Joey said angrily. "What's the idea?"

"You know that new kid who moved here last winter—Dick Wallace? The one who's always spouting off about religion and stuff?"

Joey nodded. He remembered seeing Dick in the middle of a crowd of older fellows at school one day. Dick was telling the boys how they needed Christ. He wasn't a bit embarrassed when some of them started kidding him. Joey had stood on the edge of the group and listened.

"Well, he's got a garden down on that vacant lot on Fourth Street. He asked the owner whether he could use it, and now no one can play there any more. Let's go down and fix that garden up good. That'll teach him a real lesson."

Joey hesitated. "That's pretty bad, Ed."

Ed sighed and started to walk away. "I knew you were a coward all the time. The kids'll be sorry to hear that. Oh, well, I can go alone. There's no one at the lot now, and no one will ever know who did it. If you're too scared—"

Joey felt himself getting angry. "I told you I wasn't a coward, Ed. Come on, let's go."

As the boys turned the corner onto Fourth Street, they could see the straight rows of corn, beans, and tomatoes all looking cool and green in the hot sun.

"See?" Ed said. "No one's around. Come on, let's get this corn out of here."

Ed grabbed one of the big stalks and with a hard pull uprooted it. "Get those beans," he ordered Joey.

All at once the idea looked like fun to Joey. After all, what right did Dick Wallace have to come to school and tell them all how sinful they were? And what right did he have to make a garden where the fellows played? Joey did not stop to think about answers to his questions; he just started pulling up the bean plants as Ed told him.

Most of the garden had been pulled up when a shout interrupted them.

"Hey, you fellows, what's going on?"

Joey looked up to see Dick Wallace running along the rows.

"My garden! You're ruined it!"

Ed stood grinning, his arms folded across his chest. "I wouldn't go saying things like that out loud, Dickie boy. After all, it'd just be your word against ours. That's two to one, our favor. Now why don't you go on home and forget you saw us? Or are you thinking about doing something about it yourself?" Ed clinched his fist suggestively.

Joey watched the two older boys with a pounding heart. Dick was not as heavy as Ed, but he was taller. Joey knew it would be an even fight.

But suddenly Dick said, "You know I don't fight. Just get out of here—you got what you came for, didn't you? You're ruined my whole summer's work!"

"So long, Dickie boy," Ed grinned. "Maybe now you won't be so quick to preach to everyone! Come on, Joey. He probably wants to pray his garden back."

Joey followed Ed uncomfortably, carefully keeping his eyes away from Dick's accusing ones.

As they walked along, Ed laughed. "That'll teach him. I wish he had tried to take a swing at me, though. I'd have really given him what he deserved."

At Joey's house, Joey turned in saying, "I've got to go in, Ed."

"Sure, Joey. You're a good kid. Maybe we can have some more fun before the summer's over. You sure showed you weren't a coward."

Joey nodded and hurried into the house. He tried to relax, but he couldn't. He deserved it, he kept telling himself, but he did not really believe it.

Suddenly Joey ran out the front door and started back toward Fourth Street. "I'll go back and see whether I can help him. Maybe we could replant the things. If I help him, maybe he won't be so angry."

As he started through the rows of tall corn that were still standing, Joey heard Dick's voice, talking to Someone. Then Joey saw Dick kneeling in the dirt beside the ruined beans.

Why, he's praying, Joey thought in surprise. Ed said he might try to pray his garden back, but I didn't believe it.

He quietly moved closer, hoping to hear what Dick was saying. He could not make out the words; he could only tell that Dick was pleading for something.

Joey felt a funny feeling in his stomach. He swallowed hard and ran toward his home.

Inside his own room, Joey threw himself across his bed. Oh, why did I let Ed talk me into doing something like that? Dick'll never listen to me even if I try to tell him I'm sorry.

For the next hour Joey stayed in his room, trying to forget the sight of Dick's ruined garden and the tone of Dick's voice as he prayed.

"Joey," his mother called, "Dick Wallace is coming up to see you."

Joey felt his heart beating faster. What could Dick want here? Had he decided to get revenge himself? Or had he decided to call the police?

"Hi, Joey," Dick said. "I came to ask whether you'd like to have a corn roast with me at the park tonight. We can wrap the ears in aluminum foil, build a big fire, and cook them in the coals. My mother gave me some potatoes to bake too, and I've got money to buy wieners."

Joey stared. "You mean you're asking me to eat your corn? After I helped to ruin it for you?"

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

arrow Participates in nternational Institute)f Christian ommunication

Clifton Joe Barrow, missionary in Rhosia with the Africa Evangelical Fellowip, was one of 36 participants in an ensive four-week International Instite of Christian Communications sponred by Daystar Communications, Inc. at lisbury, Rhodesia, May 24—June 19.

Daystar Communications is a Chrisn organization of specialists using dern techniques of analysis, measureent, and evaluation to provide missions d national churches with new tools for motion of church growth.

The Institute is an in-service profesnal training program offering graduate el studies in communications theory, iology, anthropology, and research thods. Each participant chose a comnications or church growth project reing to his own work. He will be guidin the development and completion of t project over the coming year by the ystar faculty.

The Institute faculty included Dr. Don K. Smith, founder, of Daystar, who ds a Ph.D. in communications from the iversity of Oregon and who has served a missionary in various parts of Africa 20 years; the Rev. John A. Klebe, sident of the organization, who is mpleting a doctorate in sociology at egon; Gordon R. Mullenix, associate rerch director of Daystar, who held a ilar position at the University of Ore-; Dr. Harry F. Wolcott, recently proted to full professor of anthropology Oregon; Dr. Jacob A. Loewen, translans consultant for United Bible Socies in Nairobi; and H. T. Maclin, director Broadcast and Audio-Visual Services Nairobi.

Participants came from four continents one of the few genuinely international herings held in Rhodesia since ecoic and trade sanctions were levelled inst the country in 1966.

Representatives were present from Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Congo, Singapore, Taiwan, India, Costa Rica, Argentina, and the United States. The sessions were held at Ranche House College, a multiracial adult education center in Salisbury.

PAM AND JUNE IN TEXAS-MEXICO

(The First Week, June 20, 1971)

It is practically impossible to find words to describe our feelings of anticipation and anxiety toward our first ride into the wild blue yonder. However, now as we look back over it, there can only be one word to describe the plane ride—exhilarating!

The airports were busy and quite confusing, but with a little help from a friend, we made it.

We arrived in Quemado in the late af-

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Gifts to North Carolina Board of Missions

Balance Left on Budget June 22, 1971		$2,815.08
Receipts June 23-30		
Ormondsville Church, Ayden	$ 23.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bedford, Pikeville	25.00	
People's Chapel Sunday School, Elm City	10.00	
Sound Side Church, Columbia	16.70	
Vacation Bible School, Hillsberry Church, Clinton	25.00	
Rose Hill Sunday School, Winterville	30.00	
Juniper Chapel Church, Vanceboro	101.00	
Sidney Church, Belhaven	10.00	
Cabin Church, Beulaville	84.41	
Pleasant Plain Church, Selma	60.00	
Little Rock Church, Lucama	25.00	
Core Creek Sunday School, Cove City	10.00	
Pleasant Grove Church, Pikeville	115.00	
Individual	20.00	
Mount Olive Church, Mount Olive	20.00	
Interest on Savings	292.84	
East Rockingham Church, Rockingham	201.22	
Black Jack Church, Greenville	100.00	
Stoney Creek Church, Goldsboro	200.00	
Sarecta Church, Kenansville	50.00	
First Church, Rocky Mount	10.00	
Sherron Acres Church, Durham	206.00	
Bible Student Class, Shiloh Church, Washington	18.90	
Hull Road Church, Snow Hill	65.71	
Elwood Lane Church, Kannapolis	16.86	
New Haven Sunday School, Ernul	10.00	
Mount Zion Sunday School, Spring Hope	2.00	
Pearsall's Chapel Church, Kenansville	51.29	
Individual	56.00	
Total		1,855.93
Balance Left on Budget		$ 959.15

As you can see from the above figures, we lacked $959.15 reaching our budget of $90,000. We were hoping to reach this, but did not quite make it. I would like to express my personal appreciation to each of you for the fine work you did during this past year. May God bless each of you and your church for your faithfulness.

Now let us look to the next year that is already here. We will be recommending to the State Convention in September a budget for the year of 1971-72 in the amount of $100,000. This will be the greatest mission budget ever considered by our Convention. I believe it is within our reach and certainly within reason for our churches. I hope that as the churches make their budgets, each will realize the increase, and increase the amount budgeted for missions so at the close of this year we will have accomplished the goal before us.

JOE INGRAM, **Director-Treasurer**



WHY THE FAMILY?

Lesson Text: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18-25

Memory Verse: Mark 10:6-8

I. INTRODUCTION

The family, which was instituted by God, is the basic element of human society. It is not only older than both the church and the state, but its influence upon both of these will determine to a great measure the work which they will perform, for good or for evil, in the world.

It is in the family circle that the child comes into first contact with those moral values and those attitudes towards life in general, towards God and His church, and towards the society in which lives that will not only serve to shape his character, but will also determine to a large measure his reactions to all of the circumstances which the realities of adult life will produce.

We cannot place too much emphasis upon the importance of the family nor stress too strongly the great responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of parents. We can rightly say: "When one becomes a parent, his soul is no longer his own."

Our lesson text for today is composed of two selections from Genesis: the first, 1:26-31, has to do with the creation of man, the establishment of the family, and the purpose of man's ministry; the second, 2:18-25, gives in greater detail the facts related to the creation of woman and informs us of the purpose for which she was brought into being.

The purpose of today's study is to inform youth of the great importance of the family group and the responsibility that is inherent in each member of the group.—Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. The five basic institutions in our way of life are home, church, school, government, and business.
2. The home or the family is the oldest of these institutions.
3. The family is the most important institution because all the others must depend upon it.

B. The Family Created (Genesis 1:26-28)
1. God is a Trinity in the creation—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
2. Man and woman were created in the image of God.
3. God commanded the man and woman to multiply.

C. The Family Provided For (Genesis 1:29-31)
1. Ample provisions were made for human beings.
2. Ample provisions were made for the animals.
3. God was pleased at His creation.

D. The Purpose of the Family (Genesis 2:18-20)
1. Adam was called upon to name the animals.
2. The intelligence shown here refutes evolution.
3. Eve or the woman was created as a companion.

E. Conclusion

The functions of the family as brought out in this lesson are as follows:
1. The regulation of relationship between the sexes is companionship.
2. The propagation of the race is reproduction.
3. The caring for the young is cooperation between man and woman.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. It is quite plain that God establishes the family very early in human history. The title of our lesson asks why.

One answer that appears plainly in the Bible is companionship. God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone." Adam was surrounded by all the animals, but still he was alone. Among them all there was none of his own kind. God therefore created another of his own kind, yet different: a woman. She could give companionship.

Another plain answer is continuation. God intended for Adam and Eve to continue the race. He said to them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." So in time the first family included children as well as a man and a woman.

This brings a third answer into view. Surely one purpose of the family is care. God did not plan for children to care for themselves as soon as they were born. He made them helpless, dependent on the mother and father to care for them. Thus He made a way not only to continue the human race, but also to continue the knowledge of God and devotion to Him. As children must stay with parents in order to be fed and clothed and sheltered, parents have the duty and privilege of teaching them to know God and love Him and obey Him. If they do not do this, the home does not fulfill its purpose.—Standard Commentary.

B. How many homes in your congregation have a family altar? Today many excuse themselves on the ground that the pace of life has been so speeded up that there is no time for family altars or devotion and prayer. No more insincere nonsense was ever spoken. The same person who says that will spend a whole afternoon every week, or several of them, on the golf course, and half the night at some shindig; and yet he will claim that he is too busy, that life is too fast, for kneeling at a family altar!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. Standing one day at the Golden Gate in San Francisco, Oliver Wendell Holmes said he saw a tall ship glide by against the tide, as if drawn by an invisible bowline pulled by hundreds of giant arms. Her sails unfilled, her streamers drooping, she had neither sidewheel nor sternwheel. Still, she moved on, stately, in serene triumph, as with a life of her own. But he knew that, on the other side of the ship, dwarfed by the great bulk that floated so majestically, there was a small, hard working tugboat with a heart of fire and arms of iron, bravely tugging the great ship on.

So also there have been men of genius, full-freighted and idle-sailed. But for the toiling arms and the brave, warm, loving hearts of faithful wives who nestled close to them, encouraging them, pulling for them, they would have drifted with the tide to destruction.—Bible Expositor.

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Life is short, and we have too little time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love; make haste to be kind!—Selected.

Mission Accomplished

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church, and said with a straight face, o.

" 'Like a mighty army!' If this church d move like a mighty army, I'm afraid lot of people would be court-martial- l!"

Don't you be one of them. Get in- lved. Find your mission and work to complish it.

And that's the end of my sermon; so y mission, for today at least, is accom- shed.

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Dick nodded. "Want to come?"

Joey heard himself confessing, "I saw u praying in the garden. I went back see whether I could help you replant me of the stuff. Did the praying make u come here and ask me to the corn st instead of being angry?"

"Yes, it did. I'll admit I was very an- y when I first saw what you fellows d done to my garden. But I'm a Chris- n, and a Christian must forgive even en it's hard for him. I figured, too, corn roast would give me a chance to k to you about the Lord. I know you ed Him, Joey."

"I guess I do," Joey admitted. "Ed d you just talk about religion, but you different from the other fellows, too. listen to everything you say."

Dick grinned. "Your listening will be rth losing the garden. Besides, my ther's freezing those beans right now, d we'll eat most of the corn."

"How about Ed?" Joey asked.

"I asked him on the way over here, t he only laughed. I can just pray that will be reached for Jesus somehow."

"I'll pray, too," Joey promised.

The boys started out the door.

"Wait a minute," Joey called. "Mom's some pickles we can take along. Now s get going—you've got some talking do while that corn roasts."—My Plea- e.

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Change of Address

The Rev. Robert L. Langley wishes to nounce his change of address from te 2, Kenly, North Carolina, to 103 ona Street, Plymouth, North Carolina 62. Anyone wishing to contact him y do so at his new address.

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ternoon, and received an extremely warm welcome from our new family. We felt at home, but even more so after we ate a reproduction of North Carolina's fried chicken.

After touring the Bible Institute our feelings were mixed. While the mission was not as large and polished as we had imagined, the evidence of successful prgress was overwhelming. The presence of God was very real and we knew that this mission was centered around Jesus Christ and His great commission.

Tuesday night we made our first visit across the border to a little town called Acuna. Here we attended a service at the Rev. Antonio Lopez's mission. It was held under a partial shelter on the side of the home. The home was made of dried clay. We were very astounded at the number of children present. The Mexicans enjoy music tremendously. So far we have had to present special music at each mission we have attended.

Wednesday night we traveled twenty-five miles, five of which were across the border. Here we visited a mission in Piedras Negras directed by the Rev. Antonio Escobar. The church was a room of Mr. Escobar's home. Again there were many children and more adults than the previous night.

Thursday night proved to be the best night of all. We again visited Piedras Negras, at the Rev. Antonio Castillo's mission. This service was also held in a room of his home. We also visited the site of their new church. Work on the church has ceased due to a lack of funds. We feel this is an area where those of you back home could greatly help. While we could not understand anything being said, God was especially near us and we felt more a part of the service than we had before. We plan to return there Sunday night and we are very much looking forward to it.

Well, that about sums up our activities so far. Now that we have become a part of the mission work instead of just an outsider, we realize how truly great the job is and we better understand the importance and necessity of total commitment.

We ask that you continue in prayer for us as well as the Texas-Mexico missions. You have supported us wonderfully and we are most grateful. It is our desire that you support this mission likewise! God bless you all. We love you.

Pam Temple and June Hodges

INVITATION TO A PICNIC

On Friday, July 30 from 10 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., there will be a picnic of spiritual food held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Because this is the season for picnics—for overstuffing ourselves with goodies, for good fellowship with friends, neighbors, and families—we try to tell ourselves and others that we are on a diet.

Many times we are on a spiritual diet, but this we don't need. Dieting spiritually is just as easy as overstuffing ourselves physically, and we don't even realize it until we start loosing our strength. Before we know it can become overprogrammed and underfed.

We all know that each denominational enterprise must have drives, reports, and meetings to exist; but at some meetings and conventions the message is so good that you just wish you could stay all day and feast on God's Word.

Well here's your chance! Just come to the Statewide Evangelism Conference with us on July 30, because all roads lead to Goldsboro where all ages can come—from one-year-olds to one-hundred-year-olds—to eat, be filled with just sermon, song, study, skits by the youth, testimonies, and witnessing. It is hoped there will be a renewed strength and power to "Go ye into all the world."

Mrs. Adaline Gray
Eastern District
Mission Chairman

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A HAPPY DAY

Today will be a happy day
If first you find some time to pray;
If first alone you go apart
From worldly things, and in your heart
You make resolve to do your best,
And then to God you leave the rest.
For God will take the hate and fear
Of yesterday and yesteryear,
And in their place, He'll make you feel
The light of love He would reveal.
Yes, this will be a happy day,
If, friend, right now you'll stop and pray.

—Author Unknown.

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IN THE INTEREST OF OUR

Children's Home

Directed by

C. F. BOWEN, President of State Convention

Mr. Bowen will use his new booklet, "Of Such Is the Kingdom of Heaven," as a lecture guide as he attempts to show our people their responsibility in supporting our child-care institution while it is in a state of noncompliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. **Copies of the booklet will be given to all who attend.** You should hear these lectures and read this booklet. If you love the Children's Home you will do both if at all possible. Services in the places listed below will begin at **8 p. m.** unless otherwise stated. Bring an offering for the Home.

THE PLACES THUS FAR

July 13, Free Union Church, Greene County

July 15, Free Union Church, Beaufort County

July 20, Shady Grove Church, Sampson County

July 22, First Church, Kinston

July 26, First Church, Smithfield

(OTHERS WILL BE ADDED LATER.)

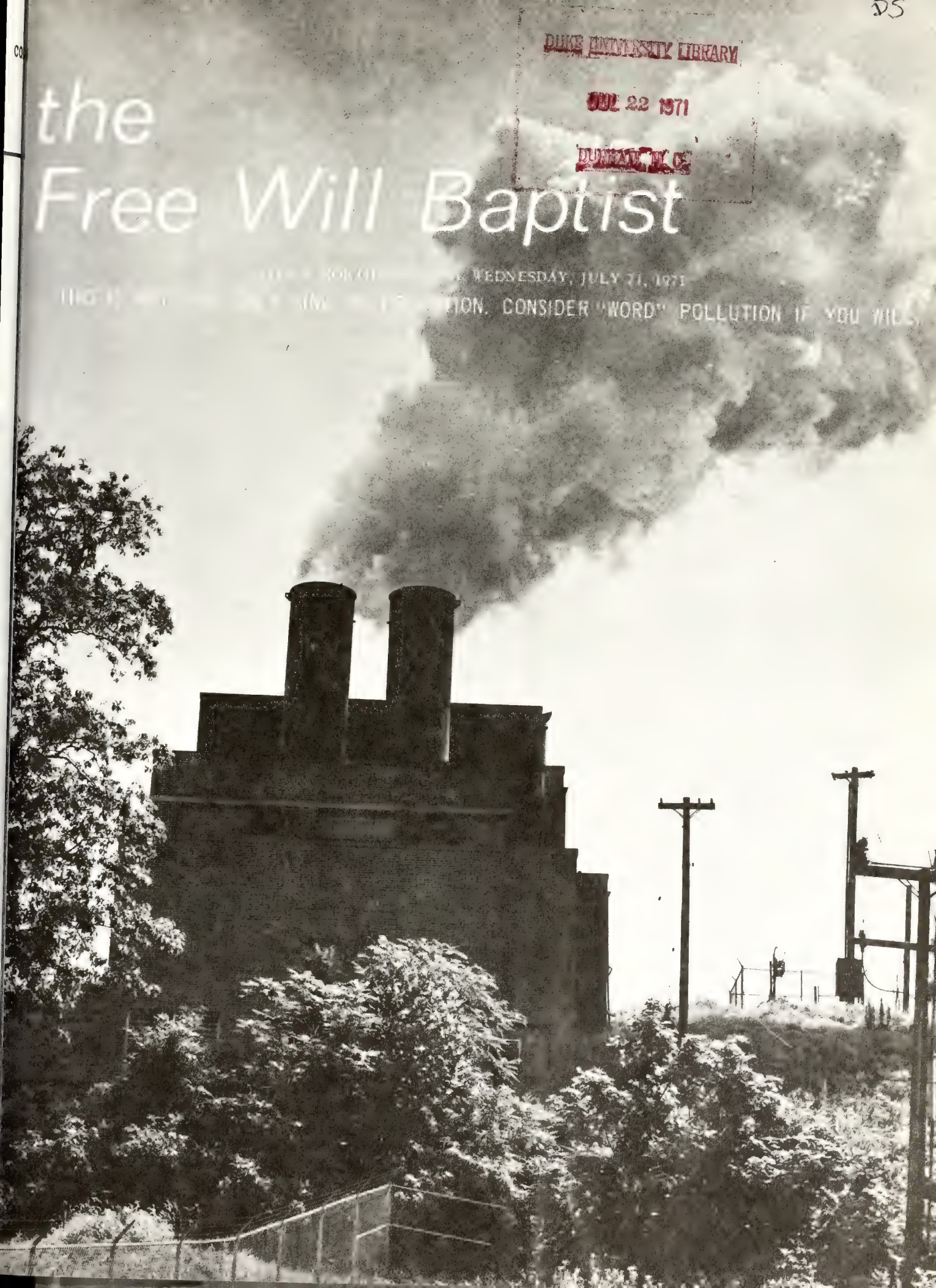
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ION. CONSIDER "WORD" POLLUTION IF YOU WILL.



WORD POLLUTION

The air is filled with smoke, odors, trash, cinders, and more—all causing us to be more aware than ever before of the seriousness of air pollution. There is also another problem which might not bring about an investigation by a Senate committee nor cause too much public alarm, but it is a serious problem nonetheless. This problem is word pollution.

The mouth is filled with foul words which issue forth daily. Foul words have become so commonplace that even the most reserved of us aren't as shocked by them as we used to be. Certain four-letter words used to be "no-noes" in most gatherings and unknown in a lot of vocabularies, but no more. It is reported that many of these words have found their way into some of our school books; and while we realize that no one should bury his head in the sand to escape ugly talk or print, we nevertheless think that it is unnecessary—and terribly wrong. Some would suggest that we are too prudent in being concerned about something so insignificant as bad language, but we are led to believe that this feeling of insignificance is one of the reasons that it has gone ungoverned.

Men might not intend to represent their characters when they speak, but when they burst forth with curses and selected profanities they are painting in words a pretty good picture of how they are inside. Jesus said in Matthew 15:18, ". . . those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and they defile the man." Isn't this as clear a statement as He ever uttered?

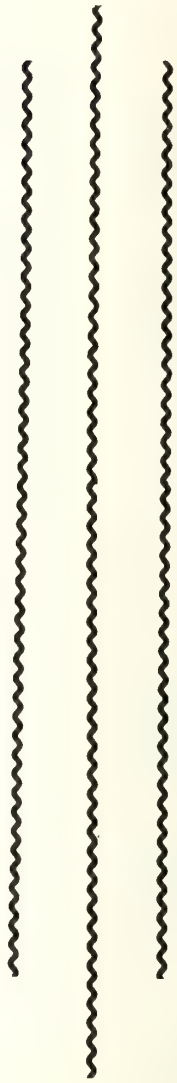
Some men—and women—consider bad talking an art, and this writer has heard some of them boast of the ability to "curse with every breath." Some art! We can be tempted to say ugly things, but no matter how much we are tempted we have not sinned until we have yielded —and we yield of our own free will. Some people believe that foul words uttered in anger are the only ones that are held against them, but our Lord didn't say anything about the emotional state which caused the ugly utterances. This should cause us to reconsider the act of even jesting in profanity, shouldn't it? And, no one is born talking ugly. It is something which is grown into. Certainly environment makes it less or more acceptable, according to taste, but environment—though casting influence—does not compel such utterances. Swearing to some people is one way of showing how big a man they are, when actually it is a little man indeed who needs to prove his worth in this manner; and they are little too who are impressed thusly.

Dirty minds and strong words can kick up a lot of dirt; and though the one doing the kicking up gets dirtier, we should be careful lest we get so accustomed to dirt that it doesn't bother us. A silent protest could be considered acceptance. And, when we walk down the street our ears are open. We hear curses and blessings—but more often and more numerous are the curses. If we happen to be engaged in conversations in which curses are the deciding factor, it would be better to excuse ourselves from these conversations (if we haven't the strength to object) than to stay on the scene and allow our witness to suffer. Better still, we should voice our disapproval of such talk.

It's not a matter of effort either, for it requires as much effort to say something bad as it does to say something good. It causes us to wonder whether those who insist on dirty talk have the intelligence to express themselves otherwise. This is a slam on those who think that they are being smart by being vulgar or vile in their conversations—and it's intended to be a slam. Strength of tongue can never be considered strength of mind!

Few people can boast of a mouth completely free of word pollution. In private if not in public the majority of us have uttered little remarks that we would not care to have had recorded, but we are prompted to remember that every word, every thought, and every deed is recorded somewhere up yonder. Before we finish let us hasten to admit that there are many habits worse than ugly talking, yet we feel strongly that loose language is often the prelude to something worse. In our opinion word pollution is a serious problem.

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THE BLIGHT OF THE BUSY

by
REV. MILO L. ARNOLD

THE stories or parables of Jesus of Nazareth were hard to get rid of. They were like cockleburs in the hair, nettling a person but persisting in their position. A unique thing about His parables was that they became perpetually contemporary. Every generation feels the jabbing of them. He had a way of seeing the comfortable busyness of good people and was able to needle them because they were busy about things not as important as other things they neglected.

Surely the Nazarene saw the priests and Levites going about their busy way, tending to the people whom they knew. The workers in religious professions have always been overloaded. There has never been enough money to hire help, never been enough equipment, never been enough of the minister to go around.

It is so easy for professional religious workers to be too busy to deviate from their assignments. They have appointments filling their days, people waiting for them, situations demanding time, and they must settle for doing only what they can. The trouble is that they often become so involved in their ministry to the church that they forget the world.

Jesus saw it among the people of His day and told them a story about a man who fell among thieves (cf. Luke 10:25-37). Of course, he was not a member of the congregation at the synagogue nor a person on their regular calling lists. The priest and Levite felt justified in going by on the other side because this fellow was not a neighbor—he was not a fellow worshiper. He was somebody else. He was an unknown, a broken, ugly, repugnant man soaking in blood and rolling in the dirt. With temple duties and membership lists waiting their time, they didn't feel guilty when they went by.

The story as it is recorded in Luke 10: 30-37 is immortal. Yes, it sticks in our hair and nettles our hide. It is as pertinent this week as it was the day it was told. It tells us that the first duty of a priest may be to be a neighbor and to accept as a neighbor some man to whom he thought he had no duty.

Without a doubt, the priest and Levite would have stopped and helped if they had seen that the broken, suffering man was a neighbor. They would have felt some obligation to a neighbor in any kind of trouble. The thing that made passing him up so easy was that small trick of adjusting the matter of neighborliness. They needed only to say that the man was not his neighbor; then they could say they were not his neighbor either and had no obligation to love him and render aid. How convenient it was to be too busy for a fellow like that!

The taunting thing about it all is that history has lost sight completely of the priest and Levite who were too busy. Instead, history has immortalized the unnamed Samaritan who accepted human need as constituting neighborliness.

Maybe lots of things ministers of today do are important and essential, but time may wash them down the drain as not worth recording. Some of the people by the roadside for whom we had no time may have been left in their leaking blood and lonely suffering to die untended. They didn't have a neighbor because we didn't give them one.

How imprisoning a church can become! How possessive the institution can be, and how good the establishment makes a man feel when he is submerged in it. It swallows the man and contains him body and soul. The good people need him, the faithful ask his companionship, and the people who pay the bills demand and should have their portion of his ministry.

The religious professions do have obligations. There is no place where we dare neglect the church. Without the church we could not have an open door. It provides our opportunity, our living, our pulpit, our tradition, and our open road to service. We dare not belittle it, for it creates our office in a very real sense.

However, though the church creates our office and can legitimately possess our time, the minister must break the chains which bind him to the comfortable. He must become free to stop at life's robber-infested roadside.

Within the church there is much of comfort, brotherhood, and neighborliness. There is so much that is easy to take and inspiring to enjoy. It is the great body of believers, the body of Christ, and the salt of the earth. Yet, the church which becomes self-satisfied and encompasses the minister within its own meshes cannot accomplish the great commission.

It is entirely natural for the church to be happy in its own comforts. It is natural for good people to enjoy one another. It is natural for the minister to feel first of all the needs of the people who are so intimately bound in the activities of life with him. The church is an organism, a body with various members, utterly comfortable with one another and dependent upon one another. However, the Lord Himself would challenge both the church and the minister to lift up the blinds enough to see neighbors on the outside.

If the neighbors inside the church blind us to the neighbors on the outside, we are doomed to fail in the great commission of our Lord. If the busyness of our priesthood blinds us to the victims of a vile society outside our door, we have missed the point. If the appointments we have with friends chain us away from the lost world, we need to do some adjusting of our schedules.

In many communities the people living around the churches have ceased to even expect them to help. They think church-

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SUNDAY, JULY 25

Overcoming Jealousy

Scripture Reading—Psalm 79:5

Have you gained the victory over the foes within you? There is jealousy. Would you overcome that? If you are jealous of anyone, do him some good turn. There is a fable of an eagle that was jealous of another that could outfly him. He saw a sportsman one day, and said to him, "I wish you would bring down that eagle." The sportsman replied that he would if he only had some feathers to put into his arrow. So the eagle pulled one out of his wing. The arrow was shot, but didn't quite reach the rival eagle; it was flying too high. The envious eagle kept pulling out more feathers until he lost so many that he couldn't fly, and then the sportsman turned around and killed him. My friend, if you are jealous, the only man you can hurt is yourself.—*D. L. Moody.*

Prayer Thought

Jealousy is a slow, painful death—not physical, maybe; but surely spiritual. If it plagues you, pray for deliverance from it.

MONDAY, JULY 26

All That He Had

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:2

At a meeting held near Oxford in connection with the building of a new church, a speaker made an eloquent appeal for funds, urging the audience to give all they had upon them. All were impressed, and among them was a small boy, who, when the offering was taken placed a top and five marbles in the plate. In the vestry afterward one of the stewards was inclined to ridicule the boy's offering; but the chairman said: "I will give you twenty pounds for the top, and will take the marbles to Oxford, and will get five of my friends to give five pounds each for them." He wrote out his check for twenty pounds, and in due course forwarded the other twenty-five pounds. At the stonelaying, there was placed under the principal stone the top and five marbles from the little boy who gave all he had. So a little given for Jesus' sake will be made much by Him.—*The Family Herald and Weekly Star.*

Prayer Thought

Our meager offerings often are not impressive to our friends, but when we give of our means from a sincere heart the Lord is pleased.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

"Self-Made" Man

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8

Speaking of salvation by grace, Mr. Moody has said: 'It is well that man cannot save himself; for if a man could only work his own way to heaven, you would never hear the last of it. Why, if a man happens to get a little ahead of his fellows and scrapes a few thousands of dollars together, you'll hear him boast of being a self-made man. I've heard so much of this sort of talk that I am sick and tired of the whole business; and I am glad that through all eternity in heaven we will never hear anyone bragging of how he worked his way to get there."—*Mid-Continent.*

Prayer Thought

No amount of working can get one to heaven. Getting there without an acceptance of Christ as Saviour is impossible.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

A Dangerous Place to Sleep

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:15

One night a small boy fell out of bed. The next day at breakfast he volunteered this explanation: "I know why I fell out of bed last night. I went to sleep too near where I got in." A dangerous place for sleeping! Yet many of us have fallen out of our place in God's plan . . . for the same reason. We think that when we accept Christ . . . we need to do nothing more about it. Or we believe we can follow Christ afar off—as long-distance disciples. . . . Spiritual reserves come only as men keep in touch with God.—*Secret Place.*

Prayer Thought

Receiving Christ is not enough. One must keep constant company with Him, following His directives.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

The Power of New Life

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 13:15

A lady, who desired to lead a Christian life, felt that there was one thing in her life that she would not give up. When she consulted her pastor, he said: "Have you noticed that there are always a few dead leaves clinging to the old oak trees after all the other leaves have fallen? The strong blasts of winter fail to tear them off. Spring comes, and still they cling persistently. The days are calm, bright, and balmy. Presently one by one they drap off. What unseen power so quietly, but so surely, severs them? The new life rising in the tree gradually causes them to drop off. And so with us—as the new life in Christ permeates our being, we find that we can give up for Him what before was so hard renounce."—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

Really, when we follow Christ, we gi up nothing of value; we gain more tha we could possibly explain or hope to mal others understand. They must experien it too!

FRIDAY, JULY 30

Memories of Old Home

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:4

I am back there now, on the banks of th Hudson River, in that old farm-house, that old kitchen, around that great fir place—father, mother, twelve children, twi a day, the old family Bible, and the wo derful prayer lifted to God! I am remem bering that old house, that old center, th marvelous influence.

Do not be surprised when I tell you th everyone of those children was saved b grace of God. Four of them became mi isters of Jesus Christ, all the rest of the Sunday school teachers and God's chose men and women. And they all found th inspiration and life at the family altar whe father opened the Bible and then lifted h heart to God. That is the greatest heritag in this world.

The greatest inheritance is the influenc of Christian blood and life, moral characte and spiritual uplifting power. Now if yo old home gave you that, you do not nee to have a dollar. My father and moth never left me a dollar, but they left me th greatest riches in the world.—*Courtlan Myers.*

Prayer Thought

Riches of silver and gold do not last. Th riches of God do. Which do you want?

SATURDAY, JULY 31

Getting Out of Range

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 31:3

A little boy's prayer on the night befo leaving for the country unconsciously e pressed a situation that is tragically re even in homes of Christian belief: "Goo bye, God, we are going to the country t morrow." There are still modern Jona who feel that when they get away fro familiar scenes they get out of range God.—*Christian Herald.*

Prayer Thought

No amount of travel—no matter how fa away—can remove one from God's presenc He is there before the traveler arrives.

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All past history leads up to Christ, a subsequent history points back to Hi He is the span of the ages, the keyston that locks the arch.—Selected.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS

Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

Silver Anniversary: A Quickening Experience



Shown above are 37 of the 49 ministers attending this year's Ministerial Association Conference.

The Free Will Baptist Ministerial Association's Cragmont Conference celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. Truly the silver anniversary was a quickening experience. The first conference was held in 1946, the year Cragmont became Free Will Baptist property. The ministers have enjoyed many very good years at Cragmont. I am sure this year has gone on record as one of the best years of the twenty-five which the ministers have experienced. There was a good spirit of unity with God and with each other prevalent during the week.

The theme for the twenty-fifth session was, "Pastoral Evangelism." The theme Scripture was Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The various speakers very aptly pointed out the wide scope of pastoral evangelism. The pastors were reminded that as well as evangelism through the ministers, personal contact, and preaching; that the area of training laity as witnesses is a rich and largely untapped field of pastoral evangelism.



Our twenty-fifth anniversary cake on a silver platter was prepared by the kitchen staff and consumed by all present!

On Monday evening, we were inspired by messages from the Revs. Robert Rollins and Fred A. Rivenbark. Tuesday morning the Revs. Rudy Shepard and J. B. Starnes shared with us portions of God's Word. The evening session consisted of our annual business session. The association adopted a funeral rite to be used in the presentation of the Christian flag

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These are the men bringing the messages to the ministers during the conference. They are (left to right): the Rev. Robert Rollins, Pine Level; the Rev. J. B. Starnes, Newport; the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, Virginia Beach, Virginia; the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Snow Hill; the Rev. Johnny Bullman, Spartansburg, South Carolina; and the Rev. Rudy Shepard, Cove City (not shown).

The Time to Trust

When nothing whereon to lean remains,
When strongholds crumble to dust;
When nothing is sure but that God still reigns,
That is just the time to trust.

—Anonymous.

The Christian Church Offers:

A name all can wear (Acts 11:26).
A creed all can believe (Matthew 16:16).
A confession all can make (Romans 10: 8-10).
A repentance all can perform (Acts 2: 38).
A baptism all can admit valid (Romans 6: 3-6).
A church all can enter (Matthew 16:18).
A life all can live (2 Peter 1:5-8).

—Selected.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Oriental Church to Hold Consecration Service



On Sunday morning, January 25, 1970, the members of the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, were saddened by the loss of their church by fire. The members of the church met with the Oriental First Baptist Church and made arrangements to use an apartment adjoining a service station for services. By doing this the church membership has been held together. In this new location the services went on as usual, and the 1970 and 1971 vacation Bible schools were held in this building.

The Oriental church is very grateful to the Friendship and Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Churches for giving them songbooks to use; to the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church for letting them have pews; and to Camp Vandemere. They express their appreciation for every act, deed, and donation given.

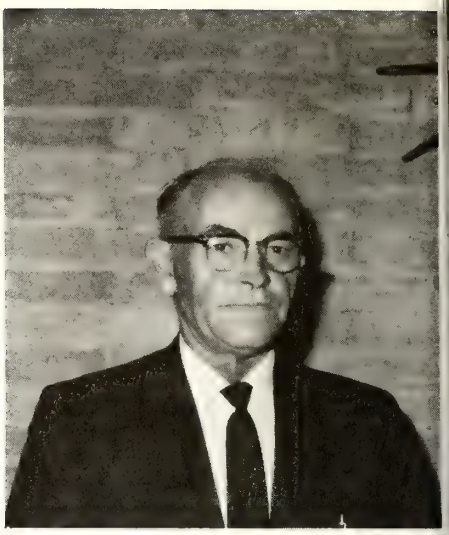
Pictured above is the new church building in which the first regular service was held Sunday, June 27, 1971. The membership also express their appreciation to the building committee consisting of Garland Fulcher, chairman; William Mason; Harry Mason; C. P. Hunnings; and Dallas Spruill, for their excellent planning of the new building.

On Sunday, July 25, at the eleven o'clock worship service, the church, located on Regan Road, will hold a consecration service for the new building. This will be followed by a picnic lunch served by the ladies of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Saint Mary's Church Honors Sunday School Superintendent

On Sunday, July 4, 1971, the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, honored Mr. Odell Howell, who had served as Sunday school superintendent for the past thirty years. During the morning worship service the newly elected superintendent, Mr. Marvin Edwards, presented Mr. Howell an appreciation plaque from the church school. In making the presentation he



said: "This man has made many personal sacrifices to provide a church school for others. It has been through the faith of men like Mr. Howell that God's work has gone on."

After the morning worship, lunch was spread on the grounds and all the members and friends fellowshiped one with the other.

Saint Mary's church can truly say that this was the best way to celebrate July 4, 1971, being in God's house and in the midst of His people.

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Revival Services At Sound Side Church

A series of revival services is scheduled at the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church of Columbia, North Carolina, the week of July 26-30. Services begin each night at eight with the Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Special music will be featured each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

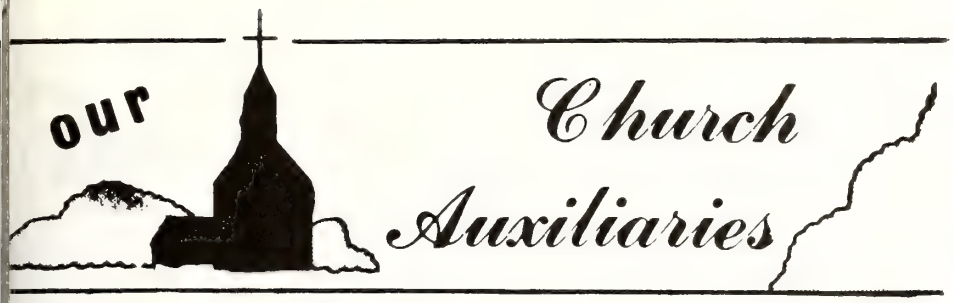
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Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for June, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of June, 1971:

Balance June 1, 1971		$4,688.54
Receipts		
Churches	$1,152.70	
Personal Gifts	200.00	
Youth Fellowship	52.00	
Sunday School Convention	20.00	
Sunday Schools	22.40	
Woman's Auxiliaries	110.00	
Unions	165.42	
N. C. State League Convention	653.91	
Total Receipts		2,376.43
Total for Which to Account		$7,064.97

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OUR GREATEST NEED TODAY

The greatest need for all Christian eople today is a real spiritual awaking o the great, wonderful things God has n store for all who serve him. So many re starving spiritually. Like a cancer, ve do not feel the pain of sin growing n our lives until it has destroyed us.

Matthew 24:12-14 says: "And because niquity shall abound, the love of many hall wax cold. But he that shall endure nto the end, the same shall be saved. nd this gospel of the kingdom shall be reached in all the world for a witness nto all nations; and then shall the end ome."

According to the Scriptures, we have twofold job. The first, when we beome a Christian, we must live for Christ, aily. We cannot depend on past experinces and blessings for salvation. One nust be aware that Satan cunningly atacks us each day of our life; so we must e filled with the Spirit of God to be able o stand up as a Christian.

Second, we must be busy praying, usng our talents, and witnessing to the ost. Summer activities are being planed and enjoyed by many at this time. eople are taking vacations and trying o get away from all the pressures of heir jobs and daily living. Some of the laces we take our family, not only are hey overcrowded, but filthy inroads that ead to much sin in their lives. Homes re being broken and destroyed. Our hurches are suffering from poor attendnce. As we view our TV news and read ur newspapers, we see a great need for ve Christian people to take a good inentory of our own lives.

We cannot take a vacation from God. lot only do we suffer as individuals, but o does all those about us. We hope all f our Free Will Baptist friends will bein planning now to attend our Mission vangelism Service to be held with the irst Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsoro, North Carolina, July 30, 1971. The rogram will be very inspirational to veryone, with good speakers, skits, special singing, and fellowship. This is a special time when we can unite our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to God for all the many blessings, and also ask God for guidance in our mission work and in our daily lives. May we awaken to a greater service for Him! No time in the history of our great nation should we put more earnestness in our prayers, work more with our faith, and live obedient lives to God, as today. We are living on a very shaky foundation with quicksand under our feet and eternity close to our door. Jesus gave us the Great Commission, ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Christians, we have a job to do with limited time. Will you witness and use your talent for the glory of God?

Mrs. R. C. Cherry,
Mission Chairman
Western District Auxiliary

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Change of Address

The Rev. Vance Link states a change in his address effective July 1. His new address is 1229 Charlotte Street, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina 27870. His former address was Route 1, Box 120, Enfield, North Carolina. Anyone wishing to correspond with him, please note this change of address. Mr. Link is still pastoring the Community Church in Weldon, North Carolina.

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The Nation's Strength

I know three things must always be
To keep a nation strong and free.
One is a hearthstone bright and dear,
With busy, happy loved ones near.
One is a ready heart and hand
To love and serve and keep the land.
One is a worn and beaten way
To where the people go to pray.
So long as these are kept alive,
Nation and people will survive.
God, keep them always everywhere,
The hearth, the flag, the place of prayer.

—Author Unknown.

TEEN EMPHASIS WEEK

by the Rev. Vance Link

The Community Free Will Baptist Church of Weldon, North Carolina, tried something a little different for Bible school this year. During our regular week for Bible school, we did not provide a class for the teen-agers. Instead, the teens worked as helpers or aids for the teachers. The following week we had our teen-age Bible school, calling it "Teen Emphasis Week."

We met from 7:30 until 9:00 each evening and were very pleased with the response. The key verse for the week was Romans 12:1 and the theme song was "Pass It On." We had a challenging and inspiring film, "My Favorite Phony," on Tuesday night which provided provocative thoughts on whether or not one is really living the Christian life, or just simply "making a pretense" at Christianity.

On Thursday night the film, "Without Onion," was shown. It too was a challenge to all who saw it. Both films were directed toward the youth, with the emphasis on making Christ and Christianity a vital part of one's daily lives.

Each evening after our service we had a fellowship hour with refreshments served by the woman's auxiliary of our church. We had invited young people from other churches and enjoyed the time of fellowship with them.

On Friday, the last night, we had a youth rally. We had choruses and testimonies from those present. The youth choir from Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, under the direction of Mrs. Jackie Flowers, brought us a program of music enjoyed by all present. Our closing message was given by Johnny Williams, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

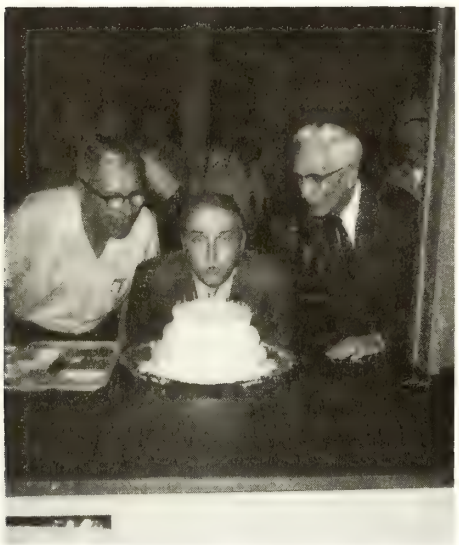
During the week, our young people enjoyed a picnic, a cookout, and an old-fashioned "ice-cream-making social." A debate that had been planned for the week was held over and given during league on Sunday night in the teen-age class. The teen-agers thoroughly enjoyed the activities, the attention, and the inspiration they received all week.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

CRAGMONT NEWS

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to the families of deceased brother ministers in accord with the respective families wishes. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, the Rev. David C. Hansley; vice-president, the Rev. Robert Rollins; secretary, the Rev. Harry Jones; treasurer, the Rev. Ralph Sumner; and member at large, the Rev. Harry Brown. The business session closed with a memorial service for deceased fellow soldiers of the Cross.



The three men doing all the huffing and puffing are the three who attended the first conference. They are (left to right): the Revs. Lloyd Vernon, Noah Brown, and David D. Hansley.

Wednesday we were blessed with messages from the Revs. Johnny Bullman and N. Bruce Barrow. The evening session consisted of our twenty-fifth anniversary celebration and fellowship. The three ministers present who attended the first conference in 1946 were recognized. They are: the Revs. Lloyd Vernon, David W. Hansley, and Noah Brown. Wednesday's services were concluded with a presentation by the executive committee of "In Depth Evangelism Applied."

Thursday morning the conference concluded with devotions by the Rev. Harry G. Brown.

The president, the Rev. David C. Hansley, officiated at all the services with the Rev. J. B. Starnes serving as song leader and the Rev. Ralph Sumner serving as pianist. The services proved to be a great blessing to the ministers attending. We begin now to urge more of our pastors to attend the 1972 conference!

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes,
Cragmont Publicity Director

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following r ceipts for the months of April and May, 1971. Receipts have been mailed to each i dividual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only f each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for Apr and May, 1971, compared with April and May, 1970.

APRIL

Religious Contributions Received

	1971	1970	Increase ((Decreas
Albemarle Conference	$ 472.10	$ 225.53	$ 246.5
Blue Ridge Association		12.90	(12.9
Cape Fear Conference	842.78	465.01	377.7
Central Conference	1,527.06	1,787.90	(260.8
Eastern Conference	2,638.18	2,185.13	453.0
Pee Dee Association	99.94	44.00	55.9
Piedmont Conference		165.00	(165.0
Rockfish Conference	15.00	5.00	10.0
Western Conference	2,057.04	924.69	1,132.3
Statewide Bodies	116.14	71.27	44.8
Total Religious Contributions	$ 7,768.25	$ 5,917.97	$ 1,850.2
Parents and Relatives	$ 183.48		
Friends	200.48		
Farm	55.90		
Duke Endowment	7,000,00		
Canteen	308.00		
Other Income	1,591.82		
Total Other Income	$ 9,339.68	$ 2,865.17	$ 6,474.5
Total Income for Month	$17,107.93	$ 8,783.14	$ 8,324.7
The above was received for the following:			
General Fund	$17,107.93	$ 8,758.14	$ 8,349.7
Children's Savings		25.00	(25.0
	$17,107.93	$ 8,783.14	$ 8,324.7

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Albemarle Conference	
Sidney	$250.00
Cape Fear Conference	
Hopewell	$100.00
Lee's Chapel	229.96
Shady Grove	110.00
Yelverton's Grove	114.77
Central Conference	
Aspen Grove	$105.00
Dilda's Grove	113.60
Free Union	203.21
Hickory Grove	116.00
King's Cross Roads	105.00
LaGrange	227.4
Tarboro	100.0
Eastern Conference	
Bridgeton	$540.0
Deep Run	198.0
Holly Springs	125.0
Fifth Union	100.0
Auxiliary Convention	162.3
Moseley's Creek	129.0
Oak Grove	120.0
Western Conference	
Eevertt's Chapel	$303.8
Marsh Swamp	101.0

Stancil's Chapel	100.79
Sherron Acres	125.00
Stoney Creek	200.00

Wilson (First)	306.00
Statewide Bodies	
Auxiliary Convention	$116.14

MAY

Religious Contributions Received

	1971	1970	Increase or (Decrease)
Albemarle Conference	$ 1,212.58	$ 665.15	$ 547.43
Blue Ridge Association	63.45		63.45
Cape Fear Conference	2,731.09	1,461.74	1,269.35
Central Conference	5,180.18	3,883.09	1,297.09
Eastern Conference	5,550.06	3,377.16	2,172.90
Pee Dee Association	412.68	416.61	(3.93)
Piedmont Conference	53.25	110.00	(56.75)
Rockfish Conference	35.00	28.00	7.00
Western Conference	5,126.29	3,253.10	1,873.19
Statewide Bodies	612.28	989.68	(377.40)
Other Religious Contributions	50.00		50.00
Total Religious Contributions	$21,026.86	$14,184.53	$ 6,842.33
Parents and Relatives	$ 312.89		
Friends	1,205.00		
Farm	1,212.53		
Canteen	358.00		
Miscellaneous Income	1,044.71		
Total Other Income	$ 4,133.13	$ 2,163.52	$ 1,969.61
Total Income for Month	$25,159.99	$16,348.05	$ 8,811.94
The above was received for the following:			
General Fund	$25,149.99	$16,318.05	$ 8,831.94
Jesse Woodard Memorial Fund	10.00	5.00	5.00
Children's Savings		25.00	(25.00)
	$25,159.99	$16,348.05	$ 8,811.94

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Albemarle Conference

Hickory Chapel	$179.50
Mt. Tabor	132.92
Virginia Beach	150.00
Malachi's Chapel	170.00
Union Chapel	172.27

Cape Fear Conference

Casey's Chapel	$217.20
Lee's Chapel	500.00
Powhatan	263.80
St. Mary's Grove	130.00
Hopewell	403.85
Oak Grove	153.92
Riverside	100.00
St. Paul	250.00

Central Conference

Aspen Grove	$362.00
Community	111.40
Free Union	282.37
Greenville	115.00
Hickory Grove	134.60
King's Cross Roads	624.26
Reedy Branch	306.27
Tarboro	110.00
Winterville	285.21
Black Jack	100.00
Dilda's Grove	145.00
Friendship	914.90
Harrell's Chapel	105.00
Hugo	224.00
Ormondsville	315.00
Rose of Sharon	110.00
Walnut Creek	200.00

Eastern Conference

Arapahoe	$340.00
Beulaville	180.00
Gray Branch	100.00
Juniper Chapel	124.69
May's Chapel	145.00
Rooty Branch	100.00
St. Mary's	611.00
Sound View	150.00
White Hill	115.00
Bethel	150.00
Core Creek	201.46
Holly Springs	393.61
Memorial	157.65
Pearsall's Chapel	178.24
Sarecta	458.10
Sandy Plain	328.79
Vanceboro	210.00

Pee Dee Association

Beaverdam	$123.79
White Oak	147.92

Western Conference

Barnes Hill	$116.50
Black Jack Grove	145.00
Marsh Swamp	308.66
Auxiliary Convention	231.76
Micro	170.00
Piney Grove	275.88
Pleasant Grove	154.74
Stancil's Chapel	201.21
Sherron Acres	125.00
Spring Hill	125.00
Wilson	332.62
Branch Chapel	276.19
Friendship	178.52
Little Rock	286.88
Second Union	100.00
People's Chapel	366.76
Pleasant Hill	152.02
Rain's Cross Roads	300.00
Selma	150.00
St. Mary's	176.05
Union Grove	218.75

Statewide Bodies

Auxiliary Convention	$612.28

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One day a young man found $5 between the ties of a railroad. From that time on he never lifted his eyes from the ground while walking. In thirty years, he accumulated 25,916 buttons, 62,172 pins, 7 pennies, a bent back, and a sour, miserly disposition. In finding all this he lost the smiles of friends, the song of the birds, and the beauty of nature, plus the chance to serve his fellowman and spread happiness.—Copied.

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NEWS NOTES

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Disbursements

Operating Expenses	$ 230.96
Insurance	79.05
Contractor (Roads)	576.88
Total Disbursements	886.89
Balance July 1, 1971 In Savings Account	$6,178.08 2,211.53
Grand Total	$8,389.61

(Please send all donations for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574.)

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Revival Services Slated For Mount Tabor Church

A series of revival services has been scheduled for the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina, for the week of August 2-8. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. C. M. Coats of Smithfield, North Carolina, serving as the guest evangelist. Special music will be featured each night.

The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public.

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Fred Rivenbark Accepts Pastorate of Stoney Creek Church

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark has accepted the pastorate of the Stoney Creek Free



Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina. This Mount Olive, North Carolina, native is looking forward to returning to Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Rivenbark is now pastoring the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Almost four years ago he accepted the Virginia Beach mission that was holding services in the Kempsville Meadows School. As of today, the congregation of the Virginia Beach church has paid off their lot indebtedness of $25,000 and have erected a $100,000 church plant in a beautiful subdivision of Virginia Beach.

During Mr. Rivenbark's ministry at Virginia Beach, an average of one person per week has been received into the fellowship of the church.

Other pastorates held by Mr. Rivenbark have been in Elizabeth City, Wilson, and Durham, North Carolina, and Norfolk, Virginia.

The membership of Stoney Creek church is looking forward to the arrival of the new pastor on August 16, 1971.

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NAE Acquires EFMA Purchasing Office

The National Association of Evangelicals will expand its services for three million members September 1 when the purchasing division of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association becomes the Evangelical Purchasing Service as a division of NAE.

The transfer, prompted by rising costs in New York City and by NAE's expansion efforts, will keep intact all phases of the former EFMA purchasing office, including its director, Mr. G. Allan Small, who will continue to head the organization in its new Wheaton quarters.

Announcement of the May 25 acquisition by NAE's executive committee was made here July 1 by Dr. Billy A. Melvin, executive director.

"Our primary objective," Melvin said, "is to provide equipment and supplies for evangelical workers, both in this country and overseas, at the lowest possible cost. Through this service we hope to assist individuals and organizations in their efforts to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"The EFMA purchasing office assisted in the equipment and supply needs of missionaries for more than 25 years. This change in organization does not lessen our interest or curtail the services available to missionaries or mission organizations both here in the U. S. and throughout the world."

The Evangelical Purchasing Service will serve NAE-member individuals and organizations engaged in a full-time religious activity, and nonmember individuals and organizations engaged in a full-time religious activity, and nonmember individuals and organizations in a full-time religious ministry who subscribe to the Evangelical Purchasing Service by indicating agreement with the NAE Statement of Faith and paying the annual $2 fee.

The service features economical savings through centralized purchasing of equipment and supplies. These include such items as automobiles, audio-visual and photographic equipment, hospital and medical supplies, furniture, musical instruments, printing equipment, mobile homes and trailers, office machines, and electronic equipment. Delivery is arranged throughout the United States, and export packing and shipment is also handled.

Last year the organization passed along $1,200,000 worth of goods to buyers.

Visas, formerly handled in New York City by the EFMA purchasing office, will now be handled through Menno Travel Service, 800 Second Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.

An annual catalogue is published and special bulletins are sent out periodically. Catalogues are available from the Evangelical Purchasing Service, P. O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

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YOU CAN'T GO WRONG!

by Gail Boyd
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Pinetown, North Carolina

The world is seen through different eyes
when you're young;
There're so many temptations and things
to be done.
But if you let your conscience be your
guide,
If you let the Saviour walk by your side;
You can be sure you won't go wrong!

There're so many places to go and things
to see
You'll ask yourself, "Is this right for me?
Right for a Christian—a soldier of God?"
Then you'll think it all over and finally
nod,
"No, it is not right—I will not go wrong!"

I can do this, 'cause God won't think it
wrong
To do this thing or to sing that song.
So friend let your conscience be your
guide;
Let the Saviour walk close by your side;
Do this, and you surely can't go wrong!

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The brain is as strong as its weakest think.—Selected.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please reconcile, "And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee" (Deuteronomy 15:12). Compare, "And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. . . . And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money" (Exodus 21:7, 11).

Answer: This is one of those cases where Christian scholarship is not fully agreed upon a single answer. John W. Haley, in his book, "Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible," has the following to say on Page 304:

"Michaelis and Jahn think that the first text is a modification of the original law, with a view to a further mitigation of the evils of slavery. Hongstenberg thinks the case specified in Exodus, was an exception to the general rule. It would seldom occur that a father would sell his daughter into servitude, and never but with the expectation that she should become a wife, though of the second rank. The whole matter of the sale was arranged with this object in view. Nachmanides says she did not go out **unconditionally** as the manservant did. He went out at the end of the sixth year, without let or hindrance. She, on the contrary, might be espoused by her master, or betrothed to his son, in which case she did not go out at all, except for ill-treatment or neglect. Similarly Keil and others.

"Saalschutz maintains that Deut. xv. refers to an actual maidservant whom her owner sells to another, and who gains, by this transaction, the privilege of going out free after six years' service with the second master.

In Ex. xxi, the reference is, he thinks, to one who has previously been free, but whom her father sells into servitude with certain stipulations and guarantees as to her future position and rights in the family."

There is one thing that is made clear in the Bible and that is the fact that everything said in it, as it appeared in its original manuscripts, is inspired of God and that no expression or thought when correctly understood may be found to conflict with any other. Of course, there is required on the part of a Christian, more effort to gain the knowledge and understanding of the whole of God's message as contained in the Bible than the ordinary church member of today is willing to give to attain this required understanding. When the Bible says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15); "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16); "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:2-4); "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:19-21). Compare, "But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2); "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word" (Psalm 119: 11-16).

In the above verses we are exhorted to study; to store up, which includes memorizing God's Word; to hide it away, that includes memorizing and having it at hand to put down Satan in the use of all of his cunningly devised schemes to hinder us in this effort. Psalm 1:2 indicates that the blessed man which is in the first place Christ, and also is the Christlike man or person, not only memorizes and learns the interpretation of God's Word, but he meditates on it all the time, including nights when he may be tired from the honest toil the past day required of him, and while he is actively engaged in that which honesty and integrity demand of him during the day. It is both day and night that he is engaged in this meditation. This is the same kind of man, yea, the same man, that honors 1 Thessalonians 5:17, and prays without ceasing. I pause here to inquire, How well do I measure up to this standard? Are you willing to so query yourself and then profit by it? If so, the space for this column serves its purpose, otherwise it might as well be a tinkling cymbal or sounding brass.

When one has studied sufficiently to prove himself a workman that needs not to be ashamed in his effort rightly to divide the word of truth, he has a better knowledge of the Word than most do. When we are not well-versed in the original languages in which the Bible was written we may need to acquire books prepared with helps to take care of our need. All this costs money and time, but what of that? God in His Word says for us to so study. What if this takes so much of our time we fail to have time for our favorite TV programs? Well, God's Word says for us to do it if we want that peace of mind and soul the Bible says that God has for us. Even if it requires the money for books that deprive us of some of the carnal pleasures we have anticipated; such as, the attending of sports events necessary to keep us in the swing of things with these worldly-minded sports fans we enjoy, or even some of the finer foods or clothes we really did not particularly need, but must have if we make the carnal show in society we are in a habit of having.

With God first things must find first place in the obedient, happy, useful Christian's life. James wrote under the Holy Spirit's guidance (inspiration), "For let not that man think that he shall re-

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STORIES

for our youth



THE BEST ADVENTURE

IDA F. KILLIAN

AS Bruce Parker walked briskly toward Bethany Hall for evening devotions, Jimmy Johnson and Ned Bates hurried to catch up with him.

"Bruce, how about dodging tonight's service? We have a super plan. Want to be in on it?" Jimmy asked.

"You know I won't skip the meeting, but I'm a few minutes early. Let's hear it," Bruce said.

"This retreat is getting dull. Same thing day after day! How about a little real adventure?" Ned suggested.

"Swimming, fishing, and hiking along with Bible study keep us busy every minute," Bruce countered as he pushed back a strand of dark brown hair.

"That's ordinary stuff. What we mean is something exciting, maybe a bit dangerous," Jimmy said.

"Stop being mysterious. Out with it," Bruce commanded as they reached the steps of Bethany Hall.

Jimmy lowered his voice to a faint whisper. "Tonight at twelve o'clock we're going to row out near Lighthouse Point. You can catch more crabs at the inlet late at night. Want to come?"

"That's against rules. We all promised to obey Bayside Camp laws," Bruce reminded them.

Ned spoke up quickly, "If you're willing to stand at attention every minute, you might as well be at home. That obedience routine was for the dark ages. We are modern kids."

"How will you get out of our cabin? Mr. Zane sleeps near the door."

"You know Counselor Zane is a snorer. Nothing ever wakes him except a thunderstorm. The sky looks clear enough. What have we to worry about?" Jimmy stepped closer and continued, "Ned will tap your shoulder at midnight as he starts out with the lantern. You slip from bed and bring your tin of homemade cookies. I'll be right behind you."

"We'll stash buckets, nets, and bait under the seats of rowboat number six while you are at devotions. No one will miss the two of us there," Ned added hurriedly.

As Bruce left the two and slipped into the meeting, his mind was whirling like a merry-go-round. It would be fun to see the lighthouse late at night. He wouldn't be harming anyone. Perhaps he might be able to say a word to Jimmy and Ned about accepting the Lord. But another voice inside him kept saying, "You promised to obey camp rules." He tried to toss the problem from his mind, but it stuck like adhesive tape.

He couldn't concentrate on the hymns, but when Pastor Young began his brief message, Bruce's ears perked up. It seemed some sentences were being directed at him like arrows at a bull's-eye. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15). "No man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24). "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself" (16:24).

Bruce fidgeted in his seat. He thumbed through a hymnbook. But he could not tune out the meaning of those words.

When the meeting ended, he dashed outdoors to find his friends. "I don't think your plan is wise," he blurted.

"What's wrong with it?" Jimmy almost shouted, then quickly lowered his voice.

"It's—it's not—"

"Why don't you say it? You want to back out. Sure sorry I ever counted you in on it," Jimmy flung back. He grasped Bruce's shoulder. "If you squeal on us, you'll be sorry. Don't forget it."

At ten o'clock all the boys in Mr Zane's cabin were in bed with lights out Bruce was awake a long time. It would have been exciting to go on that adventure. Tomorrow the other two would whisper about it and tell what fun he had missed. Yet deep inside he knew if he could choose again, his choice would be the same. At last, he relaxed and fell asleep.

Crash! Bang! He was awakened by loud clatter overhead. His eyes popped open. Mr. Zane was near his bed closing a window.

"Violent thunderstorm," the man said softly. "Wind blowing up a gale and rain coming in everywhere." He focused his flashlight toward another window but its beam lighted two empty beds. "Where are Jimmy and Ned? It is two a.m." He gazed in disbelief.

As other boys began waking, Mr. Zane slipped into clothing and raincoat. "I'll have to notify our retreat leader. Could those boys have disobeyed rules by sleeping in some other cabin? Where else could they be?"

Bruce felt his lip tremble. He grasped the head of his bed as if to steady himself. "If you squeal on us, you'll be sorry," he seemed to hear over and over. He wondered where the boys were now. Could they survive this storm?

He jumped to his feet as Mr. Zane was ready to leave. "Wait, wait, I know where they are. They left at midnight to go crabbing at Lighthouse Point."

"How do you know?" the man asked quickly.

"They wanted me to go, but I backed out. They're in rowboat number six. Said they would stay close to the lighthouse to keep from drifting into the ocean." Bruce caught his breath, then added, "Shouldn't we call the coast guard?"

As Mr. Zane headed out into the storm Bruce realized if Jimmy and Ned were safe, they would be furious with him for tattling. But were they safe? He and all the other boys dashed to a pavilion near the shore to wait. Bruce prayed silently that they would be rescued.

Counselors were in a group talking seriously. Clusters of boys huddled together saying very little. Thunder continued to roar like an angry lion, and lightning cut jagged slits in the charcoal sky.

Bruce kept his eyes riveted on the bay. At last, he shouted, "A light. I see a light."

Through the murky blackness a light flickered, disappeared, then shone again.

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Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

MISSIONS

Pam and June In Texas-Mexico

(The Second Week, June 29, 1971)

Imagine an endless stretch of dried itches. That describes the roads which ed us to a small desolate settlement outide of Acuna. The journey was long nd tiring, but the innocent smile of a mall, young, dark child made it all vorthwhile.

After a Bible lesson for the children, ve moved inside the one-room house for hurch services. Kerosene lanterns proided light and a young Mexican pastor, uitar in hand, provided the music.

To read about a setting such as this ne is one thing, but to experience it, uch as we did, is quite another story. God's Spirit was extremely near and very real to us. As we stood to give our testimonies, we were filled with a drive such as we had never before known. We passed on to them what Jesus Christ had done for us; and for the first time, we found ourselves pleading with them to accept Christ as their Saviour. God moved in truly great ways. At the closing of the service, everyone knelt before God, praying and pleading in his own individual way. The service was inspiring and we will never lose what we gained that night. It is experiences such as this one that have caused us to love the Mexican missions.

We can feel the results of your prayers. We ask that you continue in prayer for our new family and our work in the Texas-Mexico missions. God bless you all. We love you.

Pam Temple and June Hodges

HONORARY CHAIRMAN BILLY GRAHAM

Billy Graham, widely acclaimed Christian evangelist, has been named honorary hairman of EXPLO '72, the International tudent Congress on Evangelism which is xpected to draw 100,000 students and aymen to Dallas next June.

The multitudes will train in how to hare their faith in Christ.

"The message of Christ is still the ost powerful force for change in our orld today," said Graham in accepting he position. "I believe that the train-ng and inspiration that will be given at his Dallas Congress could make EXPLO 72 the most significant and historic tudent gathering of our century."

Campus Crusade for Christ Internaional will sponsor the congress, which allas conventioneers estimate will be he largest training conference ever held n the history of the United States.

"EXPLO '72 will launch a strategy to rain one-half million people during 1972 or a spiritual explosion across America nd around the world," said Campus Crusade President, Bill Bright. "Billy Graam has accepted the leadership role beause he is greatly concerned with the tudents of America and the world."

Graham commented, "One of the greatest needs today is a world student congress. That is why I am so excited about Campus Crusade's plans." The internationally respected evangelist was honorary chairman of the World Congress on Evangelism in West Berlin in 1966 and the United States Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis in 1969.

"Operation Penetration" will follow EXPLO '72 as an extension of the nationwide training program. Hundreds of additional conferences will be held across the United States to allow the EXPLO delegates to reach still more laymen and students. "Potentially, one-half million people could be trained during the summer of 1972," Bright said. "We are seeking to saturate the entire nation with the claims of Jesus Christ by 1976."

During 1970, Campus Crusade Lay Institutes for Evangelism trained some 100,000 in how to share Christ's message. The organization, headquartered at Arrowhead Springs near San Bernardino, California, has more than 3,000 full-time staff members who are working in 45 countries.

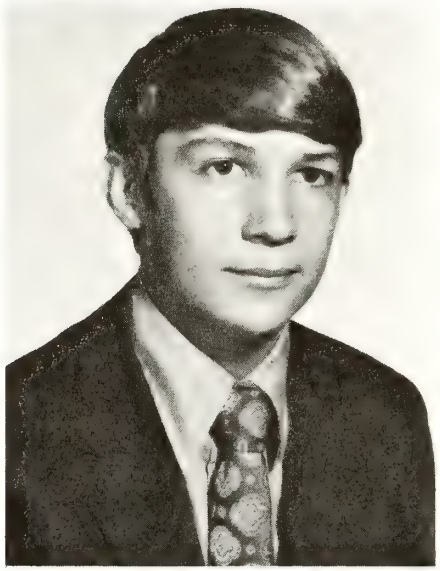
Highlighting EXPLO '72 will be a National Christian Leadership Seminar, mass sessions nightly in the Cotton Bowl, and a huge final meeting of an anticipated 250,000 in a natural ampitheatre near Dallas. National TV coverage is planned for all major meetings.

The Leadership Seminar will bring together hundreds of Christian leaders from the United States and foreign countries, to develop strategies for accelerating the spread of the claims of Christ throughout the world and the fulfillment of the Great Commission in this generation.

Campus Crusade is an interdenominational Christian movement of students and laymen, founded at UCLA in 1951 by Bright and his wife. It is designed specifically to serve as "an evangelistic arm of the local church," according to the founder.

NOTICE

The July 14 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST carried an article on Page 3 entitled, "Mission Accomplished," by Phil Lewis of Farmville, North Carolina. Due to an oversight his picture, intended for publication with the article, was omitted. Please see it below. We are proud to be able to print articles such as the one by Phil, especially during a time when most of the news media exploit youth and their activities in an unfavorable manner. It is gratifying indeed to know that Christianity is still alive and that it is not restricted to the older generation.



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This is what I found out about religion. It gives you courage to make the decisions you must make in a crisis, and then the confidence to leave the result to a higher power. Only by trust in God can a man carrying responsibilities find repose.—Dwight D. Eisenhower.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 1



Roles and Relationships Within the Family

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 5: 21—6:4

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:21

I. INTRODUCTION

A good family just doesn't happen; it takes the combined efforts of every member of the family to make it a good one. Good families make good homes, and good homes make good schools, churches, and communities. Our nation today is a reflection of the family life of its people. If we have honored God in the home we honor Him in public and political life. The reverse is true if we fail to honor Him.

There is quite a difference between a home and a house. Love builds homes, gold builds houses. In homes we find sunshine, flowers growing, warm hearts, happiness, and love. In houses we find broken hearts, hurry, nervous prostration, idleness, too much time wasted on the frivolous and trite things. The house is cold, reserved, and harsh words are heard. In the home there is peace and rest and satisfaction and unselfishness. In the home mealtime is a get-together party of shining, smiling, loving faces. In the house, the breakfast table is just an eating station between the bedroom, office, or factory.

Each of us has to decide whether his is a home or a house. The deciding factor will be the kind of family life that we have. The head of that family are father and mother, who can be a family of sorts by themselves. The children are a part of the family and it takes the very best kind of giving and taking, loving and letting love, to make the family what it should be.

Our lesson today will help us to discover what the roles each of us must play in our family if we wish it to be approved of God and mean all it should to us.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Review last Sunday's lesson and show the connection between that lesson and this one.
2. A family is made up of relationships. Today we study these relationships.

B. The Promise of God (Exodus 20:12)
1. This is the first of the Ten Commandments that deals with our relationship to men.
2. The importance of this commandment is shown by the fact that it is quoted in the New Testament six times.
3. It is the only one of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached.

C. Marriage Duties (Ephesians 5:21-27)
1. The husband is the head of the house, and is to love his wife.
2. The wife is to submit to her husband and reverence him.
3. The relationship of the husband and wife is like that of Christ and His church.

D. The Call to Love (Ephesians 5:28-33)
1. Husbands are to love their wives as they love their own body.
2. Wives are to love their husbands as the church loves Christ.
3. There is a mystery about the marriage relationship.

E. The Duties of Children (Ephesians 6: 1-4)
1. The child owes respect to his parents.
2. The child owes obedience to his parents.
3. The parents have a responsibility to the children.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

1. "In former days the word of the parents was law. Father and Mother were looked up to by their children. But today the children resent parental control. The Bible says, 'Children, obey your parents . . .' (Ephesians 6:1). Today the children say, 'Parents, you must do as we say.' The Bible says, 'Train up a child in the way he should go: . . .' (Proverbs 22:6). Today the children say, 'Let's bring our parents up-to-date.' God tells us to honor our fathers and mothers. He adds the promise of long life to that commandment. Oh, that our homes were ideal Christian homes! If there ever was a time when our parents need to pray, it is now. They need all the help that they can get.

"The great evangelist, J. Wilbur Chapman, was walking down the street with a friend in the city of Washington. This friend pointed to the glistening dome of the capitol and said, 'There is the heart of our nation.' But Mr. Chapman replied, 'You are wrong. The heart of our nation is in her homes.' As goes the home so goes the nation. If our homes fail, all that is good in our country will be lost."—W. Herschel Ford.

B. God is not only the Creator of family life; He is also the divine Revealer of a pattern and plan for successful family living. Family compatability is certain when biblical instructions are conscientiously carried out.

Husbands are exhorted to love their wives. Here is the underlying essential for all healthy, happy family relationships. Without this basic emotional involvement and commitment, there is little hope for harmony in the home.

A wife should love as much as she is loved, of course. Scriptures teach also that she should obey her husband. Someone has to be "the boss" of the family, and God prescribes that the husband and father is entitled to the "last word." Godly women submit to the judgment and decisions of the "man of the house." If a husband loves his wife as directed by God, however, his commands and demands will never be unreasonable.

Obedience is expected from the children also, according to today's New Testament text. Ages before the letter to the Ephesians was written, God had given instruction to govern the relationship between children and parents. The fifth commandment requires that children honor their fathers and mothers. Honor includes respect and obedience.

Happy, harmonious homes are those that are established and maintained according to God's will.—Standard Commentary.

C. One election day "Teddy" Roosevelt said, "As I went up the White House steps, and Edith met me at the door, I suddenly realized, no matter what the outcome of the election was, my happi-

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THE BLIGHT OF THE BUSY

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es are for members. The alcoholic wishes he could ask help of a church, but he feels he does not belong and cannot expect assistance. The church has not made him feel that it is his neighbor. The couple across the corner from the church are in marital trouble. Their home is about to fall into ruins, taking with it all their dreams and hopes. They want help, and they weep at night for help; but they do not go to the church, for it is not their church. The building is in their neighborhood, but the church is not their neighbor.

The church and the religious professional people need to take steps, first of all, to become neighbors to the people. It is not enough that they invite people to the church. They must willingly expose themselves to the suffering and ugliness of their environment.

The Man who was a friend of sinners has set us a startling example. He pushed back the circumference of His neighborhood to include the people others fenced out.

It is so easy for both the church and the minister to say the fellow is not a neighbor, but maybe the reason he isn't is upon our shoulders. Maybe that parable is talking about somebody picked up on our back streets last night, robbed, broken, ugly, and forsaken. That story is hard to get away from.—Gospel Herald.

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Questions & Answers

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ceive any thing of the Lord" (James 1:7). So one may know how to apply himself to the needs and tests he must face day by day and be so equipped in an understanding of God's Word as to conduct himself so as to be gaining knowledge and growing into a more useful and happy Christian in the passing of each day. We are told to grow by the use of the Word. That is one command or directive from God's Word either disobeyed or disregarded by too many professed Christians.

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The reason that rain keeps people away from the church is the reason the church is necessary.—Selected.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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The coast guard boat came closer and closer, heading toward shore. But where were Jimmy and Ned?

"Didn't you find them?" Bruce shouted above the thunder.

"We're here," a weak voice sounded from the bottom of the boat. Jimmy and Ned crawled to land, drenched and exhausted.

"Thank God for keeping them alive," Mr. Zane said reverently.

Bruce guessed that by tomorrow Mr. Zane would sternly discipline Jimmy and Ned, but now he was relieved that they were safe.

Walking back toward the cabin, Bruce edged his way close to Jimmy and Ned. "Are you angry with me for squealing?" he asked.

"Angry with you! You saved our lives. The boat filled with water faster than we could bail her out. We were drifting out to sea, and giant waves threw us around like sticks of driftwood," Jimmy said breathlessly.

"Tomorrow we'll find a safer adventure," Bruce said gently.

"If we're not confined to our cabins, we'll be happy to fish, swim, and hike. Neither of us will skip devotions again," Ned promised.

Later, as he snuggled into bed, Bruce realized being Christian was not always easy; however it is the best adventure anyone can have.—My Pleasure.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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ness was assured, for my life with Edith and my children constitutes my happiness."

A few years ago I visited The Hermitage, near Nashville. It was there that Andrew Jackson retired. Guides informed us that the aged Jackson would sit for hours before the open fire, in one hand an open Bible, in the other a miniature portrait of his beloved Rachel.

On her tomb, which stands near the house, we read, "Here lies the remains of Mrs. Rachel Jackson, wife of President Jackson, who died the twenty-second of December, 1828. Aged 61 years. Her face was fair, her person pleasing, her temper amiable, her heart kind. A being so gentle and so virtuous, slander might wound but could not dishonor. Even death, when he bore her from the arms of her husband, could but transport her to the bosom of God."

What love!—Bible Expositor.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Askew

On Monday, April 19, 1971, God called a faithful and beloved member, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell Askew, age 90, from us. She was in declining health for several years. For more than a year she was an invalid and became seriously ill about two days before her death.

She loved God and she exemplified this by her daily living, Christian character, and love for others.

At an early age she united with the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina. She was interested in all enterprises of the denomination and especially Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

She enjoyed company and was an inspiration to those who visited her.

She was a devoted wife and mother. She was left a widow with a young family of six children—four of whom survive: Virginia Askew, David Askew, and Mrs. Emma Mae Phillips of the home; and Mrs. Carol Willis of Vanceboro, North Carolina; ten grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was conducted April 21 by her pastor, the Rev. Leonard Woodall, and Dr. W. B. Raper, president of Mount Olive College. During the service soft organ music was rendered by Mrs. Carl Barrow.

Written by her neighbors,
Evelyn Hill
Glenn M. Hill

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A Right Heart

When Sir Walter Raleigh was beheaded, the executioner asked him whether his head lay right on the block. Raleigh's reply, his last words, went to the heart of life's deepest issue. Raleigh said, "It matters little, my friend, how the head lies, provided the heart is right."—Stanley C. Baldwin.

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We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.—Selected.

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"WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT..."

Editorial...

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WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT...

From time's beginning man has sought to be lifted from life's plaguing difficulties. He has sought here and yon to satisfy that craving of his to become contented, relaxed, and complete. He has climbed mountains and swum rivers; he has crossed deserts and groped though jungles, seeking and reaching out—to the ends of the world even—for someone or something that would give his life meaning and fulfillment.

And man has found what he wanted. He found success when he put forth the best of his efforts and strove forward toward the completion of his course. He found wealth when his success paid off financially and he was wise enough to lay aside a portion of it or invest it in some profit-making project. He found fame when his name was flashed in lights and recorded in "Who's Who" or on the social register along with other important clientele of some elite group or other. He found satisfaction with money in the bank, houses on the river, cottages at the beach, horses in the stable, cars in the garage, acres and acres of fertile land, and a family that he could love dearly. But, he did not find happiness.

Why wasn't man happy? Hadn't he realized the achievement of his most impossible dreams? Hadn't he begun with nothing and amassed a great fortune? Hadn't he come from obscurity to prestige and recognition? Hadn't he started from nowhere and come to somewhere? What more could he want? A whole lot!

Money in the bank doesn't make spending it enjoyable if one is afraid of losing it.

Houses on the river can't make one enjoy the river if one is afraid of the water.

Cottages at the beach are not much good if one is allergic to the sun.

Horses in the stable are worth little if one has never learned to ride one.

Cars in the garage are no asset unless one is well enough to go someplace.

Acres and acres of land are needless when it requires only six feet for a final resting place.

Loving one's family brings little reward unless that love is returned voluntarily.

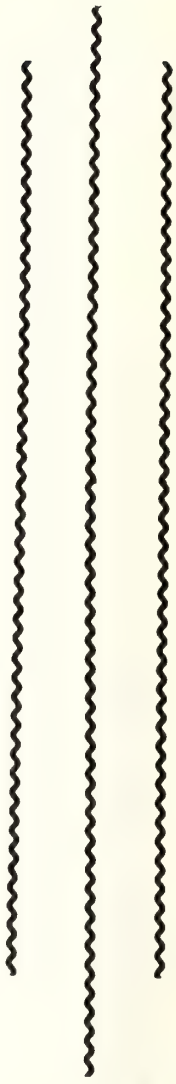
Nothing suffices without peace of mind and soul.

Contentment in the form of money, position, or prestige! It is amazing how many people strive toward these things with the exclusion of the real necessity of life, the Saviour.

We have mentioned Him so much that some people tire of His name. Even some Christians think perhaps that there are more important things to discuss than money, position, prestige, and one's personal relationship to Christ, and how life is really meaningless without Him. If you think we mention His name a little too much, just think a moment about eternity without Him! In the words of the song, "When you're hot, you're hot; and when you're not, you're not!" A totally different meaning is intended here, granted; but we still believe in a literal, burning hell for unregenerate men. Hell will be hot for those who have the misfortune of falling into it. And, people who tire of hearing the name of Christ are standing on a slippery ledge!

Certainly no man can survive this world and the next without the Saviour. Those of us who know Him can hardly conceive of anyone not wanting to know Him; yet, common sense tells us that many of the world's people think us silly and laugh at us for claiming Him. And, many of them will laugh themselves to hell without Him.

If you're inclined to laugh also, consider this: "When you're hot, you're hot . . ."



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Hippies, Hoppies, and HOPELESSNESS

by REV. WESLEY G. HUNT

NEARLY everyone is familiar with the wise maxim "Where there's life, there's hope." This particular one is easily reversible—"Where there's hope, there's life," for when people lose hope, they are apt to give up and quit.

Only the ignorant or foolish will challenge the theory that much of the confusion and chaos in modern American society is the result of a feeling of hopelessness and helplessness on the part of millions of citizens, especially the young

Though it may seem trite to some, yet it is true that the Bible, especially the message of the gospel, offers the only hope for the nation and the world. In Ephesians 2:12 the apostle describes the condition of the unbelieving as being "without Christ . . . having no hope, and without God in the world." What a truly apt description of multitudes of people today—no Christ, no God, no hope! How very hopeless such persons are in death, where, unlike the people of God (cf. Revelation 20:15), they are hopeless forever!

Without hope—those two words describe every person outside of Jesus Christ. The Christian's hope is steadfast and sure. It is a blessed hope. But the unsaved have no real hope at all.

WHO ARE THE HIPPIES?

The word "hippie" actually is a slang term meaning to be "hep," or "hip" that is, "in the know." The hippies consider themselves as those who are "where it's at," who know "what it's all about." Does it surprise you that the hippies are supposed to be "in the know"?

From all outward appearances, it would seem that the hippies have a great deal to learn, especially about soap and water and the basic principles of personal hygiene, not to mention common decency. But what do the hippies claim to know? According to the statements of their acknowledged spokesmen and leaders, they know that today's society, with its grasping, greedy, selfish drive for material things, is void of hope.

Fundamentally, the hippies are right in their diagnosis of one of the great perplexities that bother many young people. If a person looks around today, he sees little reason for optimism. He sees war, crime, violence, hatred, pollution, man against man, and race against race. Troubles, seemingly insurmountable, are on every hand. Furthermore, no one seems to know what to do about it.

Why is it that no one seems to have the answers any more? Could it be that the difficulties seem insoluble because as a people and as a nation we have forgotten God—abandoned the Bible as the chart and compass of our ship of state and, as a nation, turned our backs on Jesus Christ? Is it possible that we have as a people replaced God with goods and the rewards of faith with the wages of works?

Undoubtedly, it is more than mere coincidence that little more than a generation ago there arose a group of men in the fields of education and psychology who sought to convince the nation that God, the Bible, the law of Moses, and the Ten Commandments were no longer necessary. Of course, other men before them also had tried to sell the nation the same sinister package. Apparently, a majority of those in leadership positions in education and related fields bought the idea that man had become so smart that he didn't need God any more. In time the Bible, prayer, and references to God began to be gradually eliminated from public life.

Perhaps the hippies do have something to say to "square" America. They are crying out for help. They symbolize the hopelessness pervading our society. They are modern heralds of the Macedonian cry, "Come over . . . and help us" (Acts 16:9).

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

THE PARLOR—NOT THE KITCHEN

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:22

"Wife, I have been converted; let us put up the family altar." So cried an American lawyer as he came into his home

"Husband," said she, as she sought to restrain him from the action, "there are three lawyers in the parlor—perhaps we had better go into the kitchen to have prayer."

"Wife," said he in response, "I never invited the Lord Jesus into my house before, and I shall not take Him into the kitchen."

So, going into the parlor, he at once announced to the three lawyers that he had received Christ Jesus the Lord, and then asked them to join with him in prayer.

That new convert who took Christ into his parlor became the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, John McLean. He made a clear-cut confession of Christ as his Lord and lived to witness for Him.

The Lord Jesus encourages such, as He says, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

But He adds a warning word, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32, 33).—*Scattered Seed.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does Christ live in every room of your house? Is He with you everyday during the year, or does He just abide with you on Sunday?

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

UNITY NOT BY FORCE

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 6:6

Unity was never yet brought about by force. What, then, ought we to do? We must leave alone those who do not agree with us, and wait quietly till God shall think fit to bring us together. We must learn to be thankful if sin is opposed, and the gospel preached, and the devil's kingdom pulled down, though the work may not be done exactly in the way we like. We must praise God if souls are converted and Christ is magnified, no matter who the preacher may be and to what church he may belong. Happy are those who can say with Paul, "If Christ be preached, I rejoice; yea, and will rejoice."—*Bishop Byle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do not oppose those who disagree with you. As long as God is glorified, may we ever rejoice.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

HOLY SPIRIT UNITES

Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1

There is one thing I have noticed as I have traveled in different countries; I have never known the Spirit of God to work where the people were divided. There is one thing that we must have if we are to have the Holy Spirit of God work in our midst, and that is unity.—*D. L. Moody.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Together we stand; divided we fall." No statement could be truer. Let's make this our motto.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

STRANGE POVERTY

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:17

A Swedish writer tells of a farmer whose thoughts took living shape of gold and silver, coins, banks and barns, grains of wheat and corn, cows and pigs. These forms clouded his mind, hiding the beauty of the landscape. When he sat down to read, they settled like bees on the paper, allowing him to read only the market report and the price of cows. Just a fancy? Yes, but based on a subtle psychological fact. If we are to own money and not allow it to own us, we must have a rich soul, else we soon become victims of a strange poverty. The late Robert Horton said the greatest lesson he learned from life was that people who set their minds and hearts on money are equally disappointed whether they get it or whether they don't. It binds alike the poor who crave money and the rich who make it their god.—*Quiet Hour.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Money is simply a medium of exchange, but so many have made it their god. "The love of money is the root of all evil."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

THREE WILL KNOW

Scripture Reading—Psalm 24:4

A Chinese convert, newly brought to the faith, was being tempted by one of his countrymen to cheat. Upon his refusal, his tempter asked why. "Because three will know that I cheated," replied the native Christian. "You will know, and I will know, and heaven will know." And this applies to all lands. "All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Please keep in mind that God is everywhere. You may hide your sins for awhile from man, but God sees everything you do.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

RUSTING AT ANCHOR

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:5

A man while touring near Alexandria noticed two Turkish warships lying at anchor, and proceeded to take a picture of them. The captain of the vessel on which the tourist was traveling noticed his interest in the warships and said to him with a smile, "Yes, they look formidable enough, but they are perfectly harmless. They were anchored there eight years ago, and haven't turned a wheel since." Christians sometimes sing that glorious old hymn, "I've Anchored in Jesus." Is it not possible to be safe and yet never turn a wheel for Him?—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is our Christianity alive, or are we anchored and doing nothing for Him? May we ever be on the move for Christ!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

SIX WORKING DAYS ENOUGH

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 5:13

Sidney Cooper, R. A., was once asked, "Do you paint on Sundays?" "No," said he, "if I can't get my living in six days, I should not manage it in seven."—*H. O. Mackay.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Christ commanded that we keep His day holy. All our work should be done in six days.

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MY PROMISE

by Jimmy Raper
St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, N. C.

I promised Jesus I would do my best
The day I accepted Him in my heart.
I pray that I have withstood the test,
As each day I try to do my part.

My part for Jesus is to do His will
And to let Him be my guide;
As I climb each mountain and hill,
To let Him with me abide.

As long as He is within my soul,
I can take whatever comes my way;
Even the pain and sorrow of growing old,
When I let Jesus be my Master everyday.

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One who sins only a very little may be more dangerous to others than one who sins a great deal. A clock that is five minutes slow is more misleading than one that is five hours slow.—Selected.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

GOD'S PRESENCE AT CRAGMONT

by
DEBBIE LANCASTER
First Free Will Baptist Church
Wilson, North Carolina

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, . . ." (Matthew 28:19). These are the words that filled the hearts of ninety-four Cragmont campers the week of July 5. We left Monday morning dubious of the coming week, not knowing what to expect. Most of the campers had never been to Cragmont before and only knew what people had told them about it. Among these new campers was the YFA of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, North Carolina. This group had worked **hard** for several months raising money to be able to go to Cragmont. When they first arrived they wanted to go back home, but after the passing of a few days, God's Holy Spirit began to dwell in their hearts. They began seeking for something they did not know how to grasp. Psalm 34:4, "I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears," describes thoroughly their actions during the remaining days at Cragmont. The campers sought the Lord through prayers, discussions, and the beautiful mountains. Everywhere they looked God was there: in the mountains, trees, flowers, grass, classes, camp fires, and even the air they breathed.

By Friday night a number had been saved and many, many others were under conviction. The Young World Singers had the service Friday night, singing their inspiring songs while God's Holy Spirit spoke to every heart. The service was outside and, by looking up into the mountains and listening to the songs being sung and the testimonies, God spoke to our hearts. When the invitation was given, every person there was on his knees praying to God. Some were rededicating their lives while others were receiving Jesus as their Saviour. Out of the twenty-five teen-agers from Columbia not one went to bed that night without Jesus in his heart. I cannot put in words the wonderful blessing everyone received.

The next morning one could not imagine the change that had taken place over such a short period of time. Every person wore a smile from ear to ear, bubbling with happiness and God's love. However, our hearts were a little sad because we had to leave Cragmont where we had felt God's presence so strong. But the thought of coming home to tell others about our experience and God's love healed our sadness.

On the way home several planned a special program for Sunday morning. Among this group was the YFA from Columbia. Each person was to speak on a particular event during the week and give their testimony. God's Holy Spirit was not left at Cragmont but was taken to Columbia by these young people. Some of the kids that had never dared to stand up and talk were eager to give their testimony. Some could not finish because they started crying. When the adults saw them crying and saw how sincere they were they joined them. I thank God for these dedicated young people and may God continue to bless them!

I also thank God for Cragmont where young people may go and feel God's presence in the beautiful mountains. Many have accepted Christ as their Saviour and have accepted His call to a particular Christian service at Cragmont. After a week at Cragmont with God, many leave with a greater love for God and have His Great Commission upon their heart. "Thank you, Lord, for Cragmont."

A LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

On April 1, 1971, the Lord spoke to me. I did not know the meaning of the words, at the time, but I prayed and studied His Word trying to determine the meaning. I finally came to the conclusion that He was telling me that this summer would conclude my mission for Him here at Cragmont. Since I have been here everything has happened in such a way as to prove this to be true, leaving no doubt whatsoever in my mind. I have enjoyed being manager of Cragmont, doing what I could for the Lord and each of you who has been to a conference or just visited during these three summers. It has not all been easy, but with the Lord's help and leadership, I have tried to do my job well.

We have thoroughly enjoyed the two new buildings this summer and hope that you, as Free Will Baptists, will increase your support and get these buildings paid for and continue with the plans to build a new dining hall and kitchen and other buildings that are so desperately needed.

The devil has certainly reinforced his efforts to discredit all the hard work that has been done by some of the board members and others who have been interested in making Cragmont grow and prosper in the name of Christ our Saviour.

Conferences at Cragmont have been instrumental in young lives, being dedicated to carry the gospel to a lost and dying world. Many have accepted Christ as Saviour here at Cragmont, others have answered the call into the ministry, and still others to a closer walk with Him. Cragmont has been proven to be one of the greatest mission works of our denomination, so please continue to support her with your prayers and your money.

If we don't rally together and stop our bickering and back-biting, there won't be any more Cragmont nor even an Original Free Will Baptist denomination. ". . . Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matthew 12:25). So let's forget our jealousy and selfish pride and get back into love and harmony with one another and get this job done to glorify the name of Christ. John 9:4 says: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

Cragmont will be open until October 15, 1971. Please pray for us and come visit us before we close for the winter. Also please pray for and give your full support to the new manager next year.

Mrs. Lillian Grubbs

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Everything depends on what a man believes, for what he believes determines what he is.—Selected.

A New Year--
A New Generation--
A New Beginning
At Mount Olive College

W. BURKETTE RAPER, President

ON August 25 students will arrive for the beginning of a new year at Mount Olive College, but it will be more than just the inauguration of another academic term. This fall Mount Olive College will commemorate its twentieth anniversary, dating from September, 1951, when the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists authorized its Board of Christian Education to seek a charter for a junior college, which was issued by the Secretary of State in November of that same year.

Twenty years is the period recognized as the span of time for a generation, and so this fall Mount Olive College will move from its teen-age adolescence into adulthood. In future articles we hope to trace the history and development of the College from a dream into one of the leading church-related junior colleges of the nation; but in this article, the focus will be upon selected features which make 1971-72 truly a new beginning.

A New Calendar

For the first time in its history the College will begin its fall term in August rather than September, and in so doing the first semester will end at Christmas.

This year when students go home for the holidays they will not have final examinations, reports, and term papers hanging like a threatening cloud over their heads; and when they return in January, it will not be to grind out the finality of an elongated semester. Instead, January will mark the beginning of a new period of learning as well as a new calendar year.

The main features of the new calendar are outlined below:

Fall Semester

August 25—New Students Arrive
August 29—Fall Convocation
November 18—Founders' Day—Twentieth Anniversary
December 18—Fall Semester Ends and Christmas Vacation Begins

Spring Semester

January 10—Residence Halls Open
March 25—April 4—Easter Holidays
May 12—Spring Semester Ends
May 13—Graduation

New Methods of Instruction

For the past few years Mount Olive College has been preparing its faculty to develop more effective methods of instruction based upon the individual needs of students. The College is moving away from the traditional lock-step teaching procedures which require every student to enroll in a predetermined curriculum, attend the same classes, hear the same lectures, and take his examinations at the same time as does every other student.

Mount Olive College accepts the point of view that when the student fails the College has also failed. We now proceed on the premise that all students can learn, but not at the same rate or in the same manner. Students vary greatly in their educational backgrounds and in their capacity to learn, but every student can learn if properly taught, and our goal is to design learning experiences that are oriented to the individual needs of our students.

This fall every student will have the privilege of enrolling in one or more courses programmed upon individualized instruction, and many students will be able to complete a large portion of their courses in this manner. Under this plan a student begins in a course where he is, not where the majority of the class might be in their knowledge of that subject, and he is free to move as rapidly as he is capable or as slow as he needs to.

This procedure permits a student to accelerate his progress so that he may complete a given course in one month, or if he needs to, he may take the full academic year of nine months to complete the same course. The emphasis is upon the student learning the subject matter rather than upon conforming to a time mold that is inappropriate to him.

Three fourths of the faculty of Mount Olive College will be using individualized instruction in one or more courses during 1971-72.

New Grading System

Related to individualized instruction is a new grading system which goes into effect this fall. Under this system students will no longer be given failing grades because they will remain in a course until they have mastered the subject matter or withdraw from that course. A student will not be given grades he does not earn, but also he will not be permanently penalized because his rate and method of learning are different from other students.

Passing grades will be what they have always been:

A—Conspicious Excellence
B—Significantly Superior
C—Satisfactory
D—Passing

A student who does not pass a course does not receive credit for that course, but there is no additional penalty of recording a failure on his permanent transcript which may close future educational doors to him.

New Services to Students and the Church

This fall Mount Olive College will expand its services designed to strengthen the religious development of students

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AUTOGRAPH PARTY FOR IRENE HARRELL



Shown above is Mrs. Irene Harrell, who is holding her recently-published book, "Ordinary Days with an Extraordinary God." At her right is the Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.; and on her left is Mr. Wayne Philpott, director of public relations for Word, Inc., publishers of Mrs. Harrell's book.

Wilson Author Honored at Wilson Bible and Bookstore

THE Wilson Bible and Bookstore, Wilson, North Carolina, a branch of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., was the scene Monday, July 12, of an autograph party held for Mrs. Irene Burk Harrell, on the publication of her fifth book, "Ordinary Days with an Extraordinary God." The party was held from 2 to 9 p. m.

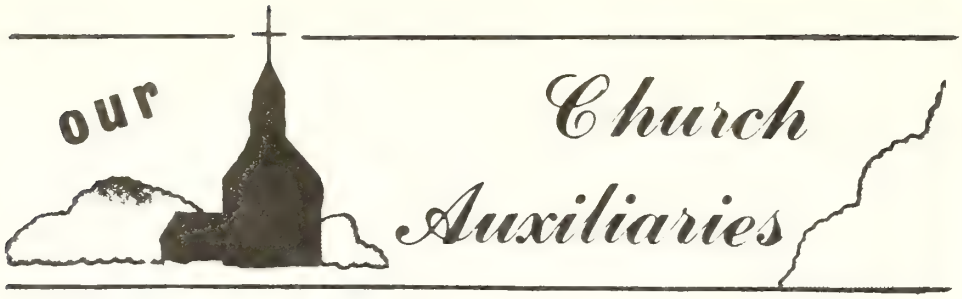
On hand for the occasion honoring the Wilson author were the Rev. Walter Reynolds of Ayden, North Carolina, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.; and Mr. Wayne Philpott of Waco, Texas, director of public relations for Word, Inc., her publishers.

Mrs. Harrell is the wife of Judge Allen W. Harrell of Wilson, and is the mother of six children. She has written four other books, and the current one is a sequel to her popular book, "Prayerables," and it contains fifty refreshing meditations of a homemaker, wife, and mother who sees God working in ordinary situations. Copies of "Ordinary Days with an Extraordinary God" have been presented to the Wilson County Public Library; the First Christian Church of Wilson, where Mrs. Harrell holds membership; and Virginia Lewis, about whom Mrs. Harrell has written in some of her books.

A good representation of the public attended the autograph party in Mrs. Harrell's honor, and many who had not visited the Wilson Bible and Bookstore took this opportunity to view its well-stocked variety of books and gift ideas. Copies of Mrs. Harrell's books, including this most recent one, are available at the Press and its branch stores.

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You feed your body twenty-one times a week, whether it is hungry or not. Then why not throw your soul a bone once a week at least, even if it doesn't seem hungry? The poor thing may be too weak from starvation to make its wants known.—John Andrew Holmes.



MAY GOD DEPEND ON YOU?

In Ezekiel 22:30 we read these words, "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Israel was God's chosen people and He loved them dearly; but so often He was made to grieve and forced to punish them because of their sins of selfishness, complacency, and idol worship.

In the above Scripture the priests, princes, prophets, and people had become so involved in sin that there was not one man that God could call upon to stand in the gap that He might not have to destroy the land.

In testing Peter's motive for service to his Master, Jesus said to him: ". . . Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He said unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He said unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith unto him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He said unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He said unto him, Feed my sheep. He said unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17).

Jesus said to His apostles just before His ascension, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

His commission to the eleven disciples before ascending to His Father after His resurrection was: ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16: 15, 16).

Today, more than ever before, because time is running out, He is coming soon to claim His bride (the church). Jesus is pleadingly calling out to His born-again children, "Do you love me?" "Yes, Lord, I love you," you should be able to say to Him. With anxious tears He says, "Go, preach, teach, witness, feed my sheep, feed my lambs; win the lost at any cost!"

Children of God, through the precious blood of Jesus, will you answer His call? May He depend on you to stand in the gap that bridges the pathway between heaven and hell, proclaiming the gospel truth that will lead lost souls out of the darkness of sin into His marvelous light?

Don't forget the Mission Evangelism Conference July 30, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Let's be much in prayer that God will strengthen us spiritually, and His Holy Spirit inspire us throughout this conference, that we might be the Christian witnesses that He can depend upon to witness to His saving grace to lost souls at home, abroad, and unto the uttermost ends of the earth.

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MY NEW BIRTH

by Jimmy Raper
St. Paul Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

I praise my God as I recall
The day I stood and listened to the altar call.
My life had been meaningless and full of sin,
And I was ashamed of the condition it was in.
I had partaken of the world; now it was strange
How my life was at the place there had to be change.
This world had given me nothing to ease my aching heart,
But in that little church Jesus was waiting, His forgiveness to impart.

My heart was heavy the day I made that decision;
As my Lord spoke to me, my mind was shaken with division.
I had heard how the blood of Christ could wash my sins away
If I would accept Him, come to the altar, and kneel and pray.
With an effort, I put my foot forward
And felt my burdens begin to lift as I went toward
The altar, where I met my precious Saviour
And in that wonderful moment His nearness I did savor.

When I think back on my wasted, sinful life,
Filled with hate, pain, and strife;
It's still a wonder that God wanted me
And from my sins was willing to set me free.
I'm so thankful that I did decide
To keep my Lord Jesus by my side;
Because now as I face each new day,
He is there to guide me every step of the way.

Mrs. Warren Meads, a member of the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, states: "Brother Raper is an inspiration to all of us here at St. Paul. By his hard work and many efforts for God's kingdom, he has truly endeared himself to all who have come to know and love him. We thank God for Brother Jimmy."

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MISSIONS

NEWS FROM THE HAROLD JONESES

Sandra Jones Writes:

We are doing fine. This is the third week we have been living in Quezon City (June 24). Brother Ingram (Joseph Ingram, missions director) will be getting some new slides soon about our trip from Davao to Manila. We have a nice apartment here. It is a compound of four apartments and everyone living here are Americans. One couple are missionaries and the other two are students in the university. This place is so much larger and modern that it seems like another world. I really like a small town better.

Today (July 6) is a big day for Wendy. She started to kindergarten this morning. She was very excited and it was hard for her to sleep last night. They have very cute uniforms of yellow and royal blue—pantsuits, coulottes, and short sets. Harold and I were talking about Wendy that she has always been in school. When we were in Bible college in South Carolina she stayed in a nursery, in Davao she went to nursery school, and now kindergarten. I surely hope she doesn't get tired of school before she starts to school. So far she has really enjoyed it.

Language school for us starts on July 26. I know we will be very busy then. It will require a lot of studying. Please continue to pray for us during this time of preparation and study.

Harold Jones Writes:

The Lord has impressed upon our hearts and minds the need in Palawan. After some investigation I learned there were only two groups working there plus two independent missionaries. After much prayer and contact with the mission board it was decided that this is where we would go.

I met a Filipino who had a burden for Palawan. Brother Perocillo will be our first national worker here in the Philippines. He will move to Palawan at the same time we do. The opportunities are truly great. We pray the Lord will use us to reap a great harvest of souls in Palawan.

We left Davao on May 27 and after 6½ days arrived in Manila. It was a trip we shall never forget. We traveled on a cargo ship. It was really loaded with everything—animals, people, and cargo. We all agree that air travel is best.

After arriving in Manila we stayed in a missionary guest house until we could buy furniture and move into an apartment. That took us three days. We are settled now and it really seems good. We have met some very fine missionaries here and have had some wonderful fellowships in the Lord with them.

We are looking forward to language school. It starts July 26 and ends in April, 1972. We will go to school for five hours a day. Please pray that the Lord will give us understanding of the language. Our work depends on this.

I am going to Palawan next week to make a survey of the area and to check on housing.

Please continue to pray for our work here and may God bless each of you.

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Too Busy

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do.
I said, "You get somebody else, or wait till I am through!"
I don't know how the Lord came out, but He seemed to get along;
But I felt kind of sneaking like, 'cause I knew I'd done Him wrong.
One day I needed the Lord—needed Him right away;
And He never answered me at all, but I could hear Him say
In my accusing heart, "Mister, I've got too much to do.
You get somebody else, or wait till I am through."
Now, when the Lord has a job for me, I never try to shirk;
I drop whatever I have on hand and do the good Lord's work.

—Selected.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

James E. Warren, a licensed minister from the Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he would like to pastor a church on a part-time basis or as a supply pastor. He states that he has been preaching a little over a year and can begin serving any church immediately. If any church desires his services you may contact him by writing 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; or by telephoning 527-1648.

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Mr. Bobby Jones has been licensed by the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and is now seeking full-time, part-time, or supply work. He may be contacted by writing him at Route 5, Box 88, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; or by telephoning 638-2404.

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Where there is love, there must be faith;
And where there is faith, there is peace indeed;
Where there is peace, there must be God—
And where there is God, there is no need.

—Author Unknown.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Is it possible for a murderer o get saved?

Answer: Yes! I think the Bible is clear n its answer to your question. It says, Come now, and let us reason together, aith the LORD: though your sins be as carlet, they shall be as white as snow; hough they be red like crimson, they hall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18); "Let the vicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have nercy upon him; and to our God, for he vill abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7); I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy ransgressions for mine own sake, and vill not remember thy sins. Put me in emembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justied" (Isaiah 43:25, 26); "To the praise f the glory of his grace, wherein he ath made us accepted in the beloved. n whom we have redemption through is blood, the forgiveness of sins, acording to the riches of his grace" phesians 1:6, 7).

When one's sins "be as scarlet," they re the sins of one who has shed the lood of another. That was true of ain who slew his brother Abel, when e had given over to the passion of jealusy and anger because his brother and is offering were accepted by God. bel's offering had been offered accordng to God's commandment, while Cain's vas rejected, being offered by one who cted according to his own sinful deires and plan.

Absalom, David's most handsome son, ecause of hate and a desire for reenge, slew his brother. His sins were s scarlet. We have no knowledge that ither of these were forgiven. The thief n the cross was in their class; but instead of persuing his own way of life s a robber, thief, and murderer, he urned to Jesus and was forgiven and vas accepted and brought that very day vith Jesus into paradise.

John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, aid: "If we confess our sins, he is faithul and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). When one makes a verbal confession and does not appear before God with a broken and contrite heart, that in the Bible's teaching is not true confession. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief" (Proverbs 28:13, 14); "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10); "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Psalm 66:18); "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance" (Psalm 90:8); "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

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Question: Did Jesus sing hymns?

Answer: No record I know of declares such a fact; however, we do read "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives" (Matthew 26:30). (Compare Mark 14:26.) What the disciples and probably Jesus sang, as mentioned here, was most likely the chant the Jews called "The Great Hallel," and which consists of segments of Psalms 115; 116; 117; and 118; these parts being sung at the close of the Passover.

George E. Sandison says: "It is hardly conceivable that the eleven disciples should have been singing to cheer their sorrowing hearts and that their Lord should have stood silently beside them." To this I heartily agree.

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Question: Please explain, "But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:34). Compared with "Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release" (Deuteronomy 15:3); and "Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it" (Deuteronomy 23:20).

Answer: We need not press the first text (Leviticus 19:34) as prescribing that absolutely no distinction is to be made between a foreigner and a Jew that is a native-born Israelite, for such is not necessarily correct.

On the other hand, the first text may allude to a stranger—a person not a descendant of Jacob that has become a proselyte. The other two verses, Deuteronomy 15:3; 23:20, refer to one who has not been made a Jew through the laws prescribed.

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World Day of Prayer Observance

"Rivers of Living Water" is the theme for the 1972 World Day of Prayer observance set for March 3, it was announced here by Dr. Billy A. Melvin, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Churches across the nation and around the world observe this special day on the Protestant church calendar each year.

The theme is taken from a citation in John's Gospel which refers to the activity of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer: "On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink; He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water" (see John 7:37, 38).

The author of the worship service booklet is Dr. Carl Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Lundquist is a noted Bible scholar with particular interests in devotional studies.

Bible-centered worship materials for the World Day of Prayer are available free of charge from the National Association of Evangelicals. A sample copy may be secured by writing the National Association of Evangelicals, P. O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

STORIES

for our youth



TO WIN THE GAME

KEITH E. MILLER

JERRY ground his toe into the dirt inside home plate as he watched the conference in progress on the pitcher's mound. He felt like one miserable fellow, and he well might feel that way. He had played ball for a long time, and he had played far better than this. Why, just last year he had played for the team sponsored by Wyatt's Friendly Market and finished with the highest batting average.

He was doing all right most of the time this year, but he couldn't seem to play as well as he knew he was capable of playing. Take this game, for instance. He'd been doing fine up until now. Maybe it was from the pressure of trying to live a Christian life and erase his old reputation as a hothead.

There were six teams in the city league for teen-age boys, and theirs was the only church-sponsored team in the league. Of course, being on a church team alone was quite an undertaking. One had to show good sportsmanship, and this was especially true for Jerry with his past record.

Last year he had even been kicked out of a game because of his temper. This year he had come close to it a few times, too. But ever since last fall when his best friend, John Jacobs, their team's second baseman, had won him to Christ, Jerry had been fighting his terrible habit.

Last week they had easily won their first game over the local boy scout team, and they had been planning to go all the way this season, when this had happened. Jerry bit his tongue hard to keep from mouthing off to the umpire, standing right behind him. He knew that his time of testing had come.

They were in the last of the ninth inning. Tom Nevens, the catcher, was on second base, and there were two men away. The ball Jerry had just hit had been tagged "home run" all the way. Unfortunately the cheers of his teammates and the pleasure of the wind whistling past his ears as he zipped around the bases had been interrupted by the umpire's call: "Foul ball!"

Jerry's heart was beating rapidly, partly from running around the bases and partly from his anger at the umpire's call. It sure looked like a fair ball to him—close but fair! And the pastor's exclamation of surprise from the bench confirmed his belief that the ball had been fair.

This was the limit! What could be worse than to have the privilege of winning a game taken away by those two short words? Finally, the outfielder found the ball in the deep grass across the fence. The umpire called: "Play ball!"

Jerry's hands were perspiring as he rubbed some dirt on them to help his grip on the bat. As he stepped into the batter's box, he heard the taunts of the infielders. Apparently, they were trying to see just how far they could push him. Breathing a prayer for help, Jerry managed to hold his mouth firmly shut.

With the count, two and two, Jerry noticed the pitcher smile at the first baseman, and then rub the ball real hard. The next pitch came in close, too close. He had to hit the dirt, and then the jeers rang out heartily. With a full count, Jerry set his jaw, and as the ball came toward him, he measured it carefully and swung again, but there was nothing there.

"You're out!" yelled the umpire. The game was over. They had lost.

Before he could think, Jerry started t throw his bat, but he caught himsel just in time. He carried it over, an very deliberately placed it carefully i the bat rack.

Pastor Allan, their team's coach, walk ed toward him and clapped Jerry on th back. "You know, Jerry," he said quiet ly, "even though we lost one game we've won a more important one haven't we?"

Jerry thought a moment, and then h nodded his head.

"I'm proud of you," the pastor endec as he turned to walk away.

Suddenly Jerry felt a lot happie about the whole game, but what sounc ed even better was the apology he re ceived from the other team's pitcher.

"You know," the other team playe added, "for a minute I thought you wer the same old Jerry we played agains last year, but I guess Christianity did d something for you."

Jerry swung his jacket over hi shoulder and started down the stree with the rest of the team for a drink a the soda shop. After all, there woul be more ball games. Today's was specia because he had proved something to him self—with the Lord's help, good-by ten per! Sometimes there are more impor tant victories than having the highes score. Today was such a victory.—M Pleasure.

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The Free Will Baptist Press has recently printed a marriage certificate that has been in demand for sometime.

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A New Year– A New Generation– A New Beginning

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and at the same time expand our services to the Free Will Baptist denomination. The appointment of a College chaplain who has had clinical training and experience in counseling will enable us to minister more effectively to students who confront special problems in their personal and religious growth.

A department of denominational services is being set up through which the College will offer workshops, conferences, seminars, and special courses for laymen, ministers, and young people both on and off-campus.

As a part of their study at Mount Olive College, students preparing for the ministry and other church-related vocations will be given supervised work opportunities under experienced ministers. This "on the field" work will be an integral part of the education provided by the College and will be incorporated into our financial aid program. The intent of this plan is that the student will learn from those who know by experience and he will learn by performing and not by just listening in the classroom.

Summary

Mount Olive College enters a new era with the confidence that it is not only needed but that it is prepared to render meaningful and effective service to its students and the Free Will Baptist denomination to which it is committed in Christian love.

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Our highest faith is born of what is deepest within our hearts; it is best to believe the best and wisest to trust it.— Selected.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 8



The Family Finding Reconciliation

Lesson Text: Genesis 27:44, 45; 33:4-11

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:32

I. INTRODUCTION

This is our third lesson on the family. Two weeks ago we studied the purpose of the family, and last Sunday we studied about the relationships that exist between members of the family. Today we study about how members of the family may be reconciled when trouble comes. Ideally, there would be no trouble or misunderstandings between members of the family, but things are not always ideal. It is said that the great evangelist Sam Jones once asked in a large congregation for the man to stand who had never had any angry words with his wife. One man stood. Then Mr. Jones asked everyone to take a look at the biggest liar in the crowd. The fact is families do have misunderstandings. This does not mean that they do not love each other, and that they are not happy together. This lesson on how to reconcile difficulties in the family is an important one.

Our printed Scripture is taken from the story of Jacob and Esau in the Book of Genesis. Esau being the older of the two was, according to the law of primogeniture, entitled to become the head of the family upon the death of their father, Isaac. The first part of Genesis 27 tells the story of how Jacob with the aid of his mother, Rebekah, deceived Isaac and got the blessings that rightly belonged to Esau. When Esau and Isaac became aware of what had happened, they were upset, and this caused trouble in the family.

Our printed Scripture tells the story of how this broken family relationship was healed. As we study these Scriptures, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will give us some help for our own ailing relationships within the family.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. An uncontrolled moment of wrath can cause a lifetime of regret (Genesis 27:44; cf. Ephesians 4:26).

B. Rebekah had no one to blame but herself concerning the loss of her two sons (Genesis 27:45).

C. Twenty years of separation were enough to erase the enmity in Esau's heart over the loss of the blessing to Jacob (33:4).

D. It's a good thing for us to praise God for our families and all our possessions (vv. 5-7).

E. Christians ought to be willing to demonstrate love by sharing their material wealth (v. 8).

F. Sometimes a worldling shames a believer by being first to show a magnanimous attitude (v. 9).

G. An effective way to witness to an unsaved man is to inform him that God has brought him to the place of opportunity (v. 10).

H. Persistence is a good quality for one who is walking in the will of God (v. 11).

—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The broken home, whatever its cause, is having disastrous results in modern society. Some homes are disrupted by divorce. Others are torn by strife within, even though not outwardly dissolved by law. Homes of both these kinds contribute to the spiritual and moral disintegration that appalls us today. Discord in the home plants in the hearts of the young the seed that bears fruit in wasted lives, neurotic personalities, juvenile delinquencies, and criminal acts.

A Harvard study indicates that three out of five juveniles appearing in criminal courts come from homes where the parents are separated or there is pronounced discord in the home.

Our Bible text tells the story of a family conflict that threatened to end in murder. This extreme was avoided by an anxious and wise mother who sent one son away till anger cooled. Fellowship ceased for a long time, but at las the breach was healed when the love o both brothers gained the supremacy ove jealousy. If we can apply the same prin ciples of wisdom and love to all hom relationships, many of our present-da problems will be solved.

On the other hand, the lesson ca teach us that many of our problems o discord in the home would never aris if we were not selfish and covetou Twin sins stalk through the story in ou text. One is the lust for self-gratific tion that caused Esau to sell his birth right too cheap. The other is the lus for preeminence, power, and privilege that led Jacob to cheat Esau. These sam two sins are major causes of turmoil an strife in the home and in society toda —Standard Commentary.

B. John Newton once said, "For m part, if my pocket was full of stones, have no right to throw one at the grea est backslider upon earth. I have eithe done as bad or worse than he, or I ce tainly should if the Lord had left me little to myself; for I am made of jus the same materials: if there be any di ference, it is wholly of grace."

Learn a lesson from the lovely ros bush. Among all the thorns are th lovely roses. If we look at the thorn only we become discouraged, but as w gaze upon the roses we are filled wit joy for what God has done. The rose are like the many graces in a thorny lif without them we would be destitut Thank God for His grace!—The Advance Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. He was a wild and reckless youn man, bringing premature age and hear break to his godly parents. He commi ted a crime in a distant state and wa sent to the state prison. His paren never visited him because of their po erty, but they did write.

Riding the train toward his home a ter his release, he confided his story a preacher sitting next to him. He ha written to his parents, asking forgiv ness in the most humble way. And they forgave him, they were to hang white towel in the apple tree in th front yard.

As the train approached their litt farm, he was afraid to look, so he aske the minister to watch for him. Sudden the minister grabbed the young man an shouted, "Look!" And when he looke he saw that the apple tree in the fro yard was filled with white towels, e tending the assurance of mercy, forgiv ness, and love to the wayward son.—I ble Expositor.

HIPPIES, HOPPIES, AND HOPELESSNESS

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The hippie movement—and related ovements—is an attempt to escape ality rather than face it. The power-ssness, hypocrisy, and godlessness of e professing church have been able to ovide no adequate answers. The more eral churches that are not able to lve the problems have evidently decid-to join the "unhinged generation."

HO ARE THE HOPPIES?

"Hop" is a slang term for drugs or pe. Those who are addicted to drugs e often called "hopheads" or "hop-es." A marijuana smoker is a "poppy-ppy."

The drug problem in our country is aching frightening proportions. Some lls show that more than 60 percent high school and college-age young ople have tried or are "hooked" on me type of drug. Addiction to drugs w competes with alcoholism as Ameri-'s number one social problem. Regu-drug users may number more than n million. The statistics can be umerated **"ad nauseam."** But most nericans are becoming quite aware of e staggering number of people, most-youths under thirty, now involved in e drug culture.

But what kind of person becomes a pill dict, a "pot" smoker, an alcoholic? Is a contented, well-adjusted, happy ember of society? Hardly. The un-ppy, the frustrated, the malcontents, d the hopeless are the victims of the xious weed and the hell of halluci-genic-drug addiction. And these peo-e are crying out for help and hope.

What dope addicts, or "hopheads," y to us simply confirms the Word of d. Believers in fellowship with Jesus rist do not become dope addicts, or n the hippies or some other cop-out, opout culture. To be without Christ d without God is to be without hope. d when hope dies, so do the will to nction as a decent member of society, e challenge to achieve, and often even e will to live!

The weird, wild, way-out happenings the United States, and, in the rest of e world as well, are nothing less than mptoms of the utter despair and hope-ssness engendered by the rising tide godlessness and anti-Christian doc-ne being cleverly sown in present-day ciety. "Righteousness exalteth a na-tion," says the Word of God, "but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14: 34).

Not only hippies and hoppies, but alcoholism, the mad desire for pleasure, the yearly increase in the rate of major crimes of all types, the steadily increasing suicide and homicide rates are all indications of the underlying despair and hopelessness of a seriously sick society and world.

Doubtless, the widespread participation of the young in "pot" parties and other drug orgies only magnifies the general hopelessness that pervades the present generation, a generation for the most part "without Christ . . . having no hope, and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).

WHAT CAN WE DO?

To many Christians the solution is so simple as to seem absurd. But what do the hopeless need? Obviously, they need an injection of genuine hope. They need something worth living for and dying for—a cause to believe in and a purpose in life.

But who will provide those essential ingredients of hope? If Christians do not, then false hope will be held out by the Communists, by unscrupulous politicians, and by the liberal, left-leaning churches. Obviously such synthetic hope-inducers cannot offer genuine, lasting hope.

The Bible has a great deal to say about hope. Now, hope in the Bible refers to that which is certain but as yet unrealized. The coming of Jesus for the church, for example, is referred to as a blessed hope because the coming of Jesus is certain but as yet unrealized. The certain attainment of full redemption in glory is depicted as "hope" (cf. Colossians 1:5). The God of the Bible is designated as "the God of hope" who can make those who trust Him "abound in hope" (Romans 15:13).

Only in Christ is there the "full assurance of hope" for every person who believes (Hebrews 6:11). Surely, the only hope for a hopeless generation is the hope revealed in Jesus Christ, which is "sure and stedfast" (v. 19) and made secure by the presence and power of Jesus Christ himself.

Apart from hope in Christ Jesus, who is eternal and immutable, what are the alternatives? Where can both the young and old turn to find a continuing sense of reality, an adequate purpose for existence, a system of perfect equality and justice, and a hope that is steadfast and sure? There simply are no alternatives. All that any man-made system or philosophy can offer is a temporary and uncertain future based on fallible and questionable principles.

How different, then, is the hope that is extended through the gospel of Christ! Here is a hope that embraces forgiveness, life, and meaningful existence, not only now but for eternity. Without Christ there is no hope for the nation, for the world, or for the heart-hungry and heartsick of earth.

What the hippie needs is hope, and the only reasonable hope is Jesus Christ. What the "hoppie," or drug addict, needs is Jesus Christ, for only in Him is there hope for relief and release. What all this hopeless world of mankind needs in an hour when the whole creation seems to be teetering on a precipice is the true hope of the world, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Too many Christians are merely repelled at the thought of a filthy body hung about with love beads and topped with frizzly, unkempt hair. They shudder when they read about the rock festivals, the "pot" parties, and the licentious living of the rebellious young. The Christian heart that is supposed to be filled with compassion for all the lost is more often filled with nausea at the sight or the sound of the "turned on" generation.

Nevertheless, the recklessness and rebellion of the young can be interpreted as a cry for help. And if it is, who will respond to their cry? No one but the Christian has the answer they need—nothing less than the gospel, which can fill those empty hearts. No one but Jesus Christ is able to satisfy the helpless and hopeless.—Gospel Herald.

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If we have faith that intelligence directs life, that at the end of it all is purpose and at the heart of it all is love, we can face life on its own ground.—Selected.

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I MET VIRGIL . . .



Editorial...

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I MET VIRGIL . . .

It was Tuesday, July twentieth—a warm, sunshiny day with blue skies and white clouds. It was much like many other summer days that I have known, except for the fact that this was the day I was to meet Virgil.

Virgil had written me several times, and I had responded to his letters. I had been impressed with his manner of expression and the things he had written. I had learned to know him through his correspondence, but I had never seen his face. I like to see people's faces when I talk to them; and I wanted to see Virgil's.

Virgil lives at Central Prison in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he is serving a twenty-five-year sentence. For a young man in his early twenties, this seems a long time. If he serves that long he'll be fifty or so when he gets out—an old man in the eyes of budding youth.

But Virgil committed a crime sometime ago. He was involved in a robbery in which an officer of the law was killed; and though he didn't do the shooting, he nevertheless was involved and must pay his debt to society.

And, he has served two years. To Virgil it must seem as though an eternity of lockup is facing him; but Virgil did wrong—and he admits it and understands the consequences. Yet, he is not bitter. He has found something that he didn't have before. He has found forgiveness of sins. He is a changed person. His fellow prisoners see it; the guards see it. Even in the silence of his cell it is evident. He prays; he reads the Holy Book; perhaps he even cries at times. There is no shame in tears. Sometimes it takes a big man to cry . . .

Virgil has grown a lot since he's been in prison. He's clean and fresh looking and is polite and undemanding in manner. He projects a quiet dignity, a special kind of pride even in humility; and though he looks sad at times, there is an unmistakable happiness when he speaks of his new found joy, that of knowing the One above.

There are unhappy moments though—there have to be—for Virgil misses his family, his children. He longs to embrace them and wants so much to wipe their tears and assure them that everything is all right. But everything isn't really all right. It can't ever be as long as Virgil is in prison. It's a dark, dismal place, despite the eletcric lights or would-be comforts. But Virgil must stay there until he is released, because the error of his ways placed him there.

Repentance has done his soul good, but time must still be served until for the good of society he is considered fit once more to associate and mingle with those whom he has hurt . . .

I'm glad I met Virgil. He talks about wanting to help others—and he probably will someday. He's now in a program of rehabilitation where he's learning how to counsel with other prisoners. According to authorities, Virgil shows much promise. He will probably pass the course and be untold help to others who need a real friend . . .

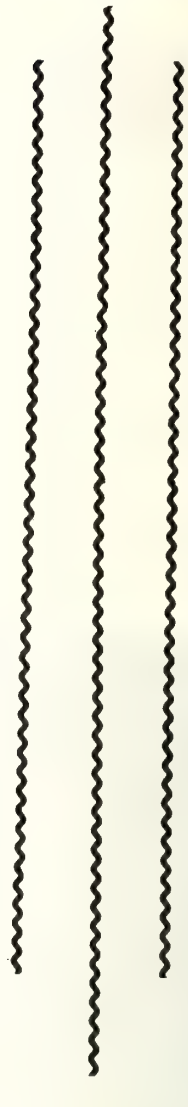
Virgil is only one prisoner among so many. So, why is Virgil so important? Because Virgil is a human being; he has a soul and feelings. Certainly he should pay for what he's done—and he is paying. Yet, isn't it wonderful that in despair he has found hope? Isn't it wonderful that in the loneliest of lonelies, he has a Friend? Isn't it wonderful that he wants others to know this Friend?

I went to see Virgil July twentieth, and when the electric gate closed behind me I felt trapped. I felt helpless and alone, even though a trusted minister friend walked by my side—even though I knew that I could get out by merely presenting my card. Think how Virgil and the others must feel . . .

Be warned, dear friends; consider your thoughts before they become actions, lest someday you too hear the big door shut, sealing for some period of time a portion of your life that will no longer be your own—ten, twenty, or thirty years behind bars—away from freedom and sometimes away from hope, risking perhaps eternity away from God.

Virgil needs your prayers. Prison is no pretty place, though it's needed. And prison is not an easy place to stay close to God . . .

I met Virgil July twentieth, and I have high hopes for him. You see, when I left him he asked God to bless **me.** If he were I and I were he, I wonder if I could have done as much for **him . . .**



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Going-Going-Under the HAMMER!

by LOIS HOADLEY DICK

THREE, who'll give me three? Got three —three—who'll give me three and a half? Do I hear three and a half? Now who'll give me four?" The throaty chant built up until it almost hypnotized everyone in the crowded hall where the auction was being held.

"No Smoking" signs hung around the walls. There were no profanity, no chewing of tobacco, no risque stories, and no wisecracks at the expense of someone in the audience. There were no "shills" planted to help raise the bidding and no passing off of fake items as the genuine thing.

"He's sure changed." An old-timer jerked a thumb toward the stage as he sipped coffee in the third row.

The audience held numbered wooden paddles, ready to lift them in bidding. A smartly dressed young lady clutched several brown bundles to keep them from slipping off her lap. "It's like a disease," she sighed, "but I wouldn't miss one of these auctions for anything!"

She was interrupted by a shriek from an ecstatic housewife who had bought a carton of junk for two dollars and had just discovered at the bottom of it a copper creamer and a moustache cup—a rare find!

"Going — going — going for ten-fifty! Going—and gone! To number twenty-two, the gentleman in the red shirt." Don Castner, auctioneer and manager of Castner Estate Service, carefully handed down a cut glass bowl to his helper, who delivered it to the man in the red shirt.

"I remember when he played in the dance bands and called square sets and such," the old-timer rambled on to the woman next to him. "He was a regular radio and TV amateur with the guitar. Now he's got this program, 'Contact,' preaching and—"

"He's our chaplain," cut in a visiting auctioneer from the New Jersey State Society of Auctioneers.

"He belongs to the Gideons," said an elderly man in the row behind as he bent forward to add his bit.

"But what happened to Don?" the old-timer persisted.

A schoolteacher spoke up, "He was converted," she said briskly. "Why, there was such a drastic change in his life that his son was astounded! Young Leon was only in the seventh grade, but he immediately decided to enter Christian service. Now he's going through seminary."

The bidding began on a collection of Lamoge and Bavarian cups. This auction was only one of many in which Don Castner was determined to apply Christian principles to his business.

Don Castner was born and reared in the New Jersey foothills. Living next door to an auctioneer, helping other people to move, and seeing thereby many different kinds of furniture, he naturally came to have an interest in antiques.

After high school and a term with the army paratroopers, he returned from Germany with a wife and attended the Reppert School of Auctioneering in Decatur, Indiana. There he learned the business of buying, selling, establishing values, public speaking, psychology, and the pedigree study of animals. He returned to Lafayette, New Jersey, and hung out his shingle.

The next three years were full of surprises, but the biggest surprise was still in the future. At one auction Don had an audience of five hundred at a farm which had been in the same family for four generations. An 1894 portable forge and the contents of a little red blacksmith shop with old tools went for $200. "I want it to sit in my barn for a hundred years," said the nostalgic buyer. A 150-year-old one-horse cutter sold for $165. Antique hunters, both dealers and private buyers, eagerly bid on a handmade hogshead, 150 years old.

"It's a healthy sign," Don said, "this thriving interest in genuine Americana."

Like all auctioneers, Don has a favorite story. His is about an auctioneer who was selling a large cage containing a parrot which was guaranteed to talk. Although the bird would not perform for the audience, after much spirited bidding, it was sold. As the buyer carried the parrot to his car, he looked at it and said, "For the price I paid for you, I sure hope you can taik." The parrot replied, "Who do you think was bidding against you?"

At one auction, a small girl approached Don and said, "Mr. Castner, were you really making all that noise?" Upon being assured the "noise" of chanting was all Don, the child replied, "I thought they did that only on television!"

One time he was really shaken up when he opened a chest and found a canister containing the ashes of "Charlie R." He returned it to the lady owner, who took one look—and promptly fainted!

In October, 1957, Don got a surprise that outdid all the surprises of auctioneering. He had been teaching a Sunday school class of fifth and sixth graders in the Lafayette Federated Church, not realizing that he himself needed a personal experience with the Lord. One Saturday night he took the class to town to hear Jack Wyrtzen, and he "got the message"! He was the one who needed salvation! The Sunday school class sat

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

FOR WE KNOW

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:12

"For I know whom I have believed!"
What wondrous blessings overflow,
When we can truly say, "I know"—
I know in whom I have believed,
I know the One I have received,
I know His blood avails for me,
I know that I was blind, but see,
I know that my Redeemer lives,
I know the gift He freely gives,
I know He'll keep me to the end,
I know He's my unfailing Friend,
I know He's coming in the sky,
I know the time is drawing nigh.
—*R. E. Neighbour.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How wonderful to know the Lord! How wonderful to know that He is all in all and that He holds incomparable riches for those who give themselves to Him.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

TIME TO RENEW THE ALTAR

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 8:11

Mr. Moody once told of an aged Christian, with many active years of faithful service to his credit. Circumstances caused him to lose out in Christian experience in a measure. After consideration of mental and spiritual conflict he came to entertain the mistaken conclusion that it was the will of God for him to be lost. Then something whispered within him: "Suppose there is a hell for you, what would you, with your disposition and habits, do there?" The quick answer was, "I would set up a prayer meeting," and with the words came the light of God to show him the absurdity of it all. He put away backsliding out of his heart, and renewed the altar of the Lord.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The backslider need not lose all hope. If he renews himself to the Lord, the Lord will accept him again into the fold.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

CONTINUAL PREACHING

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:7

At the tender age of eleven years, Dr. Kelly said, "I began the lifelong habit of carrying a New Testament, or some portion of Scripture, in my pocket." He constantly gives out portions of the New Testament, saying, "Here's my card." With the nurses of the Kelly Hospital for three mornings of the week, at seven o'clock when the night nurses are leaving duty and the other nurses are coming on duty, he meets for Bible reading and prayer. On three other mornings of the week he meets the servants of his home for Bible reading and prayer. On every morning of the week he meets with the members of his family for the same holy purpose.—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The best way of spreading the gospel is by living it. Are you living it today or are you just "playing" at it?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

WHICH STAGE IS YOURS?

Scripture Reading—Revelation 2:7

There are three stages of Bible study: first, the cod-liver-oil stage, when you take it like medicine, because it is good for you; second, the shredded wheat biscuit, dry, but nourishing; third, the peaches and cream stage. Have you reached the third stage?—*Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Bible study is important for the Christian. This is one of the best ways of getting close to God and staying there.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

CHRIST ON EVERY PAGE

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8

It matters little what else we are finding in the Bible if we are not finding Him on every page. "If you read a chapter in the Old Testament and do not find Christ in it, read it again, for He is there," said Dr. D. M. Stearns in an address at a Bible conference. That one sentence was all that a certain young man heard that night, but it transformed his Bible study and his life. He is now a well-known teacher in a Bible institute, and is publishing a Bible correspondence course based on this principle of finding Christ as the key to every chapter of the Book. "I have a peculiar Bible," he said recently. "In my Bible the New Testament is printed between the lines of the Old Testament. Have you a Bible like that?"—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, is found on every page of the Bible. If His name is not found there, His personality and His Spirit are.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

HOW GOD PROTECTED

Scripture Reading—Psalm 107:1

My sister and I were itinerating in a lonely mountain village in Japan, and night was coming on when we started to return home. We committed ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and felt certain He would see us through. As we were about to enter a thick woods through which our road ran, we saw two Japanese men in front of us, and we felt they meant mischief, and as we cried to the Lord to stand by us, there came a great black Newfoundland dog. It steppen between my sister and me as if to protect us and then barked fiercely at the men as if to tear them to pieces and chased them away. The dog guided us directly all the remaining three miles right to our door. Then stepping inside, the dog lay all night on the floor keeping vigil. In the morning it went away as mysteriously as it appeared.—*Glad Tidings.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God's protecting angels take many forms. Let us not discount His power to keep.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

TOO MUCH LIKE HELL

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 7:17

A young lawyer, an infidel, boasted that he was going West to locate some place where there were no churches, no Sunday schools, no Bibles. Before the year was over, he wrote to a classmate, a young minister, begging him to come out where he was and start a Sunday school and preach, and "be sure to bring plenty of Bibles," closing his letter with these words, "I have become convinced that a place without Christians and Sundays and churches and Bibles is too much like hell for any living man to stay in."—*Echoes.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A place without Christians and churches and Bibles! Can you imagine such a place? According to the above story, it would be like hell.

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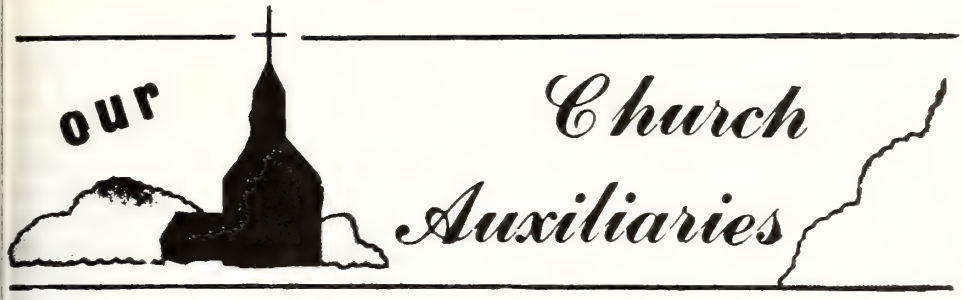
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WATCH

(Devotion Given at the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference)

by Mrs. James Joyner
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For my devotional thought I would like to use Scripture taken from Mark 13:32-37, especially Verse 37, which reads: "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." I would like for us to think for a few minutes of the word "watch." We will break it down into five parts as follows:

The first letter **"W"** stands for "words." We should watch our words. We talk about politics, the weather, our new car, where the good fishing spots are, our friends, and everything but the Christ who died on the Cross to save us from our sins. I wonder how many of our friends will die and go to hell because we did not think enough of them, or our pride prevented us from going to them and telling them about the One who loves us so much?

A few years ago a Presbyterian church had a revival and they advertised all week that a special meeting would be held on Sunday afternoon for men only. The subject to be discussed was to be "The Most Dangerous Thing in the World." Of course this stirred up a lot of talk and curiosity. Since all the men in the town were invited to go, my husband went. You can guess the first thing I asked when he came home, "What did he talk about?" He answered, "The tongue." Please turn with me to Matthew 12:36, 37: "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Our second letter is **"A"** which stands for "actions." We all need very much to watch our actions. We are living in a time when people are doing as they say, "their own thing." Many people it seems are very selfish and self-centered; they are seeking pleasures for themselves and letting the rest of the world go by. Some people think nothing of going to the beach or some other such place; like a young couple I knew who went to the beach with some nonchurch-going friends for a weekend. I wonder if they went to church or even showed by their actions that they were Christians? We seem to think that when we take a vacation it is all right to leave God at home. First Corinthians 10:31 tells us, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Our third letter is **"T."** We should watch our "thoughts." You know that in the fast-pace world we are living in that we have to "think on our feet" many times. We make quick decisions that concern some very important things in our lives. If we have our heart and mind tuned to God all the time, I believe that some of the decisions we make would be different. Matthew 15:18 tells us, ". . . those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man." I believe that if we have good, clean, and kind thoughts, others will know about them because they will show in our lives. I also believe that if our thoughts are wrong ones, they will also show.

The next letter is **"C"** which stands for "character." We should watch our character carefully. The dictionary says that character is our reputation. This is a very important part of us and we should guard it well. We should preserve it and keep it blameless, and be careful of our neighbors' reputation as well. We read in Philippians 2:15, ". . . ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, . . ." Aren't we today in the midst of a crooked and perversed nation? Oh, how careful we need to be!

The last letter is **"H."** It stands for our "habits." We should be very careful of our habits. We as parents are setting habits for our children everyday by what they see us do. We want to pass on the good ones, don't we? But in doing so, we also pass on the bad. You know that when we walk out of our home on Sunday morning with our Bible in our hands we are setting an example for our neighbors. They know where we are going. Remember there are people always watching the things we do, and we should try always to set good habits for them to follow. If we love the Lord, we will try to have clean and holy habits. In 1 Timothy 4:12 we read, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

You may have read the following poem, but I think it sums up very well what I have been trying to say:

The Bridge Builder

An old man going a lone highway
Came in the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears of him,
But he stopped when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way,
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm which has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth might a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

—Will Allen Dromgoole.

We need to think of others and the influence our example will have on them. We should live each day as it were the last day of our lives, and be prepared for Christ's return and help others around us to be prepared as well.

(More Woman's Auxiliary News on Page Nine)

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Homecoming at Jackson Heights Kinston, North Carolina

The Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, August 8. Services will begin for the day with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., and worship service at 11, with the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Sumner, bringing the homecoming message.

A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon, and a song service will be held in the afternoon.

The pastor and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to celebrate the occasion with them and enjoy the Christian fellowship together.

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Palmer Memorial Dedicates New Church

On Sunday, July 18, 1971, the members of Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, held a dedication service to dedicate their new building to the worship of God. This was a very eventful day for each member who patiently waited for several months with great anticipation.

The pastor, the Rev. R. W. Allman, brought the morning message. This was followed by a picnic lunch served on the church grounds by the ladies of the church.

During the afternoon service, Mrs. Carl Dudley gave the history of the Palmer Memorial church. The Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Glen Dupree, gave the prayer of dedication. There were several singing groups present and a very inspiring song service was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Betty Strickland, church reporter, states: "So, as colaborers with God, we have set apart this building for the work of the Lord. We pledge ourselves as followers of Him to put forth every effort to follow where He leads, living for Him in thought, in word, and in deed, ever looking forward to the glorious appearance of our resurrected Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"We urge each Free Will Baptist to continue to pray for us and the work at Palmer Memorial church, that through our efforts many people will find salvation for their souls."

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Superintendent Pierce To Speak at Plymouth

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, will speak at the 11 o'clock morning worship service at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, August 15.

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is a Christian Home for boys and girls. A group of the children from the home will present special music during this morning worship service.

Lunch will be served at the church at noon. The Rev. Robert Langley, pastor of the church, invites everyone to attend the services.

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Saint Mary's Youth Sponsors Singspiration

The youth of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, sponsored a singspiration Sunday evening, July 25, replacing the evening worship service. The theme for the service which began at 7:30 was, "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:1, 2).

There were many talented groups appearing on the program including "The Peace Makers" from Kenly, the Piney Grove Youth Choir, the Johnson Family of Kenly, and the Saint Mary's youth choir. There were also duets, trios, quartets, and quintets rendering music from the local churches.

Truly it can be said that the climax of the evening service came as the Spirit of God blessed through this musical ministry. Many special blessings were received in the hearts and minds of everyone from this song service.

The Rev. Davie Brinson is pastor of the Saint Mary's church.

The Rev. L. E. Ballard to Pastor Roanoke Rapids

The Rev. L. E. Ballard has accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, for the present conference year, on a part-time basis. He will be responsible for at least one service each Sunday and for devoting approximately one half his time in the community. He has reserved the privilege of resigning during the year in the event a better pastoral arrangement can be worked out for the church.

The Ballards have established a "second home" at 100 West Littleton Road in Roanoke Rapids, for weekends and other times when necessary to be in the city. They will maintain their Greenville home at 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, and mail in general should be sent to the Greenville address. Mail pertaining particularly to the Roanoke Rapids work, or mail that would be delivered over weekends may be sent to P. O. Box 846, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina 27870.

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Mount Olive College President To Be on "Carolina Today"

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will be a guest on "Carolina Today" over WNCT-TV, Channel 9, on Thursday, August 5, at 7:30-7:55 a.m.

President Raper will be interviewed on the problems confronting private colleges. Mount Olive is serving as the coordinating institution for a pilot grant under the Education Professions Development Act from the United States Office of Education "To Strengthen Development in Private Colleges." The intent of this grant is to assist private junior colleges throughout the nation in identifying their major problems and in training their own personnel to seek a solution to overcoming these difficulties.

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About the Editorial

On Tuesday, July 20, the editor and the Rev. S. A. Smith of Beulaville, North Carolina, went to Central Prison, Raleigh, North Carolina, to visit Virgil Lanier, who is serving time there. The editor was favorably impressed with Virgil through letters and articles submitted to THE FREE WILL BAPTIST for publication, and finally by a personal meeting with the young man; hence the editorial. The Scripture found in Matthew 25:36 has added meaning now: ". . . I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

OLD GLORY AND OUR WORLD TODAY

by Mrs. Ora Barnhill
Free Will Baptist Children's Home
Middlesex, North Carolina

We often see old glory
Waving in the air:
It makes us think of all our boys
Fighting over there.
What is happening to our world today?
Our young people—some have gone astray.
Although it seems sad to say,
Most of us have forgotten to pray.

Old glory proudly waves in the air,
Her beautiful colors so bright and fair;
While so much sin and pain and woe
Is hurting our world we love so!
Marijuana and heroin and LSD
Are ruining our youth, you see;
So please, dear Lord, hear my plea,
Help them all to call on thee.

Look, you can see a car coming
At a high rate of speed!
You can see a young kid at the wheel
That is drinking or smoking weed.
Dear Lord, won't you help America
And all the countries of the world?
Please help each man and each woman
Also each boy and each girl!

If we all love our country
As all Americans should do;
Let us pray for our children,
And also the red, white, and blue.
Let us ever strive to protect her
And keep old glory ever alive;
May God direct our leaders
To ever with Him abide!

Someone will have to pay
If we neglect our boys and girls,
And turn them a loose
To roam this wicked, sinful world.
Do you have a family altar,
And teach the children to pray?
If you do, God will reward you
Up in heaven someday.

Dear young people of this world,
Please give God your heart;
Always strive to live for Him,
And from all sin depart.
You will never be sorry
That you heeded Jesus' call;
You can live with Him forever,
For heaven is worth it all!

IS MORALITY FEASIBLE FOR TODAY'S YOUTH?

MORALITY has lost something of its meaning today. Or, perhaps we can say, certain phases of it are being emphasized to the exclusion of others. For instance, college students are questioning the "morality" of war—any war. Yet, all the while, some students are living together on campus, enjoying the sexual pleasures of marriage without bothering to get married, or even remaining with one mate. And our institutions of learning are making it easy by housing male and female students or by dropping curfew times for visitation in rooms. "What else can we do?" harassed college officials ask.

Morality is, indeed, a broad term which covers a great deal that we do—virtually everything we do, as a matter of fact. Each act with its initiating thought, is either moral or immoral, depending on your standard of right and wrong, assuming you have one. That, of course, is the point: today's youth far too often have no stabilizing standard; everything is relative. The old stand-by declaration that says something is right or wrong is instantly challenged today. Nothing is supposed to be absolutely right or absolutely wrong any more. It all depends on the situation, the circumstances. Situation ethics is a name thrown up as the standard for our time. Let the local situation dictate how you will act and determine whether something is "moral" or "immoral."

If something brings happiness to people and does not seem to harm them—at least for the moment—then why not do it? You live only once; get the most out of that living. Does it sound familiar? It should! Thousands of young people—dare I say millions?—now follow this tarnished "golden rule." And, sad to say, a great many of them learned their early lessons from Dad and Mom in their penchant for cutting corners and diluting morality a trifle when the circumstances dictated. Many young people openly admit that they learned their ideas about loose living at home.

Today's "morality" is tarnished indeed; distorted or lopsided might be better terms to describe it. But it is making its devastating impact on society, and teen-agers moving into the college ranks are absorbing the immoral morality. Even Christian young people are being drawn into the maelstrom and are floundering about indecisively. Can the old biblical morality stand up against today's loose living? Should a Christian young person try to be different when his Christian philosophy of life will cause others to view him as odd? Is it worth it to take the ridicule of the modern set when it is much easier to capitulate and to go along with the crowd? Why not believe that the lessons learned in church and Sunday school are outmoded by today's standards?

Well, quite candidly, God has never promised that the Christian life is going to be an easy life. On the contrary, it is costly to be a Christian—not to become a Christian. The latter costs us nothing, although it cost Jesus Christ His life. But being a Christian is often an enervating business. It involves a willingness to swim upstream when all your associates are drifting downstream.

Christianity for the biblically-oriented youth demands taking a stand on the high, moral principles of God's Word, however unpopular this may be. Rarely is the Christian high on the world's popularity list anyway. But then, is popularity the Christian's goal? (See John 15:18-20 and reflect on Matthew 5:10-12 as well as 2 Timothy 3:12.) However, though the cost of being a Christian is high—and becoming higher all the time in this age of spiraling costs—the rewards and benefits are equally high. God pays good dividends for Christlike living.

"Is morality feasible for today's youth?" is the question this article asks. You had better believe it is! It is not only feasible but necessary and challenging. While it may cost something to be different—and I do not mean "different" in some strange sense—the Lord will honor the Christian young person who does take a stand morally.

The biblically Christian life can be the most challenging, stimulating experience you will ever have as a young person, and it can continue on into the mature years of life. Christ's call to high standards is stiff. But no child of God who has lived the Christian life in a practical way has ever had any cause to regret it in later years. Those who live a loose life morally will regret it later. Remorse will increasingly cloud the carefree, irresponsible existence of those who have thrown over the biblical norms. God always honors those who take a stand for Christian righteousness. Morality is, indeed, feasible for today's youth!—Gospel Herald.

SCENES AT RECENT CONFERENCES AT CAMP VANDEMERE

VANDEMERE, NORTH CAROLINA



Group of Girls Who Attended



At Mealtime



Girls in Worship Service
(Singing)



Gametime



Worship Time with Girls

The Rev. Owen K. Arthur, Pastor of White Hill Church, Aurora, North Carolina, Speaking



Group of Boys Who Attended



Boys in Worship Service
(Singing)

Photos by Tony Smith
Vanceboro, North Carolina



Picnic Area at Camp

CAMP VANDEMERE COMES ALIVE

by the Rev. Owen K. Arthur Jr.
Vanceboro, North Carolina

During the weeks of July 4-10 and July 12-17, Camp Vandemere was open for campers. The first week was for girls and the second week was for boys. We were blessed to have twelve girls and fourteen boys. These boys and girls came from all over Eastern North Carolina and from many different churches.

Our girls and boys had each day planned so that they would be able to receive many hours of enjoyment from their stay at camp. There were many hours of recreation and also a time for Bible study and discussions. Mrs. Pat Arthur from Vanceboro, North Carolina, and Mrs. Pauline Mizzell from Vandemere, North Carolina, were counselors for both weeks of camp.

Our director of the camp, the Rev. Jack Mayo from Grantsboro, worked very hard to keep everyone busy so there wouldn't be any time to worry about getting homesick. Each was filled with many things to do such as play horseshoes, volleyball, softball, badminton, and best of all, swimming. The waterfront area was just fine for swimming or just relaxing under the trees.

Among the other things that took place was a boat trip down the river just to see what was there.

One day each week a picnic was planned. The campers went up to the Old Holly Tree in Pamlico County and explored the area. From there they went up to Glemburnie Park in New Bern, and spread a picnic lunch that had been prepared by the cooks for the occasion. It was enjoyed under one of the outdoor shelters.

After the lunch there was a hike and time for exploring the park and going down to the river to see what was taking place there. Then later on they had the opportunity to go to WCTI television station for a tour of it. It was there that we saw how a television show is produced.

Each evening after supper there was a short period for relaxing and enjoying oneself in the different sports. Then it was time to dress and prepare for the evening worship service. This took place each evening and consisted of singing, testifying, and hearing God's Word. It was my happy privilege to be the campus chaplain and to bring God's Word to these boys and girls. At the close of these services there was extended an invitation to come and accept Jesus as their Saviour; and we thank God because there were several that came and accepted Christ. These services were very inspiring and the presence of the Lord was with us in each one of the services.

One of the best times at camp was mealtime. Our cooks did a fine job of preparing and serving the meals. These were prepared in our newly remodeled kitchen and served on the new food trays that had just been bought for the camp. The cooks were able to use the new stove and the new big refrigerator and the big nice new sink which had just been installed in the kitchen.

I would like to express my thanks to those who worked so hard and long to get Camp Vandemere ready for us to use. There were many, and I thank God for each one of you and for the fine job you did. Again I would like to say that the director, the Rev. Jack Mayo, did a marvelous job in planning and working with our children at camp.

Let us now make plans to have an even better camp next year at Camp Vandemere. To do this we need your help, prayers, and your financial donations.

I have faith in Camp Vandemere and I am sure many of you do too. Let us remember the verse of Scripture in James 2:17, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." Let's put our faith to work and build Camp Vandemere.

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Attention, Woman's Auxiliaries!

Due to the fact that the Book of Matthew for "Bible Bowl Quiz" is not in print at this time, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference, in its recent session, decided to use the Book of Mark for the Bible Bowl Quiz.

MRS. MARGARET ARD, President

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THE BEST YET!

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference was well attended this year with five states representing: South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio.

I've often marveled how that people from all walks of life and far-reaching localities could come together and have such a good time. But that's what we did. One lady said, "It was just the spiritual uplift that I needed!" Praise the Lord, we had great fellowship in the Lord!

I wish once again to express my appreciation to all those who made our program possible and to the Heron Circle Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, for their gracious hospitality.

A skeleton of the constitution and bylaws was presented to the convention. The executive committee plans to have them ready for final approval in the 1972 session.

The winners of the Bible Quiz and the $25 bonds each (total $75) went to three young people from the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina. Their pastor was the Rev. J. B. Starnes.

Notice: The Bible Quiz for 1972 will be taken from the Book of Mark. It can be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina 28513. Write for the "Bible Bowl Quiz Book of **Mark."**

Change: The convention voted to begin with the Book of Matthew. However, this Bible Bowl Quiz book has not been printed. I called the youth chairman, Mrs. Harry Brown, Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, North Carolina 27503, and we made the change in order for the young people to have something to study from. Contact Mrs. Brown for a set of rules if you need them.

District youth chairmen, I hope you will encourage the young people in your district, and have a run-off in the early spring. This is good training for our youth.

We are already looking and planning for a glorious time in the Lord in our 1972 session that meets in the great mountains of West Virginia. Won't you make plans now to join us?

In His service,
Mrs. Norman Ard, President

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Change of Address

The Rev. Joe E. Gerald states a change in his address as he is now pastoring Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina 27863. His old address was Route 1, Box 46-A, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557. Anyone wishing to correspond with him, please note this change of address.

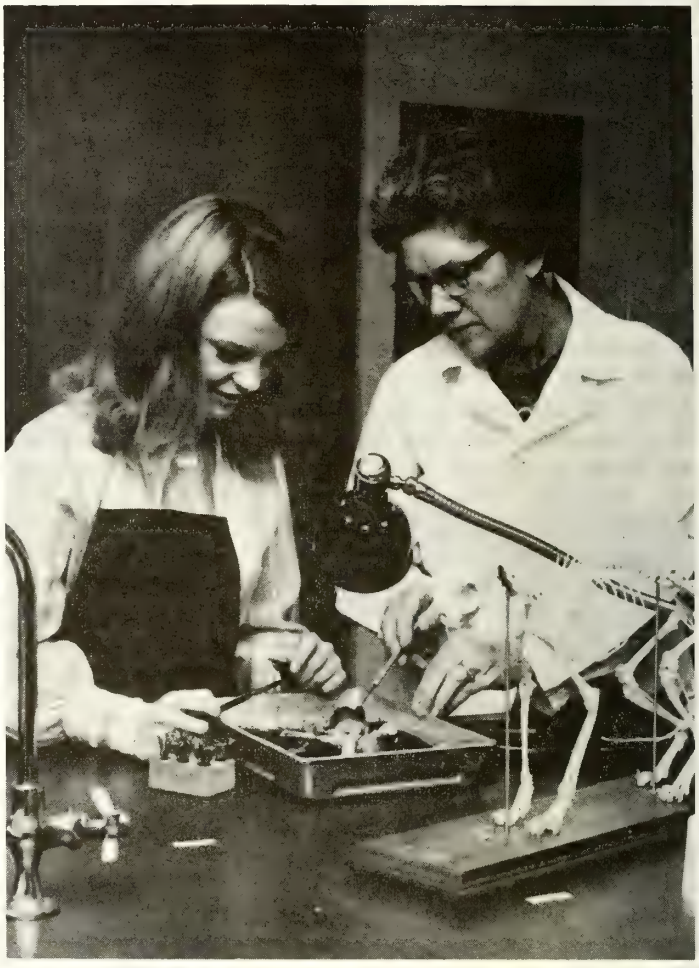
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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled" (Matthew 24:34).

Answer: The Greek word from which the word "generation" is translated means "race, stock, breed, kind, family." The twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth chapters of Matthew refer to the end of the age; and the verse in question must be left in this context if we are to correctly understand it.

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Question: Is it absolutely essential that a person make public confession of his sins in order to be forgiven of God?

Answer: I have felt at times that such a one would feel more perfectly relieved of the burden of sin were he to make his confession of sins publicly; however, the summation of the whole Bible's teaching on the subject might, and I am inclined to believe that it does, teach that sins committed against individuals should be confessed to them, and that all sins should be confessed to God, but that is all. Of course God requires of each of us the confession and the forsaking of all sin.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13); consider also, "I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (Psalm 32:5).

One of the reasons some think that sins should be confessed openly before the whole world is that Jesus said: "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance" (Luke 15:7); compare, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:9, 10).

G. H. Sandison has a good answer to a similar question on Page 138, in his book, **"1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered":**

"We do not think it is required of you. If you have wronged any one and can make restitution you ought to confess your sin to the person wronged and make restitution, but there is no need of public confession. We can easily conceive of offenses in which confession would make greater trouble and do positive harm. If you have made your peace with God your own conscience must guide you as to further steps. Unless it is a wrong which can be rectified, or its consequences alleviated by confession, we do not think you are required to make confession."

While we would not claim that in all cases a man's conscience is a safe guide, yet we must adhere to what the Bible says about our hearts, for we Christians are to have a conscience void of offense and a heart that does not condemn us. "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men" (Acts 24:16); compare, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:20-22).

Therefore if one may gain that peace of mind no other way, perhaps he should make public confession of his sin. I have known some to so do, gaining the desired results. But on the other hand there have been those who reportedly gave long public confession of sordid affairs to repeat the acts of sin not long after and then appear in public again with the same or a similar story of transgressions against God and against the church and society in general.

Such as this, I think, ought not to be for as you know the Bible does say, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). This, I think, requires that discretion be exercised that we may obey another exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand" (Philippians 4:5); "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

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Question: What kind of a spirit is that mentioned in "And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him" (Luke 9:39)?

Answer: This is an evil spirit, one of the kind mentioned elsewhere in the Bible as unclean spirits, demons, wicked angels, etc.

The Berkeley version of the New Testament renders this: "A spirit seizes him and suddenly he shrieks; it mangles (convulses) him till he foams; in fact, it hardly quits wounding him" (Luke 9:39).

I think this evil spirit, also those called evil angels, demons, devils, etc., mentioned in the Bible, are among the angels that rebelled and fell from a perfect state of being into that of being enemies of God. They, I think, are those who followed Lucifer, who after his fall became the devil. (See Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; 38; compare Isaiah 14:12 with Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:3; 4; 7–9.) These in the light of other Scriptures seem to indicate that the devil, who was Lucifer before he fell, together with other heavenly beings of high rank and standing became rebellious one day and sought to dethrone God, at which time Michael and his angels fought them, overcame them, and cast them out of heaven.

It was the devil that tempted our first parents and thereby caused the fall of the human race. Since then the devil and his angels have sought to undermine God by harassing those that are His. Evil angels are credited with a lot of the harassment brought upon Israel and then later to the church. The great tribulation, a period of time at the end of this age, will be characterized in the devil with the help of his cohorts, other evil angels or demons exercising themselves in mighty power. They will, it seems, from what the Bible says on the subject, be able to control the elements. The sun, moon, and stars, as we ordinarily think of them, will be the scene of strange events unlike what is natural to us. Finally the stars will begin to

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STORIES

for our youth



THE CANE POLE

SHARON B. MILLER

"RANDY! Randy!" Brad's voice carried through the air long before he came into sight on the bush trail through the trees.

Randy jumped off the tire swing and started toward the edge of the clearing. Brad must have good news to get so excited. It was quite a distance to travel from his folks' cottage to Randy's, and he could tell from the sound of his voice that his friend was running.

"Guess what?" Brad asked excitedly, breathing heavily from his run.

"I don't know. Hurry up and tell me," Randy demanded.

Brad dropped down on the thick carpet of grass. "Mom said that we can go over to the island fishing, all by ourselves. And, I asked Mr. Johnson for a boat. He said we could have our choice of the poles behind the store, as long as we're careful with them. They're the ones he lets fishermen who rent his boats use."

"Great. Let's go!" Randy shouted. "I think my mother will let me go. Wait a minute while I go ask." He turned and raced to the cottage to ask permission.

The fishing was really good off the small island located in the middle of the lake, but it was rare that anyone had time to take the boys over in one of the boats. It was a special treat when they were allowed to take a boat out by themselves.

Randy's mother agreed to let him go and packed the boys a small lunch. They had an ever-ready cache of bait hidden in the garage. Grabbing the can, they hurried down the trail to the small store on the channel.

Mr. Johnson was a special friend to the boys. Often he let them run errands and help pump gas for the boats that came to the dock so they could have spending money. Whenever they could talk their folks into letting them go for a boat ride, Mr. Johnson furnished them one.

Just as Randy and Brad went around to the back of the store to select their fishing poles, a boatload of fishermen took off from the dock. They had taken the best poles, but there were still six left to choose from. Brad took a long thin pole while Randy selected a stout pole of medium height.

Carrying their sack lunch, the bait, and a pail, along with their borrowed poles, the boys carefully got into an aluminum boat and shoved off for the island. Randy rowed over, with the agreement that Brad would row the boat back. The water was calm and clear. Brad trailed his feet and fingers over the back of the boat, and counted the number of clam shells that he could see on the bottom.

Finally they were in the clusters of lily pads that grew on the side of the island. Randy pulled steadily on the oars. He could feel the pull of the weeds on the oars and hear the rustle of the lily pads as the boat slowly moved closer to the island. Then the boat slid onto the sand.

Both boys grabbed their equipment, and, pulling the boat up on shore, hurried to the fishing spot. Here the shore line deepened rapidly, and the fish grew plentiful in the clear, cold pools.

Randy baited his hook and dropped his line into the blue-green water. He rested the end of the pole on his knee, all the while keeping his eyes on the red and yellow bobber floating on top of the water. Just as Brad dropped his bait into the water, Randy had a bite on his line. He waited for a second nibble and then jerked his line lightly. His first fish was on its way to the pail.

The boys fished quietly for nearly an hour. They both caught several fish, but nothing very large.

"There must be some big ones in there somewhere," Brad said thoughtfully.

"I think I'll move farther down toward that big fallen tree," Randy decided. "That might be the place where the ones we're looking for are." He pulled his line out of the water and put it in again down the shore from Brad.

It was only a few minutes before Randy felt the tug that meant there was a fish on his line. He started to pull it in. The fish struggled on the end of the line.

"Hey, Brad! I must have a whopper!" Randy shouted. "Bring the pail. I don't want to lose it!"

Brad took hold of the pole and tried to help Randy bring in the fish, but the line wouldn't budge. Then Randy realized what had happened. The fish had swum under the trunk of the fallen tree and his line had become entangled in the branches. How was he going to get his line unhooked?

"Here, let me try," Brad offered. He tugged and pulled and moved up and down the shore in an effort to unhook the fishing line, but it wouldn't come loose. Finally he handed it back to Randy.

Sighing, Randy tried again. He felt it move. "I think it's coming!" He pulled harder. CRACK! The cane pole snapped in two, right in the middle.

Soberly the two boys cut the line and picking up the two pieces of the pole along with the rest of their gear, started back to the boat.

What was he going to tell Mr. Johnson? Randy wondered. He didn't have enough money to pay for the pole, and he knew he should do something about breaking it, since Mr. Johnson had been kind enough to let them use his boat and poles.

Then the idea came to him. He watched Brad rowing as his mind played with the thought. He could just put the pole back in the rack with the others. Mr. Johnson wouldn't know who it was that had broken it. He might think one of the fishermen in the party that had gone out before they did had broken the pole.

That's just what he'd do. Randy stared at the dark water over the side of the boat; however, he didn't feel too good about his decision. The closer he came

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

MEXICO MISSIONS

by the Rev. J. E. Timmons

This summer has found Free Will Baptists in Mexico humming with activity. We have as our guest this summer Miss June Hodges and Miss Pam Temple from North Carolina. They are working with us in vacation Bible schools, visitation programs, and speaking in each church and mission on evangelism, the work of the YFA, and the woman's auxiliary. The people in our mission churches have come to love these dedicated mission workers and feel closer to you back in the churches in North Carolina.

We recently visited the mining area of Nueva Rosita, Mexico. In this growing city the Rev. Camerino Ortega is carrying on a mission program, enlisting children and adults in attending Sunday school, and preaching the gospel. Brother Ortega is doing a splendid job, and we are happy to say that he is faithful in presenting the gospel story to the people of his city. We will want to be in prayer for the Lord's work in Nueva Rosita and the Ortegas as they continue as our workers in this area of Mexico.

We are busy this summer in opening a new work in a rural area ten miles out from Cd. Acuna. Here we have found a group of people that are hungry for the gospel message. These consist of some five large families that gather at one of the homes for service. Recently, at one of these services, there were seven that made a public profession of faith in Christ, and there are others under conviction. Please remember to pray for this new mission in Mexico. All of our mission churches are going forward for Christ in a most difficult land of opposition, sin, and pleasure.

Our Bible Institute continues to minister in the training of our Mexico ministry. Our pastors are being prepared for the future in serving Christ in their native Mexico. This no doubt, is one of the best mission projects that will bear fruit in the years to come. One of our pastors continues to be ill. We request that you pray for Brother Jose Cruz Rodriguez. This young man has been unable to recover from a serious illness.

We are to visit the Saltillo mission in the next few days for a vacation Bible school program and revival services at night; and then back to Nueva Rosita.

We have had much activity in Cd. Acuna in the last several weeks. With our mission there and in several homes, we had the joy of witnessing to large numbers at each service. Yes, Mexico is certainly an appeal to us, and our heart goes out to the countless number that are yet lost and have no hope.

Have you prayed for missions lately?

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Mexico Missions News

by Ruth Ann Timmons

First of all I would like to say it has been my pleasure working in Mexico with Miss Pam Temple and Miss June Hodges. God has really blessed us in many ways this summer on the Mexico mission field. One of our most exciting experiences was when we went to a small village of some two thousand people, Jimenez, Coah Mexico. We had a wonderful vacation Bible school there. We met many young people that were not interested in church; but how God blessed in our efforts, for all that we invited attended! We really felt God's blessings as we were in Jimenez those few days, working with the little children that were eager to learn more about Jesus.

I feel that June and Pam blended in well with the mission work and among the people in Mexico. I realize how hard it is for someone to get used to another country and the different customs and ways of living. I would like to thank God and Brother Ingram for the opportunity to work as a summer missionary. Being a summer missionary has brought me closer to God.

Please pray for us as we go to Saltillo and to another vacation Bible school.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

James E. Warren, a licensed minister from the Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he would like to pastor a church on a part-time basis or as a supply pastor. He states that he has been preaching a little over a year and can begin serving any church immediately. If any church desires his services you may contact him by writing 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501; or by telephoning 527-1648.

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Mr. Bobby Jones has been licensed by the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and is now seeking full-time, part-time, or supply work. He may be contacted by writing him at Route 5, Box 88, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; or by telephoning 638-2404.

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HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH

Always hold your head up high
And never let your high hopes die.
When you see a star fly by,
Reach out and try to draw it nigh.

The whole wide world can be yours
And with God's love you'll never be poor.
When you know God you can be sure,
That all of life you can endure.

Though troubles may often be in the way,
God will always show you the way.
Just try to live life day by day
And always remember the key is to pray.

As the stars go flying by
And you reach out to draw them nigh,
Remember your hopes will never die
As long as you hold your head up high.

(The poem above was written by Judy Denny, Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, and Diane Johnson, Benson, North Carolina, students at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 15



ALCOHOL AND THE FAMILY

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 35:1-10, 18, 19

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:18

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today is the first of a unit dealing with the social effects produced by the use of alcohol beverage, and deals with the evil results produced by its use within the family group. Since the family is the basic unit of society and thus determines to a large measure the strength or the weakness of both church and state, it is of the utmost importance to both to take all precautions to see that right standards are maintained and right senses of values established therein. The breakdown of the family foretells the ruin of the state and the loss of effectual testimony for the church.

It has been recognized by all societies that drinking, especially excessive drinking, of alcohol as a beverage is both sinful and dangerous; thus its use has been discouraged and forbidden.

Our lesson text for today's study is composed of two selections from Jeremiah 15: the first, Verses 1-10, is given to demonstrate the strength of character and of purpose that can be developed by the family that refrains from the use of alcohol beverage in any form; the second, shows the blessings of God that come to the family that follows such a course.

The purpose of today's study is to convince youth that the use of alcohol beverage is both sinful and destructive. —The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. This is the first of three lessons on alcohol.
2. There are four ways that alcohol affects the family: (1) physically; (2) the peace of the home; (3) economically; (4) socially.
3. Our printed Scripture gives us an example of a tribe that was tested and stood the test.

B. The Time of Testing (Jeremiah 35:1-5)
1. God spoke to Jeremiah, the prophet.
2. He was told to bring the Rechabites into the house of the Lord and offer them wine.
3. Jeremiah obeyed the Lord and brought them in and set wine before them.

C. The Test Is Stood (Jeremiah 35:6-10)
1. The Rechabites refused to drink wine.
2. They gave as their reason for refusal the command of their father.
3. Fathers today have a responsibility for their household.

D. The Reward of Faithfulness (Jeremiah 35:18, 19)
1. God promised to reward them by preserving the tribe.

E. Conclusion
1. The best safeguard of a family from alcohol is total and complete abstinence. Is it always dangerous to play with rattlesnakes.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Though some people these days are saying that parents should teach their children to be temperate in drinking alcoholic beverages, today's lesson emphasizes the value of total abstinence. Jonadab's household had learned their lesson well. His children respected his authority and fulfilled his wishes.

Children may receive training about alcohol and its effects from several sources. The school teaches alcohol's harm to health. The police department and other civic agencies stress the safety factor in abstinence. The church emphasizes the moral aspects of drinking alcoholic beverages.

All of this training can help, but the influence of parental attitudes and actions is still the greatest factor in determining a child's choices. Warnings of the health and safety hazards and of the moral harm of drinking alcohol are certainly valid, but these warnings should be sounded by parents first of all. Whatever attitude develops in a child, his ideas come largely from his parents. Their words, and especially their behavior, shape the child's concepts far more than instruction in school and church.

Abstinence from alcohol must be taught at home. It still remains the parent's responsibility to "train up a child."—Standard Commentary.

B. There are many traces of the Rechabites today. They live entirely isolated will not be recognized, and shun, or rather, hate, all intercourse and every connection with the other Jews. They only sojourn in Arabia, and for the most part on the western shores of the Red Sea, and are engaged solely in the raising of cattle, which they can move from place to place. They are called Arab Sebb, or Arabs who keep the seventh day holy unto their God. Missionaries have contacted these people at various times and are amazed at their devotion to God and their aversion to strong drink. It seems that they have never forgotten the teachings of their fathers regarding their sobriety and way of life.

Perhaps you think the Rechabites a strange people, and that you would not like to live as they did. But I had rather be a Rechabite than a drunkard.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. A certain man was born of a debauched, drunken, wicked mother, but had a godly father. Early in life, his father taught him the awfulness of intoxicating beverages. The boy vowed he would never taste them. He grew to young manhood during prohibition, when gangsters helped bootleggers. On one occasion he stood with his back against a wall and with broken bottles in his hands to defend himself against those who were trying to make him drink. God saved him and, later, called him to the ministry. I have often heard him declare that what he saw his mother do when she was drunk and the teachings of his godly father made him keep his vow.—S. Ellsworth Nothstine.

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The ability to sin differs among people. For example, a short-armed fisherman isn't as big a liar as a long-armed one.—Selected. (Note: Regardless of how big the lie, it shouldn't be told.)

Going – Going – Under the HAMMER!

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up in surprise as their teacher walked down the aisle to accept Christ.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Don had tried hard on his own to make something of his life. He had heard the gospel story over and over and had even taught it to others, but it had never sunk in. "Lord, I'll give you a chance to prove this verse," he prayed.

The next day he called all the members of his dance band and told them he was quitting. He testified to everyone he met. He quit smoking and drinking and vowed to be an honest auctioneer.

Then the jobs didn't come so fast. He sold his shop in Lafayette and moved to nearby Branchville where he converted an old Grange hall into an auction house. It was a giant step of faith that God would prosper him. Soon he was able to open the Castner Estate Service, a service of auctions, liquidations, and moving and storing of antiques. Many times he transacted business with bereaved heirs to whom he witnessed.

Gradually the word spread that here auctions were conducted decently and fairly on Christian principles. Today Don has almost more work than he can handle, and his wife Eleonore and his daughters, Vicki and Lori, all help.

Much of his work consists of converting the contents of a home into cash in order to close an estate. He makes a thorough examination of the merchandise, lists each item, and advertises the list in the local paper—"Venetian clock, pressed glass, washbowls and pitchers, wooden churn." Many times he finds old Bibles in attics. "I'd much rather find a worn, dog-eared copy of the Word than a rare, one-hundred-year-old Bible so new-appearing that you suspect it was hardly opened," he says.

Don is sometimes asked, "Isn't auctioneering going out of date?" He is convinced it is one of the basic free enterprise systems of this country. "In today's modern economic system, the auctioneering method of selling plays an important part. Anything from produce, livestock, and furniture to complete city blocks is going under the hammer. The stock exchange on Wall Street is just a big auction."

He went on to describe enthusiastically how closed circuit TV auctioneering is used in big cities, with pictures of each item flashed on a screen. This will eventually replace the sealed bid.

Actually, auctioneering is one of the oldest professions, dating back to 500 B.C. in ancient Babylon when slave girls were sold under the hammer. In fifteenth-century England a license was required for the sale of any goods by "public outcry." In the early days of our country the trading post was the scene of auctions. Big land auctions were held in early New England history when the craze to move West took hold of people.

"Auctioneering is going on right now," Don explained, "in such famous galleries as the Parke-Bernet in New York City, Christie's and Sotheby's in London, and the Galerie Charpentier in Paris."

Close to thirty-five thousand auctioneers operate in the United States. Over eighteen thousand wholesale auction houses gross three billion dollars each year. Consequently, it is unlikely that auctioneering will become outdated in the near future.

"Auctioneering preserves America's past," was Don's opinion. "It brings beautiful things out of hiding into collections in museums, where they can be enjoyed by the public."

Some auctions are on gigantic scales with huge sums of money changing hands. The third most costly book in the world, the Bay Psalm Book, went under the hammer for $151,000 and is now owned by the Yale Library. A necklace of ninety-four diamonds sold for $385,000, the highest price paid for a single item at auction at Parke-Bernet Galleries in 1957, a peak year. A Louis XV gold snuffbox brought $17,000, and a Savonnerie floral carpet went for $33,500. A Gauguin canvas sold for 104 million francs in Paris to a Greek shipping tycoon.

"I never hear the 'going—going—gone' of auctioneering without applying it to our short lives on earth," Don said. "God's Word says we are like a vapor that vanishes after awhile. The newspapers are full of stories of violent, unexpected deaths; yet many people listen to the gospel over and over without accepting Christ as their personal Saviour.

"For them, the opportunity may be going—going—and then be gone forever!" —Gospel Herald.

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If children did not ask questions, they would never learn how little adults know.—Selected.

Questions & Answers

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fall; earthquakes, famines, and gigantic disasters beyond anything ever heard of before.

When all this comes to a climax Christ will come and fight for the saints. In judgment the present heaven and earth will pass away and be replaced by a new heaven and a new earth after all evil spirits and evil human workers are cast into a lake burning with fire and brimstone where these evil beings will remain in torment eternally.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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to shore, the more Randy felt ill, not really sick, just miserable all over. He'd thought no one would know. Well, maybe Mr. Johnson wouldn't, but Brad would; and more importantly, God would know that he was trying to deceive someone.

When the boat reached the dock, Randy helped Brad tie up the boat. They carried the pail and poles up to the store, along with the lunch they hadn't taken time to eat.

"What are you going to do?" Brad asked quietly.

Randy glanced for just a moment at the rack that held the fishing poles. It would be so easy just to put the broken pole back where he had gotten it, but he knew he couldn't do that and feel very good about it.

"I guess I'll just tell Mr. Johnson what happened and take the consequences," Randy said slowly.

"Hey, it was an accident. Maybe he'll let you work out the price of the pole running errands or something," Brad said suddenly. "Then everything'd be O.K."

Randy smiled. Brad was right. As long as he took care of his responsibility, it would be O.K., no matter what happened. And that's just what he'd do. He held the pole firmly in both hands. He might as well get it over with. He started toward the front of the store.

"Wait. I'll go with you," Brad called, and together they went in to make things right about a broken cane pole.—My Pleasure.

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They who have steeped their souls in prayer can every anguish bear.—Selected.

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Against or For?

Editorial...

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AGAINST OR FOR?

All Christians are familiar with the exhortation to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Certainly no Christian is so warped in his thinking to consider purposely hurting one of his neighbors; but it does happen, however unintentionally.

Man's nature is such that he wants to be liked, even loved. It is a basic need and a yearning of the heart, despite the hard, outer exterior of some. It's strange how some men wish to be thought of as tough, immovable, untouchable, when really they deny the real desire and craving of their inner being—to be made something of, to be appreciated, to be regarded as something special. Perhaps it is considered unmanly to express such feelings. Perhaps these are thought of as signs of weakness—and certainly no real man ever wants to be considered weak. Yet the realest of men can be hurt and can suffer inwardly because of that hurt.

Many people choose to live unto themselves, but they can't really live in this world—or the next—alone. They must allow others to be an important part of their life. To live life with the exclusion of other people is something like trying to breathe without the proper amount of air. It is only a "gasping" effort.

Some individuals can brag that they need nobody, that they can get along on their own; but this is not so. No one can really live apart and separate from others—exist, maybe—but not live.

Man is a social being. We prefer not to call him a social animal, for some people's connotation of this is not pleasant. Man requires contact, interaction, and reaction. Hermits have been discovered after long years of self-imposed confinement, and for the most part they have been found to have lost their sensitivity, their ability to cope with the idea of reestablishing rapport and personal involvement with other humanity. Without exception their confinement produced personality changes, according to their own testimonies. We are made to wonder what prompted them to isolate and separate themselves in the first place. Was it fear? Was it dislike for an accepted system and established custom? Was it not, in fact, selfishness?

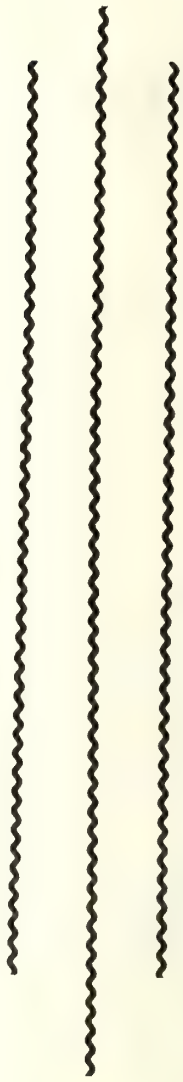
Mankind dotes on himself too much, really. The big "I" must become "lower case" before one can do much of worth. The big "I" stands tall, and though it isn't as wide, it always overshadows and preempts "you." This is not good, for in Christian living "you" must always come first in human involvement. "You" must be preferred before "I."

As we've pointed out, not many genuine people (and there are very few of these around, anyway)—not many **genuine** people would even think of hurting another, let alone make it a **point** to do so. Hurting someone physically, mentally, or spiritually is a dastardly deed to be sure; and few of us who claim His name could do so. None of us who are actively committed to His cause would **ever** do so. However noble our intention, though, we do something almost as bad as purposely hurting them when we purposely **neglect** them. What do you think of that?

Millions are crying for help: for food, for clothing, for a little bit of attention, for a knowledge of the higher Power; yea, even for love. We all agree that faith, hope, and love—these abide in the Christian's heart, in his example, and in his purpose—but with Paul, we must agree that "the greatest of these is love."

Therefore, when we boast that we would do nothing to hurt our neighbor, let us not take so much pride in this statement nor in the very truth of it, unless we have done more than **not** hurting him. Our **not** doing anything to **hurt** him is not half so important as our **doing** something **for** him.

The next time that you're tempted to brag about your goodness, try to remember the times you've done something **for** your neighbor. It's our opinion that you will be convicted to do more.



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"Sermon In the Kitchen"

(A true story)

by ANNE DU BOIS

THE telephone rang twice before I could get my hands dried and set down the good china so it wouldn't break. Last night we had entertained the pastor's family and our evangelist. The good china Phil had given me for Christmas had served the Lord well. It was almost as if it had been dedicated to Him.

I hadn't heard from Jean since last August so I was more than surprised to hear her voice on the phone. "Can you come up to Grovertown right away?" she asked.

"Right now? You mean, like right this minute?" I asked. Truthfully I thought my youngest sister was joking. Grovertown was a good fifty-mile drive from our house.

"I mean it, Phyllis. It's important to me. Please—I'm begging you! I need you right away . . ."

"Kids O.K.?"

"Yes—that is—yes, they're O.K."

"How about Bob?"

"Please, Phyllis. I don't want to talk about it on the phone. We have a party line and nosey neighbors. Can you come right away?"

Grudgingly, I agreed to go. I had so much to do. Phil's good trousers needed mending. Cindy's green dress had to be done up before the youth banquet. Freddy's white gym shoes had to be cleaned. Oh, you know—all the little things that make up a mother's day.

The urgency in Jean's voice made me hurry. It had to be Bob. Probably he was going to ask for a divorce.

I ran a brush through my hair and made a face at myself in the mirror. There was no time to set my hair today—it would have to do. Fortunately my good dress was clean and pressed.

No more than five minutes elapsed until I was out on the road. Phil had gone to work with our neighbor, so I had the car. Everything couldn't have worked out better. Even the gas tank was full for a change.

I had time to think on the interstate going to Grovertown. Bob and Jean hadn't been getting along very well for a long time. Jean suspected there was another woman. They had been on the verge of divorce many times. Still, the panic in her voice seemed to indicate her trouble was even deeper than an unfaithful husband.

How well I remembered this time two years ago in Phil's life and mine. We had also been on the way to a divorce. Phil was not running around, but our lives had been just miserable. We never agreed on anything—raising the kids, handling the finances, decorating the house, buying a car, mowing the lawn. Everything that come up in a normal day turned the house into a battleground.

Then we were saved. Our home didn't magically change all at once to heaven on earth, but small improvements began to take place immediately. Phil and I began having prayer together at night. We discovered the Lord was renewing our love for each other. Probably the greatest change was in me personally. Once God helped me bridle my tongue, the family life became calmer and sweeter.

Phil and I didn't do much witnessing, though. Every time a missionary came to church, we both felt guilty that we weren't more involved in missionary work in our own town. Phil did better than I. At least he tried to tell the men at work about the change in his life.

It was not that I didn't want to witness. But, as a busy mother, there wasn't much opportunity, except occasionally when neighbors dropped in. Sometimes I had visions of going from house to house telling people about Jesus, but usually some crisis in the home stopped that dream. You see, we're an old-fashioned family with six kids, and I'm a working mother—working in the home, that is.

Our Christian magazines and Sunday school papers were full of stories in which some lowly housewife or laboring man had won many souls to Christ. Those stories always made me feel guilty as I realized I was a failure as a witness.

The outskirts of the city were coming into view. I slowed for a school crossing, wondering how Jean's kids were taking the fights between their mother and dad. Family quarrels are always hardest on the kids. I remember Cindy's troubled face when Phil and I fought. Thank God, those terrible days are over!

Jean was waiting for me, her front door open. She ran out and grabbed me by the hands—an unusual gesture for her. Usually she was withdrawn and reserved.

"You did come, Phyllis! I knew you would. I knew I could count on you. In fact, I almost did some praying."

She had coffee and doughnuts on the table. Miraculously her house was spotless today. She usually watched the TV daytime serials and let the housework go.

At first I thought I was going to have to pry and do the talking. She had got me way out here, and now she seemed reluctant to start talking. My little sis can be very devious at times.

Then it all spilled out.

"It has been going on for months—that woman! Mind you, Phyllis, for months Bob has been carrying on with her—his boss's wife. Oh, yes! Old Horton knows about her little indiscretions, but he doesn't care."

"Have you tried—" I began.

"So I figured, why not? What's sauce for the goose—and that's how I got involved."

"Involved?"

Jean dropped her face into her hands.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO REAR A FAMILY

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 5:16

Nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

Dwight Hillis conducted the funeral of a beautiful girl who had been killed in an automobile accident on the Lord's Day, while out for pleasure. As the father bade good-bye to the loved form, he turned to his friends and said in a choking voice: "We have spent our Sunday playing golf or automobiling. Our children have followed our example and have outstripped us. My son has disgraced me, my daughter is dead. I tell you there is only one way to rear a family, and that is in the Sunday school and the church. I know what I am talking about."—*United Presbyterian.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How do we observe the Lord's Day? Remember someone may be copying our lives. Let's spend them in the Lord's house and doing good.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

WHO DOES THE FINDING?

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:9

Yam Sing came from China to California and was brought to know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When examined before baptism concerning his experience of faith, someone asked him how he found Jesus. "I no find Jesus at all; He find me," was the answer from the converted man, an answer which was more than satisfactory to the questioner, and which showed that he had learned something of the love of Him who came to "seek and to save that which was lost."—*S. S. Advocate.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We do not have to find Christ; if we will only confess our sins, He will surely find us.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

THINK ABOUT HIS LOVE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 147:5

A little maiden once came to Mark Guy Pearse in great distress because, as she said, she could not love Jesus Christ. She did want to love Him, but somehow she couldn't. So the genial minister said to her, "Well, my little woman, don't keep thinking about your love to Jesus, but just keep on saying, 'Jesus loves me.' Say it to yourself over and over again; and come and see me tomorrow." The little girl did as she was told, and when she came to see Mr. Pearse the next day there was no need to tell him of the change that had taken place. Her face was radiant. The love of God had been shed abroad in her heart by the Holy Spirit which had been given to her.—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we have Christ in our hearts it is sure to show. We hide other things, but God's love can never be hidden.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

LIFE AND LIGHT

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:3

Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again—the short Hand of Discipline and the long Hand of Mercy. Slowly and surely the Hand of Discipline must pass, and God speaks at each strike; but over and over passes the Hand of Mercy, showering down sixtyfold of blessing for each strike of discipline or trial; and both hands are fastened to one secure point—the great, unchanging heart of a God of Love.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To be sure the mercy of God is far greater than His discipline. Without His mercy we are all doomed.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

A JEW'S CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANS

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 5:14

"I love your English Sunday, your Christian Sabbath, and should be very sorry to see it pass away. If a Jew may be pardoned for making this suggestion to Christians, let me say this: 'If you sacrifice the Sunday you have been brought up to respect, you will lose something you will be sorry for the whole of your lives.'" This was the comment made in the Council Chamber at Middlesbrough by Mr. Jules Reubens, a local member, who is a cinema proprietor. Mr. Reubens was speaking against a resolution for Sunday opening of picture houses. —*Christian Herald (London).*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sacrifices should not only be made on Sundays, but everyday of the week. Just think what Christ gave up for us!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

I WILL FOLLOW

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

I will follow thee, my Saviour
  Wheresoe'er my lot may be,
Where thou goest I will follow,
  Yes, my Lord, I'll follow thee.

Though the road be rough and thorny,
  Trackless as the foaming sea,
Thou hast trod this way before me,
  And I'll gladly follow thee.

Though I meet with tribulation,
  Sorely tempted though I be,
I remember thou wast tempted,
  And rejoice to follow thee.

—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The privilege of following Jesus should be the desire of everyone. However, temptations are sure to come.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

JUST TO BE NEAR

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 6:2

We are ever welcomed by God our Father when we are forced into His presence by our need. He invites us to make our requests known to Him; but we remember the little fellow who nestled very close to his father, who said to him, "What do you want now?" and his answer was, "Just to be near you, Father." Of course his father was pleased. Is not our Father pleased when we seek His presence because of His love to us and ours to Him?"—*Scripture Truth.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Being near our earthly father is nothing in comparison to the nearness of our heavenly Father. Are you close to Him?

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The church is not made up of people who are better than the rest, but of people who are trying to become better than they are.—Selected.

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I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.—Thomas Jefferson.

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

Report to the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

CONVENING WITH HEARON CIRCLE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Spartanburg, South Carolina
JULY 6, 7, 1971

I. **Appreciation:** Greetings from the children, staff, and Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. We appreciate your marvelous support during the past year—prayers as well as finances. Our Home could not have made the progress it has without it.

II. **Finances:** The following figures represent religious contributions **only** from the various states from July 1, 1970—May 31, 1971 (June contributions are not yet confirmed). It should be noted that certain churches in Virginia and South Carolina, are members of conferences or associations in North Carolina, so their contributions are included in that figure. Some out-of-state income came in during June.

Illinois	$ 100.00
North Carolina	113,565.94
West Virginia	60.99
Total Religious Contributions	$113,726.93

III. **Mandatory License Bill:** Recently there was a proposed bill before the North Carolina Legislature which would have required a mandatory license for Children's Homes to operate in North Carolina. The bill was "killed," but probably will reappear in the future. Presently our Home is exempt from license because it operates under a charter granted by the state and is sponsored by a religious denomination.

IV. **Assistant Superintendent Resigns:** The Rev. Eugene M. Sumner has resigned as assistant superintendent, effective on August 20, 1971, to continue his formal education in the field of child care. We are accepting applications for the position.

V. **Project Upward Bound:** Six of our children qualified for a special "Upward Bound" program offered by North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount which is designed to help prepare them for college. These young people will attend classes on the college campus for seven weeks this summer, seven weeks next summer, and each Saturday for two regular school years at no cost to the Home. Upon completion of the program the students should have the basic necessary for good college work.

VI. **Tutorial Program:** One of the greatest helps to our children in recent years has been the new tutorial program which began last fall. A full-time schoolteacher, called our "liaison-coordinator," serves as a liaison between the Children's Home, children, and school system in helping to solve the children's education and/or disciplinary problems. She also coordinates special study halls on campus to assist the children in overcoming academic problems. Success of the program is indicated by better grades, increased motivation, and a realization by the children that **we really care!**

VII. **Farm:**

A. We are tending our entire farm this year with the exception of the tobacco which has been leased and moved off our farm. The crops look real good so far.

B. We have around 115 hogs presently with several sows that will farrow soon.

C. We now have 54 cows and calves on our farm.

D. Other livestock includes ponies, chickens, and turkeys.

VIII. **Other Recent Accomplishments:**

A. **Kitchens:** Each cottage now has its own kitchen where the children eat their meals in a homelike atmosphere. These have made a tremendous contribution to the overall campus life and morale of the children. However, the central dining hall is open for lunch and dinner **just during the summer months** while the housemothers are freezing and canning produce from the farm.

B. **New Roofs:** New roofs have been installed on the Deans and Smith Cottages, office building, and superintendent's home.

C. **Office Equipment:** The office equipment has been upgraded by replacing several of the worn-out and outdated machines. This cost has been covered by earmarked contributions and pledges.

D. **Painting:** Our old buildings are in the process of being painted on the outside. It is hoped that we will be able to paint the inside this fall.

E. **New Van:** The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has adopted as a special project the purchasing of a new van for the Home. Our ladies are encouraged to help with this project.

F. **New Residence:** Construction will begin soon on a new residence for the assistant superintendent's family. As director of group care this man needs to live on campus.

IX. **Number of Children:** We presently have 67 children in our care, both on campus and in higher education. However, this number will drop soon with the official discharge of this year's graduates, etc.

X. **Invitation to Visit Campus:** We invite our friends everywhere to visit with us on campus when it is convenient for you. Our doors are always open with a heartfelt welcome.

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Praying

Don't do your praying just at night
When you are tired and quench the light,
And worn out by day's toil and care,
And fall asleep while still at prayer;
For stiff prayer forms have an aversion,
Don't pray God in the King James Version,
But speak with Him as with a friend
And first your thanks to Him extend.
Make of your prayer an earnest one,
And always say, "Thy will be done!"

—Author Unknown.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

"The Lewis Family"
To Be at Mount Zion

The Woman's Auxiliary of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, will present "The Lewis Family" of Augusta, Georgia, August 27, at 8 p. m., at the Plymouth, North Carolina, High School. "The Lewis Family" is a well-known and widely-traveled group of singers whose personalities and special techniques in presenting gospel music have won them many friends.

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Three Ministers Ordained
At Woodrow Meeting

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Woodrow, near New Bern, North Carolina, was host Thursday night, July 29, to the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina Ordaining Council. The purpose of this meeting was to ordain three ministerial candidates: Joe Edwards of Alliance, Joe Moore of New Bern, and A. G. Smith of Kinston.



The opening prayer was led by the Rev. Jerry English. A charge was given to the candidates by the Rev. David W. Hansley. The message on the qualifications of a minister was delivered by the Rev. Bruce Dudley. The minister's tool, a Bible, was presented to each candidate by the Rev. W. H. Willis, and ordination certificates were presented by the Rev. Clifton Rice. The laying on of hands by the members of the council was carried out during the ordination prayer offered by the Rev. Lloyd Vernon. The congregation extended a "right hand of fellowship" to each new minister and his wife. A closing prayer was led by a Rev. Abernathy, after which an hour of fellowship was enjoyed in the fellowship hall of the church, sponsored by the woman's auxiliary of the church.

Pictured above are left to right: the Rev. W. H. Willis; newly-ordained ministers, A. G. Smith, Joe Moore, and Joe Edwards; the Revs. David W. Hansley, Bruce Dudley, Clifton Rice, and Lloyd Vernon.

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Sidney Church to Host Albemarle Union, League, and S. S. Convention

The Sidney Free Will Baptist Church of Pinetown, North Carolina, will be host to the Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention Saturday and Sunday, August 28, 29. The scheduled programs are as follows:

Union Meeting, August 28
Morning Session

9:45—Devotions, Host Church
9:55—Welcome, the Rev. Jimmy Webster, Pastor of Host Church
—Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:00—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
10:05—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches
10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Announcements
10:40—Morning Worship:
Hymn
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. William Gaylord
11:30—Business Session:
Reading Minutes of Last Union
Report of Children's Home, via Literature
Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
Report of Missions, via Literature
Report of Press, via Literature
Report of Treasurer
Other Business
Announcement of Next Union
Minutes Read and Approved
12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch

League Convention, August 28
Evening Session

7:30—Devotions, Mr. Ray Collier
7:40—President's Message
—Appointment of Digest Committe
—Offering
—Roll Call of Leagues
—Sword Drill
—Hymn
—Recognition of Ministers
—Announcements
—Special Music, Host Church
—League Program
—Minutes of Last Convention
—Business Period
—Report of Digest Committee
—Awarding of Banners and Pictur
—Treasurer's Report
9:00—Adjournment
Pianist, Mrs. Jannett Spruill

Sunday School Convention, August 29

Morning Session

9:45—Devotions, Host Church
9:55—Welcome, Mr. Frank Daw, Superintendent of Host Sunday School
—Response, the Rev. Linwood Boyette
10:00—President's Message, Mr. Oscar Webster
10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Jimmy Raper
10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
—Announcements
—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
—Prayer
10:55—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Church
Message, the Rev. Joe Ingram
11:30—Business Session:
Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
Treasurer's Report
Old Business
New Business
Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
Minutes Read and Approved
12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
—Lunch

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Singspiration to Be Held
At Gum Swamp Church

The Adult Sunday School Class of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, will sponsor a singspiration Sunday afternoon, August 22, beginning at two o'clock. The offering taken during the service will go to

he Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina.

A variety of talent from other churchs of the area are scheduled to be on the program. There will also be solos, duets, quartets, and choir specials from the local church. The Crusaders of this church will also render several numbers. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy good gospel singing and great fellowship with Christian friends.

The Rev. Jack Mayo is pastor of the church and Mr. Steve Little is superintendent of the Sunday school. Teachers of the adult Sunday school class are Mrs. Marie Carraway and Mr. Steve Flynn.

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uniper Chapel to Host ifth Union Meeting

The Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern onference will convene Saturday morng, August 28, with the Juniper Chapel ree Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, lorth Carolina, with the Rev. Willie Stilley as host pastor. There will not be n afternoon service. The program is s follows:

0:00—Hymn
—Devotions, the Rev. Cecil Rose
—Welcome, the Rev. Willie Stilley
—Response, the Rev. Clyde Cox
0:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
0:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for Children's Home
0:50—Report of Denominational Enterprises, the Rev. Rudy Shepard
1:15—Business Session and Election of Officers for 1972
1:30—Special Music
—Report of Finance Committee
1:45—Announcements
1:55—Worship Service:
Message, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr.
—Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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econd Union, Central t Rose of Sharon Church

The Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church ear Williamston (Bear Grass), North Carolina, Saturday morning, August 28. The time of the meeting is 10 a. m. The scheduled program is as follows:

Session

Opening Hymn
Devotion, the Rev. Harry Jones
Welcome, the Rev. R. L. Norville
Response, Moderator
Moderator's Remarks
Roll Call of Churches
Roll Call of Ministers
Report of Denominational Enterprises
Business Period
Hymn
Offering
Message, the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow
Adjournment at Noon

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Resident Director For Women

Mrs. Eleanor K. Chandler of Sarasota, Florida, has been employed for the position of residence director for women at Mount Olive College. She has served in the same capacity at Simmons College of Boston, Massachusetts, for eleven years.



Mrs. Chandler, born in the Hawaiian Islands, is both an American citizen and a British subject. Her educational background includes attendance at Edinburgh Ladies College, Edinburgh, Scotland; and two years at Skerry's Business College.

The mother of three children, Mrs. Chandler lived twenty-three years in Puerto Rico and has traveled extensively in Europe, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean Islands.

With her interesting educational background, Mrs. Chandler will add varied training and valuable experience to the residence hall program of Mount Olive College.

She will assume her duties August 20, prior to the beginning of the fall term August 25, 1971.

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President to Speak

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College will speak at the morning worship service at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Washington County, North Carolina, on Sunday, August 15. The church will be observing its annual homecoming on this date.

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C. R. Etheridge Resigns Pastorate

The Rev. C. R. Etheridge has resigned the pastorate of Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Macclesfield, North Carolina, having given the required ninety-day notice. His work will be terminated October 3. Mr. Etheridge states that his work at Otter's Creek has been most rewarding. The church is now enjoying a new piano and pews full of Free Will Baptist songbooks. The church has been painted inside and out, souls have been saved, rededications have been made, and at various times the entire congregation has gathered at the altar. Answers to prayers have been seen—both for the sick and the needs of the church. An allowance has been set up for missions, two deacons have been ordained, and classes have been added to the Sunday school. In addition, a Sunday school council is now working well, as are other facets of the work in general.

Otter's Creek is meeting at the present time on first and third Sundays. Mr. Etheridge feels led to serve a full-time church. Any church interested in his services is asked to contact him at 305 Hill Street, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; or telephone, 291-3419.

Thank You, Jesus

by Jimmy Raper
St. Paul Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Jesus, why have you been so good to man,
When he still sins against you whenever he can?
He even hung you upon a cross
And humiliation at you he tossed.
You obeyed the Father's wishes by coming to this earth,
But I'll never know why you offered a second birth,
Because mankind just didn't seem to care.
The way you were treated was completely unfair,
But you still provided the means to have our sins washed away.
Thank you, dear Jesus. What else can I say?

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SMILE

by Judy Denny
Pilot Mountain, North Carolina
Student at Mount Olive College

A smile a thousand words can say,
A smile can brighten up one's day,
A smile can take many sorrows away;
So why not try a smile today?

A smile is as rosy as the month of May,
A smile is always a way to repay,
A smile is like a bright sunray;
So why not try a smile today?

A smile can make a sad person gay,
A smile can help to show the way,
A smile can be used as a way to pray;
So why not try a smile today?

If one burden you lift with a smile,
Then your day has been worthwhile.
A smile can stretch a mile they say;
So thank the Lord you smiled today!

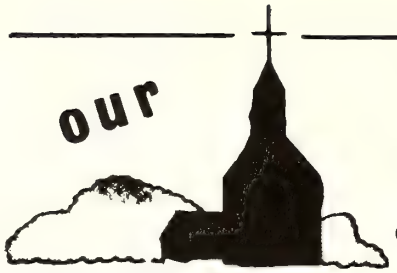
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In Remembrance

We do not lose the ones we love;
They only go before,
Where there is everlasting life,
Where sorrow is no more;

There the soul will always live,
And peace is everywhere;
We do not lose the ones we love—
God takes them in His care.

—Author Unknown.



NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a report from Mrs. Raymond Sasser, treasurer of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention, for the first quarter, May 1—July 31, 1971. Please note the total receipts of this report include the convention offerings, registration fees and per capita dues. The total disbursements include the offerings and allocations made by the convention. For an itemized list see the finance committee's report in the convention minutes.

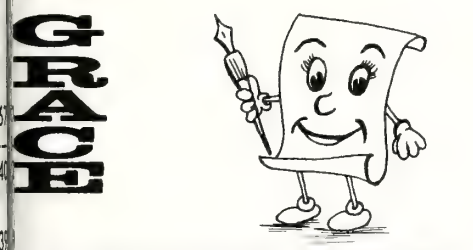
Balance in Bank April 30, 1971		$2,965.87
Receipts		
General Fund	$ 332.60	
Promotional (CSF)	168.14	
Denominational Enterprises	3,868.46	
Total Receipts		4,369.20
Total to Account For		$7,335.07
Disbursements		
Convention Expenses and Allocations	$1,624.21	
Denominational Enterprises	3,868.46	
Total Disbursed		5,492.67
Balance in Bank July 31, 1971		$1,842.40
Summary of Bank Account Balances		
General Fund		$1,575.39
Interest		267.01
Total		$1,842.40
Banks		
Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company		$1,075.39
Tarboro Savings and Loan		767.01
Total		$1,842.40

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES REPORT

	Itemize	Received	Disbursed
Home Missions		$ 383.79	$ 383.79
Foreign Missions		380.09	380.09
Missions (Designated):			
Timmons	$ 5.60		
Mexican Missionary Salary	135.00		
Mexico	11.53	152.13	152.13
Central Conference		77.00	77.00
Harold Jones		115.33	115.33
Mrs. Faye Barrow		509.59	509.59
Mount Olive College:			
General Fund	$ 131.67		
Alice Lupton Scholarship	36.50		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	16.00		
Books	20.00		
VBS Offerings	101.86	306.03	306.03

Free Will Baptist Children's Home:			
General Fund	$ 495.99		
Clothing	50.00		
Roofing	60.00		
Van	46.00		
Mother's Day Offering	87.36		
Allowance	30.00		
Easter Offering	27.00		
Repairs	25.00	821.35	821.35
Superannuation:			
General Fund	$ 85.00		
Adopted Widows and Ministers	27.00	112.00	112.00
Cragmont Assembly:			
General Fund	$ 235.58		
Cottages	35.00	270.58	270.58
Anna Phillips Loan Fund		3.00	3.00
ECU Student Center		50.00	50.00
Camp Vandemere		15.00	15.00
*Christian Service Fund:			
Mount Olive College	$ 168.14		
Missions	168.14		
Children's Home	126.11		
Cragmont	126.11		
Superannuation	84.07	672.57	672.57
Total Receipts		$3,868.46	$3,868.46

* 20% Christian Service Fund retained for promotional—see receipts, $168.14.



By Nina Grace Register

A SPECIAL JOY

1 Peter 1:3-9

You wonder what you would do without that electric frying pan and its nonstick coating. Then, something sticks to it and you wonder what to do **with** it!

If you boil some water and a little detergent for about ten minutes, most of it will come loose and just wash out.

Or, if you don't like the smell of that, try this:

Pour about a tablespoonful of liquid detergent into the pan, spread it around with the plastic scrub pad and leave it a few minutes. Add a tiny bit of water and scrub the mess loose. Rinse, lightly dry, and it's almost like a new pan.

Modern timesavers have given us so many bits and pieces of time that we have added a meeting here, joined a club there, started a job, and added on and added on until our lives are stuck up like the frying pan.

There's only one remedy for that—a generous application of the pure joy of the Lord!

First Peter 1:8 is thrilling in any translation, but especially in "Good News for Modern Man": "You love Him, although you have not seen Him; you believe in Him, although you do not now see Him; and so you rejoice with a great and glorious joy, which words cannot express."

The trusting Christian may be overwhelmed by life's cares and bogged down in its activities, but he'll never drown. His head is high, because he is always looking up. God's joy is greater than earth's sorrow. His love is stronger than man's hate. His peace is quiet in the midst of life's noise. His promises are surer than money in the bank! His joy can make a new life out of an old one, or make an old one as good as new.

Joy is not hilarity. Sometimes it's not even a chuckle. It may be only a deep feeling of satisfaction.

A woman finds joy in different things. One may enjoy the beauty of a clean wash flapping on the line. For a mother, a big bear hug and an "I love you" are thrilling. "What a good meal, honey!" from her husband can make her day. If an employer says, "I appreciate your hard work," a secretary feels refreshed and ready to work harder.

Some of our happiest moments come when we visit a church member who has been shut in for awhile, or when we help a young reader turn to the correct hymn so she can sing along too.

We frequently pursue joy when it's already there. Happiness is usually an attitude: If we act happy, we are. Since it's also a contagious thing, maybe we could infect the world with the special joy belonging to those who believe in and love Christ.

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THE GREATER MIRACLE

We cannot see, we cannot hear the flowers grow;
But this we know,
Beneath earth's surface calm, serene,
There flows a pulsing, vibrant stream—
An energizing tow.
A power that lifts a sturdy stem above the common soil,
Without a boast of what is done and noisy toil.
Abundant leaves and petals then are seen to form
With colors rare, so deeply etched,
Until a thing of loveliness is born.
Our raptured eyes will note, and mind will marvel more
That God hath wrought this miracle from such a lowly store.

But far beyond the marvel of a flower
Is God's eternal, energizing power—
The power to change and fashion all who dare
To trust the mighty force of importuning prayer.
Then on God lean,
Believing He will ceaselessly bestow
Sufficient power to give new life to us and make us grow;
To make us more like Him each day—
True Sons of God for **now** and **aye.**
Redemptive power through Christ alone can stay
The evil forces in our way.
Thus, trusting Him, the **greater miracle** is wrought
When, we renouncing self, His perfect will for us is sought.

—Virgil P. Brock.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Corinthians 6: 14, 15). What is being unequally yoked together?

Answer: I think this passage of Scripture may have a wide interpretation, perhaps more far-reaching than we are accustomed to giving it. Most of the times I hear it discussed and interpreted it is applied to Christians that have married or are considering marrying one who does not profess to be a Christian. I think such are included in the admonition, but it is by no means limited to such unions.

"And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son" (Deuteronomy 7:2, 3). When it comes to our dealings with the unsaved, God imposes His policies upon those who are His. It is indeed true that He gave Christ, His only begotten son, to die for the whole lost world; but just as true, He hates sin with an uncompromising and a never-dying hatred. He cannot and never will compromise with sin nor with the sinner. Jesus told Nicodemus, ". . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

The Bible appeals to us to come out from among those of the world and to stay separated from them, so far as living on a par with them is concerned, or dealing with them as though we were on a par with them, or equal in any way to them. We are to regard them as citizens of this present world only and ourselves as alien and immigrants—as ambassadors for Christ here on the King's business—the King, our heavenly Father. They are sons or offsprings of the devil, the god of this world. We are the sons of God and joint heirs with Christ, His only begotten Son.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18); "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8: 14-17). The more closely we recognize ourselves as being to God the more definitely we shall see ourselves as being apart from the world, worldly or carnal living. "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6: 24, 33).

Most of our alliances with the world and most of the reasons for our seeking a common ground with unsaved people is that we may gain either in a social way or an economic from the relationship. The Bible has a lot to say and says it definitely enough so we know that this is not what pleases God. No Christian may at any time deteriorate to the ethical standards of the world and thereby gain in a material way for God's answer to all is alike: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." When it comes to a social relation, we may never "look upon" the daughters of Cain with any hope of any pleasure of any kind. We are forbidden to court or to marry them. We are to influence both sons and daughters to refrain from meeting them or entering into any bond of friendship with them until we know they are saved.

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Question: Is there not a discrepancy to be found when one compares Psalm 90:2 with Habakkuk 3:3?

Answer: No! I do not so interpret these verses. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm 90:2); compare "God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise" (Habakkuk 3:3). The first of these verses, like so many passages in the Bible, is teaching us of the eternity of God by way of comparison. We are inclined to think of the hills and mountains as being eternal, and yet we know differently when we become as well acquainted with the message that God has given us in the Bible. We even learn from that, that the heavens and the earth are objects of God's creation activities. They include the sun, moon, stars, planets, and what else we may name as part of the heaven God made. The earth with all of its parts or elements came from the mighty acts of God. (Compare with Psalm 90:2 the following to verify this fact: Isaiah 44:6; Hebrews 1:10-12; Hebrews 13:8; Micah 5:2; Revelation 1:8; and with Habakkuk 3:3 the following; Deuteronomy 33:2; Judges 5:4, 5; Psalm 68:7, 8.)

God in the second of these verses, as in those that are to be compared with it, speaks of His manifesting His presence to Israel His people that for 400 years or longer had been exposed to idolatry while under her Egyptian oppressors. Jehovah made vivid appearances so as to indelibly impress on His people's minds and conscience the fact that He and He alone was God and that the heathen gods were in reality no gods at all. So you see He has a different viewpoint in mind as He caused the inspired writers of the Bible to represent God in these two different portrayals of Himself. One represents Him in His eternal aspect while the other shows Him to us as He appears in His creation and before His creatures.

John W. Haley makes this interesting comment on these verses on Page 60 in his book, **Alleged Discrepancies of the**

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STORIES

for our youth



GROWING PAINS

by BEVERLY BUNDY

"MOTHER!" shouted Steve from the top of the stairs as Jeff emerged from Steve's bedroom with a bleeding lip. "Make Jeff stay out of my room and out of my rock collection. I had them all in order according to the states they came from, and he messed them up! He's always in my things. He's a little brat!"

"Now, Steve, you don't mean that!" scolded Mother. "Your brother is not a brat. He may be naughty, but he's not a brat; and I don't want to hear you talk like this again! I want you two to stop fighting.

"Come here, Jeff!" she said, shaking her head with disgust. "Haven't I told you to stay out of Steve's room?"

"Yes," whined Jeff. "But I don't have anybody to play with."

"Can't you play with your toys that you got for your birthday?" asked Mother.

"Those old things!" sighed Jeff as he wiped his lip. "I'm tired of them! Besides, I want someone to play with. Can I go play with Bobby?"

"If you mean Bobby Benson," answered Mother, "no! He lives too faraway, and you're too little to go such a long way by yourself."

"That's all I hear! I'm either too little or too big. I'm too little to play with Steve's rocks and too big to ride Cindy's trike. I'm just a nobody around here!"

"I think you're getting a little too sassy," scolded Mother. "You had better go to your room. And while you're there, I want you to think about how you're going to stay out of trouble and behave yourself. Now go to your room!"

"I'm going, I'm going!" answered Jeff, pouting as he stalked away.

"Steve gets away with everything! It's just not fair!"

Flopping on his bed, Jeff felt misused and ill-treated. His whole world was upside down. I'll get even, he thought. When I'm gone, they'll be sorry they treated me this way. I'll just run away! Leaping from his bed, Jeff flung open his closet door. On the top shelf was his knapsack. Standing on his tiptoes, he flung it on the bed with a thud. Then he slammed around his room as he gathered such things as his catcher's mitt and his favorite comic books. Suddenly he heard a knock on the door.

"What's all that noise? What's going on?" questioned Mother.

"I'm packing!" answered Jeff.

"Are you going somewhere?" asked Mother.

"I'm leaving!" said Jeff.

"So you're running away!" replied Mother. "I'm sorry you feel this way, Jeff. But—if this is what you want, go ahead. Here, let me help you pack. I want you to be happy. We still love you, and we want you to come and visit often. I'm still going to think of you as my little boy. And if you should change your mind, your bedroom will always be waiting for you."

Jeff blinked back the tears as Mother helped him buckle the last of the buckles on his knapsack.

"Good-by, son," said Mother. "Remember, if you should change your mind, we want you back."

"Good-by, Mom," answered Jeff in a whisper as he choked back the tears.

He hadn't planned on Mother's helping him pack. Does she really want me? he thought. He gave his room a last glance as he slowly walked out and down the stairs. He didn't dare look back again. He knew that if he did, he'd cry. He didn't want his mother to see him cry. He was big now—big enough to run away. As he walked out the front door and off the front step, a tear slipped down his cheek.

What am I going to do? he thought. I didn't really want to run away. I just wanted to make them sorry.

"Maybe I can still make them sorry," he said aloud. "I'll go over to Bobby Benson's. I'll show them I'm not too little. I'm getting hungry. Maybe I can eat dinner there."

Bobby Benson lived about two miles away. The knapsack got heavier and heavier on Jeff's back. He thought he was never going to get there. All at once he spied the Benson's house on the hill. He sighed with relief as he lowered his knapsack to the ground.

He decided to hide the knapsack in a ditch so that Mrs. Benson wouldn't know that he had run away. She might not let him have dinner if she found out, he thought. How hungry he was!

"I'm sorry," said Mrs. Benson, answering his knock, "that Bobby can't come out and play. He has the mumps!"

Jeff didn't get to say one word. Mrs. Benson said good-by and shut the door. He was so tired and hungry! Suddenly home didn't seem so bad. Maybe, after all, he deserved to be corrected at times.

Hurrying down the hill, he picked up his knapsack. It just seemed rather natural to walk toward home. Slowly he made his way up the front steps, hesitating at the door. Suddenly he remembered a Scripture verse he had learned in Sunday school: "To obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22).

He inched his hand toward the door and knocked.

Mother answered instantly—as though she had watched him knock—and said, "Why, hello, Jeff! Did you forget something?"

"No-o-o," he stammered, "I decided to come home. I-I'm sorry I disobeyed." A tear slipped down his cheek.

"Oh, Jeff, we're glad you came back," said Mother, bending down to give him a hug. "But while you're here, we want you to learn how God wants you to act in your home. We want you to grow up to be a fine young man."

"I'm going to try, Mom," he promised.

"Well, you had better get cleaned up for supper. We're almost ready."

"Supper!" All at once he remembered how hungry he was. He ran to wash his hands. Yes, it was really good to be home.—Gospel Herald.

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MISSIONS

PAM AND JUNE IN TEXAS - MEXICO

As our work in the Texas-Mexico missions comes to a close, our hearts are filled with a special sense of gratitude. We would like to take this opportunity to openly express our gratitude and share with you what these past six weeks have meant to us.

We would like to thank the mission board for allowing us to come; the Timmons for allowing us to become a part of their family; and the Mexican people for accepting us and allowing us to work with them for the cause of Christ. Last, but not least, we thank you, our Christian friends, for the support you have given us through your prayers.



Congregation—standing room only—some men outside.

When we look back over some of the experiences we have had in Mexico, our hearts are truly thrilled. One such experience was in Jimenez, where we held a Bible school. We will never forget our feelings of doubt and fear as we were left alone for four days. However, God was with us and we had much success. The Bible school began on Sunday afternoon and continued through Wednesday. The children accepted us readily and were very anxious to work with us in the Bible school. We had an average attendance of twenty-nine. On the night of our commencement the church was full. Children and adults alike were found standing because all benches and chairs were filled. God truly poured out His blessings in Jimenez.



Girls standing (left to right): June Hodges, Ruth Ann Timmons, and Pam Temple.

Our three-day stay in Saltillo also proved to be rewarding. Again we received a very warm welcome from the pastor, Brother Mendez, and the people of his church. We made many wonderful friends while there. We shall never forget this experience and the effect it has had upon our lives.



Children participating in commencement.



Children filing in for commencement program.

Our stay here on the mission field has been accompanied by many, many experiences such as these we have mentioned. Truly our lives have been touched and changed greatly, but most important our hearts have been changed. We have a much better insight, and as we return to North Carolina, our prayer is that we can help you to better realize the importance of the mission work. We understand as never before the necessity of succeeding in this work. Even though we are leaving Mexico, our task is not completed. Please continue in prayer for us as we attempt to do God's will. God bless you greatly.

June Hodges
Pam Temple

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HOW TO GIVE

Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door;
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where waiting is o'er;
Give as you would to the Master,
If you met His searching look;
Give as you would of your substance,
If His hand your offering took.
—Author Unknown.

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TO MY GOD

The vast and patient love which within your heart
Is more than I can yet surmise, still it imparts
This much beyond all doubt for me:
That love itself must surely be
The essence of eternity in all its parts.
—Gerald Byerly.



Alcohol and Society

Lesson Text: Amos 6:1-8

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:16

I. INTRODUCTION

Indulgence in beverage alcohol is a threat to this nation. Upton Sinclair in his alarming book, **The Cup of Fury,** points out that "the Communists use liquor as a sort of Geiger counter probing for the weaknesses of men and women. They have used it to gain recruits; they have used it to steal a nation's most guarded secrets." General Marshall once said that the weakest link in the nation's security was the cocktail room of the Hotel Mayflower in Washington. In short, the Great Society of which we heard so much a few years ago stands in great danger of losing its greatness because of its overindulgence in strong drink.

Thinking of the danger, disaster, and death caused by drink, the late Judge W. W. Magruder of Starkville, Mississippi, who spent a lifetime salvaging the wrecks of the liquor traffic, had this to say: "Whiskey is as innocent as a cottonmouth moccasin, as gentle as a saber-toothed tiger in the jungles of Africa, as kind as a man-eating shark, as beneficial to the human system as the virus of hydrophobia, as sweet and pure as a dead buzzard on a nest of rotten eggs."

This is strong language, but the liquor traffic is a strong evil in our society. We have been polite about this hell-spawned evil long enough. We have tried to call alcoholism a disease and our pity has gone out to the poor soul who becomes trapped by its deadly virus. Perhaps we should pity the drunkard, for that is what an alcoholic is in the first place, but we should also do all in our power to keep him from having access to that which makes him a drunkard, and at the same time try to find a little pity for those who have to live with him and put up with his obnoxious habit.

The alcohol problem and moral decay go hand in hand. America is now in the death throes of moral decline because of the deluge of alcohol that is drowning her in its moral filth. Let us look well to this lesson.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Tell the story of the backwoodsman used in the introduction of the lesson.
2. Amos was called of God to warn the people concerning their wickedness.
3. God gives us various warnings today. Will we take them?

B. The Indifference of Israel (Amos 6:1)
1. Israel was prosperous and complacent.
2. Prosperity always seems to bring complacency about morals and personal habits.

C. The Boast of Luxury (Amos 6:2-5)
1. Amos invites the people to look at what luxury has done to others.
2. The people of Israel were seekers of pleasure.
3. They expressed themselves with evil music.

D. The Use of Alcohol (Amos 6:6-8)
1. In their luxury they turned to strong drink and forgot the needs of others.
2. Those who follow after strong drink will become captives.
3. God will destroy the nation that follows strong drink.

E. Solomon Warns Against Strong Drink (Proverbs 23:29-35)
1. Observe the physical effects of drinking upon the individual.
2. What is the command not to yield to temptation?
3. What is the final result of following strong drink to the individual?

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. God sent Amos from the country to the town to help the city dwellers see themselves as God saw them. There was not much of good in the world as Amos saw it from the streets of Samaria. His book preserves for us a vivid picture of a decadent society. Characteristics were affluence, indulgence, sensuality, and intoxication.

We too live in an age of affluence. Looking about us we can see that many people are indulgent, sensual, and intoxicated. If we ignore the good and look only at the dark side of the picture, we may conclude that our world is soaked in drink, like an olive in a martini glass.

What can you and I do to rescue our alcohol-soaked world? First of all, we can remember that we ourselves are part of our world. We can keep ourselves from being contaminated by strong drink.

Then we can help others to see the damage done by liquor. Facts taught in this lesson can be emphasized, along with facts learned from the newspapers day by day.

Most of all, we can proclaim the gospel of Christ. People who are won to Him do not injure themselves and others with drunkenness. Rather, they join in saving others. With enough energy and devotion, Christians by the power of God can rescue the whole world from drunkenness and other sins.—Standard Commentary.

B. "It was not a pleasant sight—the mangled wreckage of a gray convertible in which two young men had died. Students hurrying across the tree-shaded California campus one afternoon last June paused for a closer look. Beside the wrecked car stood a tall, silver-haired man who spoke to those who would listen. . . . The man was Robert E. Malkin, a Vancouver lumber executive. The wrecked car had belonged to his son. . . . Young Malkin (and a friend) . . . were killed when Malkin's car was hit broadside at a Palo Alto intersection. The driver of the car that hit them had been drinking and he drove through a red light. . . . Young Malkin's father came to California and went to the junkyard to recover his son's belongings from the death car. When he saw the twisted wreck he was struck with the idea of exhibiting it to the public in a crusade against drunk drivers. 'I felt that devoting my time and spending my money to this was better than a gravestone for my son,' Malkin said."—Peter J. Hayes.

C. When I was a rookie deputy sheriff we answered a radio call regarding an accident a short distance down the highway. As we rounded a curve, we came

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"SERMON IN THE KITCHEN"

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"Don't condemn me, Phyllis. I didn't mean to get so friendly with Peter. But he was so kind, so sweet, so sympathetic."

"Who's Peter?" I asked.

"The mailman."

My heart almost stopped beating, and then it began again—a slow thump, hurting with every beat. My little sister Jean and—of all people—the mailman!

I couldn't say a word. Jean was going on as if I had commented.

"Yes, I know. But I've wanted to get back at Bob for a long time. Peter's lonely, and so am I." Her voice quivered. If she were the type, I'd say she was being dramatic. But there wasn't a dramatic bone in her sincere little body.

"Help me, Phyllis," she cried suddenly.

I opened my mouth to condemn her, but then I closed it again. What was the use? Jean and Bob weren't saved. They didn't need condemnation. They needed understanding and love.

To my dismay I burst into tears. "Oh, Jean, I want so much to help you. But only God can!"

Believe it or not, that's the only witnessing I did, if you can call it that—those four words, "But only God can."

I would have said more. I should have said more. But I couldn't. Jean continued to complain about Bob. He was away almost every night. She was penned up with the kids (little Penny was over at the neighbor's this morning). Bob never took responsibility. He refused to get involved in discipling the children. No woman in her right mind would put up with such a man. He didn't drink, he didn't smoke, and he didn't gamble, but he didn't show any love for her!

"He hasn't asked for a divorce yet. That's where I've got him. I'm asking for a divorce tonight! I can hardly wait to see the look on his face."

I felt sick. Maybe it was her coffee.

"Why did you ask me to come up, Jean?" I finally got the question in. She didn't seem to hear me at first. I repeated the question more loudly, "Why did you ask me to come, Jean?"

"I had to tell someone. Maybe I was hoping you would stop me from doing what I'm going to do tonight."

I shook my head. "Jean, you're a big girl now. You and Bob have to work out your own problems. Remember when Phil and I—"

"Yes, yes, I remember," she cried. "That's why I thought you could help. You saved your marriage. What was it—counseling? How did you get help?"

Then I blurted it out. "Phil and I were changed from the inside out when we accepted the Lord as our Saviour."

She waved her hand. "Oh, religion. Well, Bob and I have no use for that."

Seeing that I couldn't help, I started for the door.

"Will you stay for lunch?" she suggested halfheartedly.

"No, thanks. I've got to stop at the cleaners for Phil's coat. He has a meeting tonight."

All the way home I reviewed the conversation. Anger, frustration, and sorrow kept taking turns in my heart as I thought of what Jean planned to do.

When Phil got home, I immediately took him into the bedroom to tell him about Jean and Bob.

"Don't feel bad, honey. I think you did just fine. Knowing Jean, I can see how you couldn't say much. We'll pray about it together."

When the phone rang the next day, I was almost sure it was Jean.

"It's the most wonderful thing," she bubbled. "Bob was shocked to think I'd really leave him. In the middle of the night he woke me. He was crying. Can you imagine, Phyllis? Bob—crying? He said he loved me and asked me to forgive him. I cried, too. I really love Bob, and I think we can try to work things out. Bob didn't know how resentful I was about all his evenings away from home. He's giving up Frieda, and I've already shut the door in Peter's face. And it's all because of you, Phyllis!"

"Because of me?" I stammered.

"Because of you. Bob and I have been watching you and Phil. You've got something we don't have. I know it's because you've been praying and because you preached to me yesterday that our marriage is going to be saved."

The words "preached to me" echoed in the air after she had hung up. Preached? Who—me? I laughed happily. I hadn't been able to say anything, I'd thought.

On an impulse, I called Phil at work. I usually don't bother him, but I just had to tell him this.

He laughed, too, over Jean's statement. Then he said, "But you did preach, honey. Your very life—our lives—are a sermon to other couples. The whole world—or at least our world—knew how close we were to a divorce, and now they know we've changed. Sure. The whole time you sat in Jean's kitchen, you were preaching a sermon!"—Gospel Herald.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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upon a most heart-sickening sight. Seven bodies were strewn along the highway—a father, a mother, and five children. From the other car, one man so drunk that he didn't know what had happened, was asking for someone to tell him. Traveling in the wrong lane at high speed, he had hit, head-on, a car filled with a happy family. The mother and two children died. Another child was crippled for life. The father was made a widower and three children were left motherless—all because one man had only a "couple of beers"!

Dr. Karl Menninger has stated, "Alcohol is the nation's single largest mental problem." Says Dr. Haven Emerson, "Alcohol in moderate doses can be shown by delicate instruments to affect the functions of sight, hearing, and touch sensations."

Arnold J. Toynbee figures that nineteen of the twenty-one previous civilizations have been destroyed by a mixture of atheism, materialism, socialism, and alcoholism. When asked recently whether he had changed his mind about Western civilization, he replied, "Only this, that it looks now as if the number one enemy of the American way of life is drunkenness. If your people continue the present increase of drunkenness, nothing can save you from destruction." —S. Ellsworth Nothstine.

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Questions & Answers

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Bible: "The second text has, singularly enough, been adduced as teaching that God originated in time.

"The passage simply refers to the wonderful displays of divine power and glory which the Israelites witnessed in connection with the giving of the law; Teman and Paran being 'the regions to the south of Palestine generally, as the theatre of the divine manifestations to Israel.' This is clear from the parallel text, 'The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints; from his right hand went a fiery law for them."

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CAN YOU IMAGINE?

Can you imagine children who will run to some counselor or other to air their problems when they have a mother and father at home?

Can you imagine a person who will excuse himself for having done something grossly wrong but who will gossip about another person who happened to get caught in a minor mistake?

Can you imagine a father who insists that his son never drink intoxicating beverages but who never misses the cocktail hour himself?

Can you imagine a mother who tells her daughter that modesty is a needed virtue but who has never really exhibited a lot of it?

Can you imagine a man who will sweat for hours on a golf course but who refuses to sit through an hour worship service because the air-conditioner conked out?

Can you imagine a person who will spend two or three hours a day reading novels but who hasn't fifteen minutes to read the Bible?

Can you imagine a person who will walk down a theater aisle four or five times in order to find a seat—or who will stand, if necessary, to watch a favorite movie—but who will simply go home, if in church there's not an available seat at the back?

Can you imagine a person who constantly harps on how much "we" need to give to missions but who somehow never gets around to giving any himself?

Can you imagine a person who says that he loves everybody but who lets that love take another form when somebody disagrees with him over something?

Can you imagine parents who urge their children to say their bedtime prayers but who somehow have never thought it important to let their children hear them speak to the heavenly Father?

Can you imagine church members who will not tolerate any change in the order of worship—and who will censure the preacher if he tries—but who will change their style of clothes with every new fashion whim?

Can you imagine a husband who feels that it is all right for him to run around but who wants his wife to be completely straightforward and honest?

Can you imagine a man who craves respect from his son but who has never given his son many reasons to have this respect for him?

Can you imagine a child who adamantly claims that he loves his mother but who also breaks her heart with his reckless living?

Can you imagine a church member who never misses a service but who never misses an opportunity to criticize what takes place there either?

Can you imagine a person who says that he hasn't the delivery to lead prayer meeting or a public prayer but who can talk about his neighbor freely and unhaltingly?

Can you imagine a Christian who can speak about this or that good cause with all boldness but who will blush if asked to say something about the Lord?

Can you imagine these?

You can't? Well, you haven't been around too much lately, have you?

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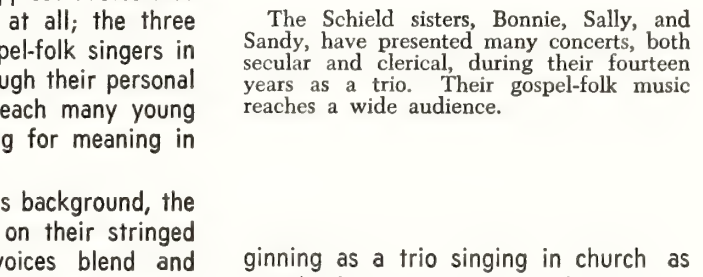
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The Schield Sisters SING OUT

by MARY NELLE KAINER



The Schield sisters, Bonnie, Sally, and Sandy, have presented many concerts, both secular and clerical, during their fourteen years as a trio. Their gospel-folk music reaches a wide audience.

HEY wore white maxi-skirts and shoulder-length hair and strummed itars and a bass. Hippies? Protesters? ck musicians? Not at all; the three hield sisters are gospel-folk singers in e finest sense. Through their personal yle of music, they reach many young ople who are looking for meaning in eir lives.

With piano lessons as background, the sters are self-taught on their stringed struments. Their voices blend and rmonize with the guitars and bass in eir own musical arrangements.

At church concerts they perform cleri- l music in the sanctuary, then often in the youth groups in the fellowship ll for a session of secular music. They el that through their music they can ow that Christianity is an everyday mmitment, not reserved for Sundays or urch. All three girls accepted Christ their preteens and have proved that erage all-American fun-loving teens n also be Christians.

Sandy, at twenty, is the oldest of the sters, the spokesman on stage, and ays the six-string guitar. Sally, nine- en, and Bonnie, eighteen, call their old- t sister the organizer and a level-head- l mother type. Bonnie, with her big ss standing taller than she does, defi- tely admits she is the fun-loving, scat- rbrained member of the group. Sandy scribes Bonnie more bluntly—"crazy" in a loving way. Sally, who expertly ays the twelve-string guitar, is said to in between the other two in person- ity as well as in age.

"I sort of hang the two of them to- ether," she says.

The Schield sisters are undergraduate udents at Milligan College, a Christian beral arts college in Johnson City, Ten- ssee. They have been singing to- ether for fourteen years, since their be- ginning as a trio singing in church as preschoolers. Their father has always footed the bills for their frequent engagements. Their amateur status is soon ending, however, because the Schield sisters are turning professional. With so much time involved with their singing career, the girls cannot hold regular jobs. They feel they must start asking for some pay to alleviate their father's expense.

This past year at college Sally and Sandy sang together at various functions sometimes as much as five times a week. They admit, "It was killing our schoolwork." When Bonnie entered as a freshman, the three girls decided to take one or two professional engagements a week until summer when they arranged a gospel-music tour.

Their immediate ambition is to sing together for at least two more years while they are all still in college. After that, plans are not definite except for their various vocations. Sandy plans to teach music. Sally is majoring in elementary education, and Bonnie thinks she will be either a secretary or an elementary education teacher.

Music is not the only binding factor for the Schield sisters, who respect one another and are friends as well as sisters. They are also avid camping, canoeing, and mountain-climbing enthusiasts. When not in their attractive identical clothing for a presentation, they can usually be found outdoors, "roughing it and going grubby." Their favorite leisure clothes are army fatigues, lumberman jackets, mountain-climbing boots, and floppy hats. In addition to their own camping experiences, they belong to Adventurious Christians. A. C., as it is called, is a two-year-old national camping organization which provides various group trips and outdoor experiences.

At home in Worthington are four younger brothers and one little sister, a mother who made sure her youngsters got some musical training, and a father in the construction business. In addition to helping with housework and secretarial duties for the business, the Schield sisters have startled many drivers who are surprised to see three beautiful girls working as flagmen around construction sites!

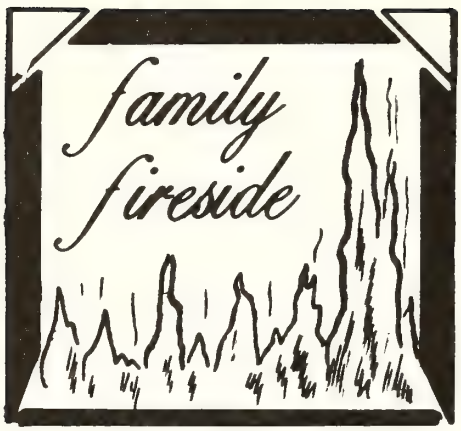
Even though they are billed as the "Schield Sisters," the whole family is involved with their career. One of their grandmothers accompanied them on a tour this past summer. Distant and close relatives keep their eyes out for jobs and often find places for the sisters to sing. Because of the family's size, vacations with the whole group are rare, but that is not important to them. Bonnie speaks for the family: "The most fun is when we're all working together."

The family also sings together, and those members still in school play in the band and sing in their church as did the older sisters. The Schield's large old house should be compared to a resort with people the girls have met at school or camp or singing dropping in for a visit on their way through Minnesota. These visitors must not mind sleeping on the floor in the basement or the attic, because they keep on returning time and time again.

As musicians, the Schield sisters are at home with either clerical or secular music. They sing at such various functions as church meetings, benefits, charities, conventions, hootenannies, and civic meetings. During "Turkey Day," a local holiday, they entertained visiting dignitaries Hubert Humphrey and Averell Harriman.

The girls enjoy singing and having fun wherever they go. While passing through Nashville, they ran up onto the stage of the Grand Ole Opry and sang while the workmen were setting up equipment for the regular show, just so they could say they had sung on the Opry stage. Once the sisters even sang

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

No Sunday Morning Sickness

Scripture Reading—Acts 20:28

Church attendance to many is merely a matter of duty, or appearance, or for the effect it may have on their business and the like. When this is the case, churchgoing becomes a drag and a burden. It has lost its thrill and fails to fulfill its purpose.

When I was a small child, I wondered at the interest shown by my father and mother in going to church. Every service, including the prayer meeting, seemed equally important. More than once I have heard my mother say, "Oh, I can hardly wait until I get to church!" And, though we were living on a farm, it was the custom, on Wednesday afternoons, even in the harvest season, for my father to stop the main work of the day from a half hour to an hour earlier than on other days in order to do the nightly chores and get to prayer meeting on time. "On time" was his motto for all the services.

And why all this? What was there at the little country church which meant so much to them? Through constant observation, it gradually became apparent to me that to them church attendance meant more than mere performance of duty. The toils and trials of the week had worn on them physically and spiritually. This was the occasion when everything earthly was thrown off and cast aside and they met with God and felt His heavenly touch on their bodies as well as their souls. The inspiration they received at these services helped them to get through the trials and toils of the weeks and months victoriously. Where, then, would there be room for a prayer meeting headache or Sunday morning sickness?—*The Free Methodist.*

Prayer Thought

Ask yourself the question, "Why do I go to church?" Our purpose in going should be to put away earthly things and worship God.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Recognition

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:30

A few weeks ago a certain preacher preached on the recognition of friends in heaven, and during the following week this letter came to him: "Dear Sir, I should be very much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your audience on the recognition of friends on earth, as I have been coming to your building for nearly six months and nobody has taken notice of me yet."—*The Evangel.*

Prayer Thought

"A friendly church is a prosperous church," is an old adage, but how true. Do we welcome visitors into our midst?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Always a Fresh Supply

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:1

Old John was a man of God and loved his village chapel. One day he was stopped by an acquaintance, who, by the way, was an ardent angler. "I say, John," said the angler, "I have often wondered what attraction there is up at the village chapel. You go week after week to the same old chapel, see the same folks, sing the same old hymns—" "Wait a minute," interrupted John. "You fish very often at the same spot, and in the same water, do you not?" "Yes, that's true," agreed the other. John smiled, and then exclaimed: "Well, you do not, for the water you fished in yesterday has passed on to the sea; and everytime I go up to the chapel the Lord has something fresh for me."—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

If our church attendance is in the right spirit we can be sure of receiving a blessing with each visit.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Church Attendance—What My Absence Did

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 3:15

It made some questions the reality of my Christianity.

It made some think that I was a pretender.

It made many regard my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.

It weakened the effect of the church service.

It made it more difficult for the preacher to preach.

It discouraged the brethren, and therefore robbed them of a blessing.

It caused others to stay away from church.

It made it harder for me to meet the temptations of the devil.

It gave the devil more power over lost souls.

It encouraged the habit of nonchurch going.

—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Always remember that our life is a model to someone. You own child might be walking in your footsteps.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Lacking Evidence

Scripture Reading—John 12:42

A boy said to his mother, "When I grc up I am going to be a Christian like Fath Nobody knows whether he is a Christian not." That man was like the clock in certain courthouse tower we used to se It had no hands. It may have been wor ing inside, but how were we to know it *Presbyterian.*

Prayer Thought

"Action speaks louder than words," I a told. May our actions show that Chr lives in our lives.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

How We Knew

Scripture Reading—1 John 2:4

I recollect W. E. Blackstone, author "Jesus Is Coming" and who was convert at the age of eleven years, saying that knew his conversion was real because immediately went home and confessed his mother that he had stolen a small su of money from her pocketbook.—*Sund School Times.*

Prayer Thought

How real is your salvation? When u really become converted we no longer ha a desire to do the things of the world.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Soul Winning

Scripture Reading—Psalm 145:5

Are you seeking out the lost ones
Whom the Saviour died to win?
Are you showing them the fountain
That can wash away their sin?
Are you looking by the wayside
For the weary ones who fall?
Do you win them to the Master
Who has promised rest to all!

—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Our aim in life should be to be a so winner. Have you brought a soul to Chri lately?

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Grant that I may not criticize m neighbor until I have walked a mile his moccasins.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

7-6-5-4-3 . . .

BOREDOM!

by Herbert Henry Ehrenstein

ALK about countdowns! We are in the middle of a feverish drive to increase leisure time by developing a short- workweek and an abbreviated work-g day. We have come a long way from e seven-day week of work in which ork often was done under the most ueling conditions. Today, we are aim-g, of all things, for a three-day work-eek, once the four-day workweek catch-on.

Remember, it was not too long ago at six days of work were commonplace th perhaps only half a day on Satur-y, and Sunday free. Then the drive r both Saturday and Sunday freedom veloped. Labor unions pitched in to hieve this new leisure for the hard-orking man and woman. The taste of isure became insatiable, and even the ve-day workweek seemed far too long. us, for the past several years, rumb-ngs of discontent have been heard with mands for experimentation along the es of a four-day week. Once this be-mes a general reality—and it will!—e three-day week will be just around e corner.

Quite frankly, I have no ax to grind this lessening of the workweek. It atters little to me whether a man la-rs six days or only one day provided at he enjoys his work and the condi-ons and pay are adequate. Leisure can be a wonderful blessing to man. It can also be a curse. God himself provided a day of leisure—He called it the Sabbath—and no work was to be done on that day. This was to be a time of rest and recuperation. It was to be a period when the human body might replenish its strength, when the human mind might divert from its usual mental activity, and when the human spirit might derive nourishment from God.

Apparently, God thought one day was sufficient for such relaxation. "Six days you will labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; then you shall not do any work, . . . for . . . the Lord . . . rested on the seventh day. The Lord therefore blessed the Sabbath Day and consecrated it" (Exodus 20:9-11, Berk. Vers.).

We moderns think we know much more than God about the needs of man for leisure. One day has hardly been enough, so now we have two, and we will soon have three or even four days off. Work has never been popular with God's creature, man. It is, after all, a part of the divine curse, so naturally it is resented. God told His fallen creature that he would have to eat his bread in the sweat of his brow (Genesis 3:19)—hardly a pleasant prospect. The sweat of the beach or the lawn mower or the baseball park is far more agreeable. And you hardly have time for these diversions of life if you have only one or two days off a week.

The point of all this, however, is not how many days you work or how long the weekend becomes. The dilemma arises in what to do with all the leisure time. Oh, sure! It might be delightful to be able to say, "I have a three (or four) day weekend every week." For the first six months or so, that can be said with relish. Then the novelty wears off, and the long weekend begins to pall and eventually becomes a nightmare. Then commences what Nicholas Boileau, the eighteenth-century French critic, called "the terrible burden of having nothing to do." When leisure becomes idleness, you've got problems, man! Robert Browning once summed this up in poetic fashion:

> When a man's busy, why, leisure
> Strikes him as wonderful pleasure:
> Faith, and at leisure once is he?
> Straightway he wants to be busy!

So very true!

Whenever a working man retires after his three score years—more or less—unless he has planned for his future leisure time, retirement years can be a terrible blight instead of a blessing. How shall he while away the hours, the days, the months, the years? Will he have pleasant, useful, profitable pursuits? Or will he face the "terrible burden of having nothing to do"? The same problem inevitably will face tomorrow's worker with his increasingly long weekends. Boredom, here we come! As Isaac Watts said, "Satan finds some mischief still, for idle hands to do."

Theoretically, the Christian—above all others—should have little problem with leisure time. There is the Word of God for him to relish; after all, he has had precious little time to delve into it previously. Or he can offer his time, energy, and talents to his church in assisting the pastoral staff in visitation, in manual labor about the church, and in a score of responsible tasks to keep his Christian witness bright. These are ideal ways to spend the long weekends when they come. Yet, how few will do this! How many will so easily descend to the level of the ancient Athenians who "spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21)? So consider the countdown in advance: 6—5—4—3——Will it be idleness and boredom, or profitable activity and blessing?—Gospel Herald.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

First Union, Western
St. Mary's Church

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, North Carolina, Saturday, August 28. The church is located just off U. S. Highway 301 between Lucama and Kenly. The Rev. R. H. Jackson, moderator, will preside, assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Opening Devotional, the Rev. Curtis Jones
10:15—Welcome, Host Pastor
—Response, To Be Supplied
10:20—Business Session
11:00—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Local Church
Offering for Children's Home
Sermon, the Rev. Charles Sugg
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Sesion

1:00—Devotional, To Be Supplied
1:15—Business Session
2:15—Adjournment

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Western Fellowship
At Children's Home

The Western District Youth Fellowship will meet Saturday, August 28, at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina. The services will begin at 4 p.m. with a sport session. At 5:30 a picnic supper will be served on the grounds of the Home. Following supper the meeting will be turned over to The Young World Singing for the program. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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Central Conference Youth
Convention, Greenville Church

The Central Conference Youth Convention will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, Saturday evening, August 21, beginning at eight o'clock. A program of music and testimony will be presented by The Young World Singers. All youth are invited to attend.

Owen's Chapel to Host
Central Fourth Union

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will meet with Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Elm City, North Carolina, Sunday, August 29. The theme will be, "Christ for All," with Scripture taken from Hebrews 13:8. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Hymn, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"
—Devotions, Mrs. Ralph Beamon
—Welcome, Mrs. Carol Webb
—Response, Mr. Alton Carraway
11:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Hymn, "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men"
11:30—Special Music, Tim Thorpe
—Sermon, the Rev. Dallas Carter
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Irvin Wooten
—Special Music, Terry Carraway and Mrs. Paul Wooten
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Adjournment

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Successful Evangelistic Work
By Woodlief in Florida

The Grace Free Will Baptist Church at Orange Park, Florida, held a successful revival, along with a Bible school, the week of July 4-11. The evangelist was the Rev. Arnold Woodlief of Marianna, Florida. During the meeting there were ten conversions, several rededications, and a number of young Christians came to the altar praying for their parents that need Jesus.

Also Mr. Woodlief conducted an open-air evangelistic meeting on the southeast side of the Jackson County courthouse lawn in Marianna July 19-24. The preaching time for these services was limited to 15 minutes with the following topics spoken on: Monday, "Why Revivals A Desired"; Tuesday, "The Whisper God"; Wednesday, "The Sower and H Reward"; Thursday, "Lost and Found Friday, "The Three Looks"; and Saturda "Preparation to Meet God." The sponse was greater than anticipated, a several persons asked to be remember in prayer.

A newly organized Free Will Bapt Mission at Milton, Florida, had Mr. Woo lief for revival services the week of Ju 25—August 1. The first message on t topic, "Seven Essentials to Reviva seemed to have been a great highlight the revival according to the pastor, t Rev. Mr. Reddoch. There were thr conversions, several rededications, a some Christians seeking God's will to u them as He sees fit.

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Friendship to Host
Second Union, Western

The Friendship Free Will Bapt Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Ca lina, will be host to the Second Uni Meeting of the Western Conference S urday, August 28. There will not be afternoon session. The program is follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Welcome
—Response, Barnes Hill Church
—Devotions, Mount Zion Church
10:20—Moderator's Remarks
—Reading of Minutes, Clerk
—Roll Call of Churches and Min ters
10:30—Children's Home Report
—Cragmont Assembly Report, Ch dren from Children's Home
10:50—Offering for Children's Home
—Hymn
11:00—Business Session and Reports
—Special Music, Miss Nancy Stric land and Mrs. Judy Woodard
—Message, the Rev. Terry Woodal
—Adjournment

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Carteret County Union Meeting, and
Sunday School Convention

The Sound View Free Will Bapti Church of Newport, North Carolina, w be host to the Carteret County Origin Free Will Baptist Union Meeting, ar Sunday School Convention Saturday, A gust 28. The scheduled program is follows:

Union Meeting
Morning Session

9:30—Devotions:
Duet Time
Scripture and Prayer
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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

he Education of Ministers at Mount Olive College

W. Burkette Raper, President

(*Article Two in the Twentieth Anniversary Series)

From the beginning Mount Olive Col-ge has taken seriously the trust of the ee Will Baptist denomination that the llege would provide appropriate edu-tion for students who have committed emselves to full-time church-related cations, especially the ministry. Since founding in 1951 more than 100 min-ers have received all or a part of their rmal college education at Mount Olive, d today these men are serving as pas-s and in other vital areas of Christian rvice.

In this article, let us take a look at at Mount Olive College is endeavor-g to do in the education of ministers. t it be clearly recognized, however, at the College does not "call" min-ers nor can it "make" ministers. The e of the College is to assist those who ve answered **God's** call and who wish "study to show themselves approved to God, workmen who need not be hamed."

LARGED CURRICULUM

Mount Olive is a junior college which eans that it offers the first two years study leading toward a baccalaureate gree; and it must be recognized that is unreasonable to expect a student to tain an adequate education in this ort period of time for a work as de-anding as the ministry. Nevertheless, e College has expanded its program of udy for ministerial students to serve fully as possible the needs of those o will terminate their formal educa-n at Mount Olive as well as those who ll transfer to other institutions for up-r division work and seminary studies.

Courses of study in the Department of ligion now include:

1. **Introduction to the Old Testament.** A general survey course.

2. **Introduction to the New Testament.** A general survey course.

3. **Christian Beliefs.** Including beliefs about God, man, sin, salvation, and the church.

4. **Hebrew Prophets.** An indepth study of major prophets of the Old Testament.

5. **Life and Letters of Paul.** A careful study of the salient features of the life, work, and letters of this great apostle.

6. **The Free Will Baptist Church.** A study of the history, beliefs, enterprises, and government of the denomination.

7. **The Minister and His Work.** A course designed to help students understand the ministry and to develop basic skills needed in the work of the minister.

SUPERVISED WORK EXPERIENCE

The College recognizes that preparation for work as complex and as varied as the Christian ministry cannot be adequately provided in a classroom; and for this reason the College is inviting experienced pastors and administrators in denominational enterprises to become members of our teaching team. As a part of our financial aid program, each ministerial student may participate in a "supervised work experience" which will give him an opportunity to learn in a real life situation.

Under this program a student may serve as a pastor under the supervision of an experienced minister or member of the College faculty; or he may serve as an assistant pastor, youth director, music director, work under the board of missions, Free Will Baptist Press, Children's Home, or in other approved capacities. The church pastor or denominational agency under which he works must request his services and agree to both supervise and evaluate his performance. The compensation paid is a matter of direct agreement between the church or enterprise and the student.

In this manner a student will learn how to preach, visit the sick, officiate at funerals and weddings, conduct business meetings and communion services, administer the affairs of a church, and otherwise prepare for the ministry under the tutorage of our best pastors and denominational workers. In a sense, these cooperating pastors will become "associate" members of the College faculty and they can help to assure that when a student graduates from Mount Olive College he is properly prepared to serve in the Free Will Baptist church.

NEW FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

Every student who has ever applied to Mount Olive College with the expressed intention of preparing for the ministry has been admitted regardless of his high school grades or financial circumstances. The College has not had money it could provide for personal or family expenses in the case of married students, but through scholarships, loans, and employment, it has always provided the means whereby a student could meet the expenses of tuition, fees, room, board, and books.

Beginning with the 1971-72 academic year a new and expanded program of financial aid will be available for students preparing for the ministry, missions, and other full-time church vocations. The first assistance will be through the "Church-College Scholarship" program through which a student can receive a grant totaling $500. Under this plan the student's home church, conference, or other denominational body must contribute $250 and the College will provide an equal amount.

The second form of assistance will be a grant for participating in a "Supervised Work Experience" for which the student will receive $125 from the College per semester for a total of $250 during the academic year. Any earnings the student receives from the church or denominational enterprises for his services will be in addition to this grant.

The College is also working on a project which would provide a grant of $250 to a student who participates in a "Supervised Work Experience" over a period of ten weeks during the summer.

In addition, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College is eligible for loans without interest while he is in college, part-time employment, and other forms of assistance. Below is an outline of the kinds of aid available to ministerial students.

$250, home church's part of Church-College Scholarship;

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

"THANK YOU," FREE WILL BAPTISTS

by The Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

On behalf of the Cragmont Board of Directors and all who love Cragmont, I say, "Thank you." Why? On July 26, the Cragmont board met in Wilson. In that meeting we voted to pay the first $5,000 off the principle of the loan of $25,000 made with the Northwestern Bank of Black Mountain, North Carolina. This is really more significant than it might seem at first glance. This means that we have paid about $22,000 out of our own funds since the beginning of Phase I of our building program. This program has cost us a total of about $40,000 to complete. This is really an accomplishment that we should be excited about, as well as being thankful to God and our people for making it possible!

There is one reason that we have been able to realize this forward step. That is due to the increased support of you, the Free Will Baptist people. We now owe $20,000 on the above mentioned loan. We need to retire the remainder of this loan this year. This is an **urgent** need! Can we do it? Yes! We most certainly can! As we realize the benefits of Cragmont to our entire denomination, I am sure our people will open their hearts and keep their support on a progressive and regular basis.

May I reiterate: we need to retire this loan **this year.** We must pay this loan off before we can begin Phase II which needs dictate that this be a kitchen-dining hall unit. This is a much needed addition to our campus. It would add greatly to the campers' enjoyment of mealtime as well as making the staff's work much easier.

We encourage you to give to this great cause liberally and regularly. Cragmont will progress only as you and I allow it to do so by our giving. Please send all contributions to: Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574.

NOTICE

Churches, woman's auxiliaries, youth groups, or Sunday schools, please allow me to come into your church or church groups to talk with you about Cragmont. I am available on second and fourth Sunday nights each month, or any night during the week. Contact me by phone at 239-6471, or writing to The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

WANTED: CRAGMONT MANAGER FOR 1972

In the July 28 issue of "The Free Will Baptist" our manager stated that she would not be making application for the 1972 camping season. Therefore, the Board of Directors will be receiving applications for the position of manager from now until December 31, 1971. We would like to have a man and wife as managers if possible. Of course anyone making application must be of upstanding Christian character, have a love for youth, and a desire to serve. Contract will be discussed with the board. Address applications to: The Rev. Adrian Grubbs, Route 1, Box 236-A, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

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Treasurer's Report for July

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as follows for the month of July, 1971:

Balance July 1, 1971		$6,178.08
Receipts		
Churches	$473.66	
Personal Gifts	5.00	
Unions	25.00	
Sunday Schools	284.54	
Auxiliaries	21.00	
Total Receipts		809.20
Total to Account For		$6,987.28
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$147.76	
Insurance	43.00	
Total Disbursements		190.76
Balance August 1, 1971		$6,796
On Savings		2,236
Grand Total		$9,033

Please send all donations for Cragm Assembly to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 285

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Treasurer's Report o New Buildings

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports on new buildings as follows:

The Board of Directors of Cragm Assembly, Inc., secured a loan from Northwestern Bank at Black Mount North Carolina, in the amount of $ 000. The expense of securing the l was $253.50, leaving a balance recei from the bank of $24,746.50. Thus following report:

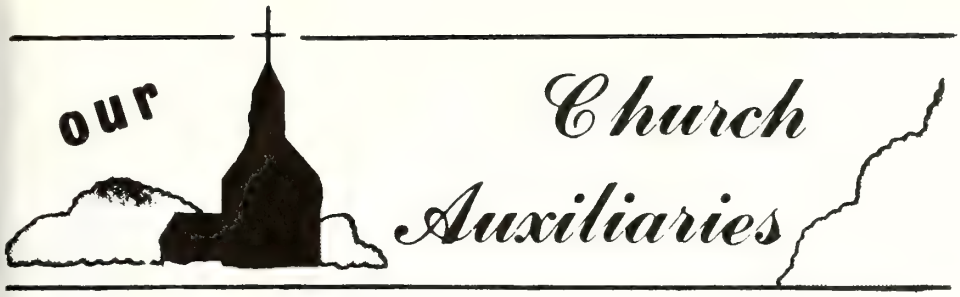
Received from Cragmont Board of Directors		$24,746
Disbursements		
May 21, 1971, McLean's Trucking Co.	$ 251.19	
May 21, 1971, C. Cliff Meyer (Contractor)	12,000.00	
May 21, 1971, Hennis Freight Co.	53.62	
May 21, 1971, Bourdon's Inc. (Furniture)	1,719.31	
May 25, 1971, Operating Expenses	94.82	
May 25, 1971, C. Cliff Meyer	9,180.86	
June 4, 1971, Talman Office Supplies	1,446.70	
Total Disbursement from Northwestern Bank		$24,746
Disbursements from General Treasur		
February 22, 1971, C. Cliff Meyer	$ 4,000.00	
March 11, 1971, C. Cliff Meyer	6,000.00	
April 20, 1971, C. Cliff Meyer	5,000.00	
June 4, 1971, Talman Office Supplies	42.66	
June 11, 1971, C. Cliff Meyer (Building Roads)	576.88	
Total Disbursements from General Treasury		15,619
Total Cost of the Two New Buildings		$40,366

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The foolish and wicked practice cursing and swearing is a vice so m and low that everyone of sense character detests and despises it.

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There's never a year nor a seasor which prayer may not bless every h



Attention! Vice-Presidents of Local Auxiliaries

by Mrs. D. W. Hancock, Vice-President
North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

As vice-president of your local auxiliary you have one of the most challenging tasks in our auxiliary work—that of enlisting women into the woman's auxiliary and thereby carrying out the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world." This commission was given to the disciples by Christ and it comes ringing down through the ages to you and to me. Christ has no one else to carry out this commission except Christians. Perhaps we cannot go into all the world, but we can enlist those about us. He is depending on us to win others.

You and I have a definite work to do in carrying out Christ's command. Is there an unenlisted woman in your church? If so, then your work is unfinished--she needs to be at work in your auxiliary. Are there absentees in your auxiliary? Are you doing anything about getting these women in the service of the Lord? Will **you** be responsible for the enlistment of every woman in your church for the cause of Christ?

Let's pray for power as we launch into the great service of enlisting others in His kingdom's work. Let's study His Word more—because a closer walk with God makes a life more powerful for Him. We need auxiliary members whose hearts are aflame with the love of God and for humanity. We need a strong evangelistic fervor in our efforts that will reflect the might of the Christian people and the greatness of our God. There are numbers of perfectly wonderful women about us who would receive the truth gladly if they could hear it under proper conditions. Are we praying for them, or condemning them? Are we providing the proper conditions through well-planned and well-carried-out programs?

The hour is now. The fields are white already to harvest. Will you join me now in accepting the responsibility and joy of enlisting every woman in our Free Will Baptist churches for the cause of Christ?

If I can be of any help to you in your enlistment work, please write P. O. Box 571, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.

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Attention! Youth Chairmen

by Mrs. David W. Hansley, Youth Chairman
North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

As youth chairman of your district woman's auxiliary or local church auxiliary it is your duty to encourage our women to give to the auxiliary state project, an organ for Mount Olive College.

Since the organ will cost $6,000, we decided it would be better to divide the amount into a two-year project. Thus this is this year's quotas:

Albemarle Conference	$ 400
Cape Fear Conference	475
Central Conference	625
Eastern Conference	625
Pee Dee Association	100
Piedmont Conference	200
Western Conference	575
Total	$3,000

Send your gifts for the organ fund to your district treasurer and be sure to earmark it for the organ fund. Let's get busy and raise as much on the project as we can before our fall convention.

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Collection: a church function in which many take only a passing interest.

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A man's faith gets a severe test when he finds himself in church with nothing in his pocket but a ten-dollar bill and the offering plate is passed.

GOD'S MOMENT

by Joyce Reagan Manning

"Where is God?" I ask myself;
"Have I forgotten Him?
In my daily routine,
Have I left Him out?"

Time is so short, and we stay so busy;
We do the things we have to do and want to do;
But do we pause even for a moment
To think of God?

We think of those we love
And of those who love us;
But do we think of the One
Who loves us most, God?

When we get so busy
We sometimes leave out
The most important moment of our life—
Our time with God.

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GOD

by Diana Brickhouse, Age 13
Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

One morning in the early light
I saw a bird in its flight;
One midday I saw a beautiful flower,
It seemed to say, "I was created by His pow'r."

One night as I gazed at a star up above
A voice seemed to say, "He is love."
All of a sudden I could see
That He created all this for you and me.

You ask me just who He is,
This man who created all of this;
When you get to heaven like me,
He will be waiting there for us to see.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What do we know about the ree of life?

Answer: The tree of life was in the Garden of Eden. "And out of the crowd nade the LORD God to grow every tree hat is pleasant to the sight, and good or food; the tree of life also in the nidst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil" (Genesis :9); "And the LORD God said, Behold, he man is become as one of us, to know ood and evil: and now, lest he put forth is hand, and take also of the tree of ife, and eat, and live for ever: . . . So e drove out the man; and he placed at he east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned very way, to keep the way of the tree f life" (Genesis 3:22, 24). Other references of the Bible to the tree of life are vidently written with the idea in mind hat the reader of them shall be sufficiently interested to read and become ttentive in these to have a foundation or all such references to it.

I think to consider the following quotation from G. H. Sandison's book, "1000 difficult Bible Questions," on Page 199, would be helpful for us here: "Although vast amount of speculative literature as appeared on the subject, various eferences to the 'tree of life' elsewhere Scripture show that it was regarded the means provided by divine wisdom an antidote against disease and bodily ecay. Access to it was conditioned pon our first parents obeying the inunction against eating the forbidden uit of the 'tree of knowledge,' which as the test of obedience. Certain Hebrew writers have called the two trees he trees of the lives,' holding that the ondrous property of one in perpetuating physical life and conferring perennial ealth was in direct contrast with the her, the 'tree of knowledge,' which as sure to occasion bodily suffering d death. 'The tree of life was, in ort, a sacramental tree,' writes one mmentator, 'by the eating of which an, in his state of innocence, kept himself in covenant with you."

Some of the references made to the tree of life after those above, are the following: "She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her" (Proverbs 3:18). Here the tree symbolizes wisdom; namely, "Wisdom is the correct use of knowledge." We are fully persuaded that our first parents, as is the case in all their offsprings, except Christ, failed in correctly using all the knowledge that was theirs. We often hear it said, "I did the best I could" or "the best I knew." This contradicts what the Bible says on the subject. It says that "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; . . ." (Isaiah 53:6). It also says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). So we can see as the Bible teaches, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55: 8, 9).

God's way for man to be in an eternal right relationship with Himself by partaking of the tree of life, but man chose rather to exercise himself in the way the serpent directed him which was contrary to what God had told him to do. God set life (in the tree of life) before man and also placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil before him and told him to not touch it, for in the day that he partook of it he would be the medium of death. Ever since man disobeyed God and elected contrarily to God's instructions, and has followed Satan's teachings instead, he has ruled out the tree of life for its intended use in this life. God's mercy and loving-kindness to man whom He made in His own image and likeness, required that while he was in his sinful state he would not be allowed to partake of it; so God drove man from the garden and set a guard against it lest man in his sinful state should partake of this tree and live forever in the sinful state his disobedience placed him. But God has not ruled out the possibility of man's beneficially partaking of the fruit from the tree of life and living in that eternal state of bliss he forfeited temporarily when he ate the forbidden fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Pay attention here to what is said further of man and this unique tree: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7); "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7); "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. . . . Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Revelation 22:2, 14).

Now in the lost state that Adam's and Eve's disobedience brought to them and their posterity, Jesus makes it clear in John 3:3, 5 that the new birth must precede one's entering into heaven; and the further writings of John, this worthy servant of God, would have us understand that when, because of the new birth, we are able to enter into heaven we shall have available again to us this tree of life, and that it is God's means of keeping us well and happy throughout all eternity. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Man died as a result of his disobedience when he ate the wrong fruit, but through Christ's obedience and man's union with Him, because of His complete obedience, man is made alive again and has provided in this the fruits of the tree of life. The Christian, a descendant of Adam in the natural realm, but also a descendant of Christ and therefore of God the Father in the spiritual realm, shall be or is returned to the tree of life where in the spiritual realm he shall have eternal access. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be

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STORIES for our youth



Lonny Is Called a THIEF

ROY B. JUSSELL

LONNY LARKIN had no idea that his friend Jeff would accuse him of being a thief.

It was a warm sunny day. The two boys, wearing swimming trunks, swam and splashed around in Meadow Creek which flowed through the pasture land to Feather River. Their clothes and tennis shoes lay beside the creek bank.

"Isn't this great fun?" Jeff asked laughingly. "We must have been swimming a couple of hours."

Lonny said, "I want to sit on the bank and rest a minute." He waded off to where their clothes were, while Jeff swam farther away.

Soon Jeff called, "I guess I'm tired, too," and waded to join Lonny who was drying himself with a towel. They slipped their clothes on over their wet trunks and forced their damp feet into their tennis shoes.

To Lonny's puzzled surprise, he saw Jeff on his knees, searching the grass and separating it with his fingers.

"What are you looking for?" Lonny asked, adding with a grin, "Diamonds?"

"My quarter," Jeff muttered frowningly. "It's not in my pocket."

This prompted Lonny to shove his moist hand into his own pocket. Yes, his dime was there. He and Jeff had planned to stop at the ice cream stand on their way back to the village.

Lonny joined Jeff on his knees to help find the lost coin. Though they searched and searched it wasn't to be found.

"Are you sure that you brought it?" Lonny asked.

"Cross my heart sure," Jeff replied. He straightened his back and stared at Lonny. "You came to sit on the bank while I was swimming."

Lonny understood what Jeff was implying. Feeling hurt, Lonny said, "I didn't take it, Jeff. I have my own dime." Never had Lonny been called a thief. As a Sunday school student, he knew the Ten Commandments by heart and tried to obey them.

"I didn't say you took it," Jeff said. But Lonny could tell that he suspected him. And then, without another word, Jeff walked homeward alone.

"Jeff!" Lonny called out. "You don't believe me!" But Jeff answered not a word. Lonny felt heartbroken. Jeff was his friend and in the same Sunday school class.

As soon as Mr. Larkin came home from work, Lonny told his father what had happened.

"Of course you didn't take it," his father said. "Your mother and I believe you."

That night Lonny prayed that the matter would clear up so Jeff would not mistrust him in the future and they could be the good friends they used to be.

The next day when Lonny went to the supermarket to get a loaf of bread, whom should he meet but Jeff! It was a surprise that Jeff stopped to talk. "We rode out last night to where the deer come to graze every morning at Pine Meadows. I counted eighteen."

Lonny was still angry and did not comment on the deer. Just as he turned to go with the bread under his arm, Jeff exclaimed, "Say! I found that quarter!"

Lonny's eyes grew big. His lips parted as he waited to hear more.

"I had put it into my right pocket that had a small hole in it, instead of into my left pocket, as I always used to do. At the creek I only searched the left pocket. Wasn't I fortunate that the quarter didn't slip through the hole?"

Lonny spoke angrily. "But you thought I was a thief! I told Mom and Dad, and maybe they think I took it, too. You sure were quick to accuse a friend!" Lonny turned away and walked off.

"Lonny!" Jeff yelled. "I'm sorry about it. Forget it. Let's be friends."

Lonny was too angry to answer back.

He could hardly wait for his father to come home so he could tell him. He had already told his mother, and she had smiled and patted him on the back.

Dad ruffled Lonny's hair and said, "We knew that you would not steal."

Lonny said, "I'm not going to be friends with Jeff any more."

Mother's eyes lifted in surprise. "You aren't? Would that be the Christian way—not to forgive? You've told us that Jeff said he was sorry that he had wrongly accused you."

Lonny's lips were tight together as he fingered a small cut on his left thumb.

His father said, "Son, you must remember from your Bible lesson on forgiveness that Jesus said to forgive 'until seventy times seven' (Matthew 18:22)."

Lonny remembered that Scripture well. He said, "I'll try. I'll pray about it." And so he did.

The very next morning, something came to his mind. He exclaimed, "Oh, oh!" Then he hurried down the street to where Jeff lived.

"Hi, Jeff!" He was busy hoeing his own potato patch. He looked up and smiled gladly.

"I hoped that you would come over," Jeff said. "I prayed last night that you would."

Lonny had a confession to make. He said, "A few years ago I left my roller skates on the back porch steps. The skates were strapped together. My friend Larry had stopped by when I wasn't home."

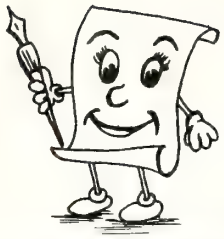
Jeff leaned on his hoe handle, listening.

"When I went to get my skates, they were gone. I thought that Larry had taken them. Anyway, I hunted around thinking I had laid them somewhere else. And sure enough, they were behind the garage."

Jeff laughed. "So you had mislaid them, had you?"

"No, our dog Barker had transferred them to where he thought they should be." Lonny stretched out his hand to shake Jeff's hand. They clasped. They were friends again and vowed not to be quick to condemn and accuse each other. —My Pleasure.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

LIVING MEMORIALS

1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Mr. Harris liked lemon meringue pie "nose deep." Miss Bernice eats corn bread and milk. Aunt Mollie's delight was a dinner of four vegetables plus meat and dumplings boiled in one pot. Marlene makes lovely congealed salads and unusual three-layered cookies.

Strange, how certain foods become associated with individuals. And if you recall the most outstanding events in your life, chances are they include certain people and—food!

Perhaps that is why Christ chose a meal as His memorial. A great building such as the tabernacle Peter proposed would have deteriorated or been destroyed by fire, earthquake, or war. A status would have been stolen, mutilated by souvenir hunters, or worse, **worshiped** in His place.

But the Lord's Supper is different. One doesn't have to travel across the world to reach the place: it can be held in a church, a home, or a hospital. The requirement for admission is simple—be a Christian. The menu of bread and wine (or grape juice) is easy to obtain. Its lack of sophistication is conducive to meditation, so you review its events, one by one.

You see Peter, who failed but tried again and became great. There is John, who loved Him, and became a teacher of love; James, his zealous brother, whose enthusiasm led him to an early martyrdom; Thomas, who doubted at first but became convinced and devoted; and Judas, who failed Christ and himself, and never came back.

Each of them is like one of us. They were imperfect too, but He personally served them, each in turn. As the deacons serve us, can't we feel His Spirit loving and blessing us?

Can you eat that bread without seeing His body on the Cross, or swallow the drink without realizing He bled for you? He gave much more than we can understand. No one actually feels worthy of participation in this experience, but He taught humility, not self-worth. He said that we must love each other and serve each other. We remember these and other teachings, besides His sacrifice. We review our failures, our devotion, our determination to do better. The Lord's Supper is a time of self-examination, recleansing, and rededication for the Christian.

It is a living memorial, more lasting than wood or stone. So long as there are Christians in the world, it will survive as a testimonial to His life, death, and resurrection.

No wonder He said, "This do in remembrance of me."

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Wycliffe to Remain In Orange County

Ground will be broken in Huntington Beach, California, for a new administrative headquarters of Wycliffe Bible Translators this coming Sunday. The world's largest interdenominational mission has made its home in a retired church building on Broadway and Walnut, Santa Ana, California, since 1960. The home office staff in that time has grown from 25 to over a hundred. Wycliffe now has some 25 hundred missionaries serving over 500 tribes in 23 countries. They learn tribal languages, formulate alphabets, teach people to read, and translate the Scriptures into their languages.

The headquarters project will ultimately include a two story, 60,000 square-foot office building, a museum and auditorium building, and 20 transient housing units. The center will be located on five acres adjacent to the Evangelical Free Church of Huntington Beach on Beach Boulevard between Adams and Utica Avenues. It will feature an Aztec motif, designed by Architect David E. Miller of Orange. Although the design is modern and appealing it makes no effort to be plush. Within a decade it is expected to serve administrative functions for 8,000 linguists and support personal around the world.

The project is one of three which Wycliffe Bible Translators is developing simultaneously across the United States. Land has been purchased in Dallas, Texas, for a translation research and training center. This will also include a museum of tribal arts, retirement complex, and transient housing. Also in Waxhaw, North Carolina, Wycliffe's Jungle Aviation and Radio Service has established a base where pilots, aircraft, and communications equipment are prepared to serve the linguists an remote fields.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held Sunday, July 11, at 3 p.m. Mayor Lorin Griset of Santa Ana, president of Wycliffe's board of directors, will conduct the exercise. Bill Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ, will be the principal speaker. Invitations have gone to numerous public officers including Governor Ronald Reagan. Anyone interested in the work of the Wycliffe Bible Translators is invited to the ceremony.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

The annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. will be held in Ayden, North Carolina, on Tuesday, September 7, 1971, at 10 a. m., in the new foundation building.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign proxy below and return to me, Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
Hubert Burress, Secretary
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

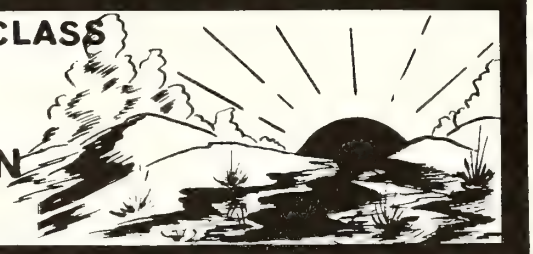
We hereby appoint D. W. Hansley, president; Hubert Burress, secretary; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., September 7, 1971, at 10 a.m., Ayden, North Carolina.

Date_____ Signed_____

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 29



Alcohol and the Christian Community

Lesson Text: Romans 14:13-23

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:1

I. INTRODUCTION

The Book of Romans was written by Paul to the Christians in Rome. Paul planned soon to visit them.

In Chapter 14 with which we are concerned today, we find Paul's doctrines concerning "doubtful things." It seems that in Rome there were many questions about what things one, as a Christian, might do. There were those who had formerly been Jews. And from their upbringing they had many regulations and restrictions about what they might eat and drink and do. Many Jews who had converted to Christianity continued to carry out those restrictions taught them by their parents and synagogues. And this was acceptable. But sometimes they tried to force others, not of their upbringing, to do likewise. In these cases there was trouble.

Others apparently had no restrictions for their Christian lives and they too needed instruction in these matters.

In this chapter Paul gives instructions for the management of different ideas about these things. Within churches then and now often there is much confusion because people have different beliefs about what is right and wrong to do. Often we try to impose our beliefs on another and when they do not accept what we think is right, we become angry.

The life and soul of true religion expire when arguments concerning these matters enter into God's churches. If we would seek God's will through prayer and practice and study His words to us, much of this dissension would cease and we could get on with God's work here on earth.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
   1. The church should seek knowledge on the subject of alcohol.
   2. The church should not compromise with the forces of alcohol.
   3. The church should be compassionate toward the drinker.

B. Careful Christians (Romans 14:13-15)
   1. We should not judge another.
   2. Our acts should be such as not to cause another to stumble.
   3. We should realize that we are responsible for our influence.

C. Acceptable Christians (Romans 14:16, 17)
   1. Keep our good from being considered evil by others.
   2. Our righteousness does not depend on keeping the law.

D. Sacrificial Service (Romans 14:18-20)
   1. Two cardinal rules for conduct are peace and helpfulness to others.
   2. We should sacrifice to keep our Christian testimony clean.

E. Responsible Christians (Romans 14:21-23)
   1. It is wrong to do things that causes another to stumble.
   2. Our choices can condemn us or make us happy.
   3. Whatever is not of faith is sin.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. More than a few folk, some of whom claim to be Christians, believe that alcohol improves your chances. They think social drinking will improve your chances for romance, pleasant social contacts, and profitable business deals.

Alcohol **does** improve some chances, but not the ones you want to improve. It improves your chances for highway **accidents,** for **unfaithfulness** in marriage, and for **divorce.**

It improves your chances for **alcoholism** too. The more often you drink, the greater chance you have of becoming enslaved. Then other chances grow greater. The alcoholic improves his chances for **bankruptcy, imprisonment, disease,** and early **death.**

It is true that some people drink regularly and moderately, and seem to avoid all these dangers we have listed—at least for many years. Some of these people claim that their drinking does no harm. They may find too late that they are suffering harm without knowing it; but even if they are not, there is another danger to be considered: the one the Apostle Paul writes about in today's text. What is your drinking doing for other people's chances? If someone drinks because you do, how do you know he will not become an alcoholic? The only safe stand on alcohol is total abstinence. Abstainers take no chances!—Standard Commentary.

B. We read recently of the death by overdrinking of the son of two of the most famous show business parents in America. (We omit names, to spare embarrassment.) These parents were admirable Christians, they gave their son every advantage that love could give him; he was maturing into a fine Christian when he went into the armed services, was shipped abroad, and died there in a drinking bout. That was odd, for up to the time he went abroad, he had been no drinker at all. But he was promoted, during his training, and in the old service tradition his comrades gave him a "party" to "wet down the stripes." One of his comrades was one of those bullies who love to dare another boy to "live it up," to "drink like a man," to "prove he can hold his liquor." Duped into thus "proving" himself, the boy drank half a bottle of champagne, two cocktails, had a steak dinner and then put away four "Zombies" concocted of whiskey, gin, vodka, brandy, all mixed with a sweet cordial. He fell unconscious—and the next morning he was dead!

It was all so tragically wrong—and unnecessary. It is never necessary for a Christian to "prove" himself to such critics; he proves himself a Christian in refusing to be "dared" into doing anything. The tragedy of it all lies here: this boy wanted desperately to get to South Vietnam, where he could prove his love for his country; instead of dying in such love, he died with a bottle!—Tarbell's Teacher's Guide, 1968.

C. In a fine Christian home was a youth who was quite a problem during his early teens. He was disobedient, rebellious, surly, and a burden to his parents. No one liked him. When he was sixteen years of age he went to a Christian service camp during the summer, and came back a changed person. His face was radiant, he was gracious, kind, considerate, and immediately became very popular.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

NEWS NOTES

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Quartet Time
9:55—Meeting Called to Order, Clerk
—Moderator's Remarks
—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Delegates
—Appointment of Committees
10:15—Offering and Congregational Hymn
10:20—Roll Call of Churches
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:35—Special Music
10:40—Business Session
11:00—Reports of Committees
—Promotional Period
11:15—Congregational Hymn
11:20—Special Music
—Message, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
—Reading of Minutes
12:00—Adjournment and Lunch

Sunday School Convention
Afternoon Session

1:00—Special Music, Davis Church
1:05—President's Remarks
1:10—Congregational Hymn and Offering
1:15—Reading of Minutes
—Treasurer's Report
—Roll Call of Churches and Attendance Check
—Appointment of Committees
1:30—Special Music, Faith Church
1:35—Promotional Period
1:50—Business
2:05—Report of Committees
2:15—Benediction and Adjournment

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Questions & Answers

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that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:15-17); "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:16, 17).

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THE SCHIELD SISTERS SING OUT!

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for their supper at a restaurant—their uncle's doing.

Sandy's and Sally's mezzo-soprano voices switch tenor and lead while Bonnie sings alto or bass. All three are capable of carrying solos with finesse and individuality. Their style is to sing folk-type gospel songs which carry strong overtones of the influence of folk singers Peter, Paul, and Mary and the New Christy Minstrels.

A typical program by the Schield sisters will include lively gospel songs such as "Gonna Walk Them Golden Stairs," "Well, Well, Well," and "I Want to Go There." Their selection of songs will take the listeners through all phases of life and Christianity. Often their singing is so well received that spontaneous applause breaks out. The sisters love and appreciate it.

"Why should worldly entertainment get applause and Christian entertainment not?" they ask.

In explaining their love for and use of the folk sounds in their gospel music, Sandy tells the audience, "Listen to the words; check the backs of the labels of records. A lot of folk groups are including gospel songs. Please just listen sometimes instead of simply saying music is folk or rock and turning it off."

A medley of favorite old hymns is a regular part of the program when the music slows and the voices soften, sweet and melodious to every ear in the audience. Each concert, clerical or secular, is currently ended with "Oh, Happy Day," a popular gospel song that has reached the number one spot on the hit parades at least twice.

Sandy introduces their final song by saying that she once heard a minister say that the day you become a Christian is the most happy day of all. She expands, "We believe each new day that you are a Christian is the most happy day!"

As their guitars ring out in time with the thump-thump of the bass, the talented voices of the Schield sisters clearly glorify this philosophy of Christianity:

Oh, Happy Day; Oh, Happy Day
When Jesus washed, yes, when He washed,
When Jesus washed, He washed my sins away.
Oh, Happy Day!

—*Gospel Herald.*

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Remember, the lad who gave his loaves and fishes didn't have to go without his dinner.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Otway Free Will Baptist Church near Beaufort, North Carolina, is looking for a part-time or full-time minister for pastoral services. This church has a parsonage and is a member of the Eastern Conference. Any minister interested in serving this church please contact Mrs. Alonzo Taylor by writing Route 2, Box 677, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, or by calling 728-3935 after 6 p.m.

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Mr. James E. Warren states that he would like to work as a fill-in for any pastor who has to be away from his pastorate, or help out in the services anyway he can. He is a licensed minister who has been preaching a little over a year. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, or by telephoning 527-1648.

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Churches, pastors, or students who wish additional information on "The Education of Ministers at Mount Olive College" are invited to contact Dr. Michael R. Pelt, coordinator of this program. (Address: Post Office Box 151 Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone: College—919 658-2502; home 919 658-2343.)

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College President on TV Program

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College will be interviewed on WITN-TV, Channel 7, on Saturday, August 21, at 1 p.m. He will appear as a guest of Mrs. Kay Currie on "Hospitality House" during which he will discuss some of the creative and innovative educational concepts being inaugurated at Mount Olive College. Included in the discussion will be the individualized instruction program, the nonfailing grading system, cooperative education, and the concept of total development of students as persons.

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Gambling has become such a problem, according to a recent Associated Press news report, that a nonsectarian group known as Gamblers Anonymous, corresponding to Alcoholics Anonymous, has been started to help rescue those who are addicted to gambling.

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HOW MUCH DO I OWE THEE?

Editorial...

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HOW MUCH DO I OWE THEE?

How much do I owe thee for the sun, the moon, the stars?

. . . for the drops of rain that cool my face during the summer heat . . . for the clouds that hang so low that I can almost touch them . . . for the green grass, the clover beneath my bare feet, the dandelion that falls apart too soon and scatters under my breathing?

How much do I owe thee for the rainbow after rain, the orange leaves after frost, the diamond sparkle of fresh dewdrops?

. . . for the snow in winter, the ice on my windowsill, the vapor of my breath against the cold air . . . for the clasp of a little child's hand, her little scream of delight at some new discovery, her tender eyes when she says, "I love you" . . . for a little frog, a grasshopper, a ditch full of minnows?

How much do I owe thee for a broken toy, a confident heart that I can fix it, a "Thank you, Daddy" when I have been successful?

. . . for long looks of understanding, sighs that say more than words, smiles that make me want to cry . . . for a firm handshake, a little pat on the back, a nod of the head . . . for a song that thrills my soul, the silkiness of a loved one's hair, the softness of her cheek next to mine?

How much do I owe thee for the desire to live, to love, to fulfill?
. . . for the right to be free, to do what I want to do, the wisdom to choose a better way . . . for a heart that beats sometimes fast and sometimes slow, breath that comes easy and unrestricted, the ability to see other than with the eyes and to feel other than with the hands . . . for the privilege to know a little, the desire to know more, and the ability to add to it?

How much do I owe thee for the cherished memories of today's mind, the pains of yesterday's heart, the hopes of tomorrow's future?

. . . for faith in something bigger, impossible dreams found in sleep, the capacity to see something good in the worst of circumstances . . . for a tree full of birds that noise their joy, a cricket whose chirp can become annoying, a spider that startles me when I suddenly find him by my side . . . for the bleat of a little lost lamb, the response of his mother, the quietness of security when they find each other?

How much do I owe thee for real men, real women, real children?

. . . for minds big enough to forget, hearts kind enough to forgive, lives open enough to accept come what may . . . for being amused when a toddler falls down, being happy when he gets up again, being assured that this is the only way he really learns to walk well . . . for yesterday's lessons well-learned, today's exercise of known facts, tomorrow's application of both?

How much do I owe thee for dirty little hands that soil my shirt, runny little noses that always need wiping, sticky little lips that insist on kissing me after a jelly sandwich? How much do I owe thee for my quiet moments with thee alone? How much do I owe thee, God? How much do I owe thee?

If I paid a lifetime, t'would not be enough. My heart is so full . . .

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"SUPPLY . . . EVERY NEED?"

Anonymous

LIKE many others, I have for years leaned on and loved Philippians 4:19. "And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (A.S.V.).

And I have sought to claim its precious promise for my daily life through changing circumstances. Yet many times when funds are low and debts are high and you want to smile but have to sigh," I have doubted the fact of God's provision.

Marginal notes opposite Philippians 4:19 indicate a few of my financial vicissitudes over the years:

"Bank balance on payday ranging from 3¢ to $74! 1953-54.

"And conversely the total of unpaid bills has ranged similarly in recent months! 12/25/55.

"I think this is the first time I have been $6 overdrawn this early in the month! 6/15/60. (Payday was once a month—at the end—with usually too much month left over at the end of the money.)

"New record—bank balance 2¢! 7/13/63."

For several years I was on the staff of a world famous Christian organization, located in one of the highest living-cost areas in the country. Unfortunately the compensation was largely spiritual, which couldn't be cashed at the A and P, Sears, or the rental office. I faced constant debts, deficits, demanding creditors, and often despaired of ever seeing any need supplied, much less **every** need!

Oh, I tried to claim Philippians 4:19, much like the small boy whistling past the graveyard at night. But the tantalizing gap between income and outgo defied explanation; I couldn't reconcile the Bible and my bankbook!

Then one day in a flash everything changed. "We're planning some changes around here, and you're not part of the picture." It wasn't broken to me quite that brutally, but the effect was the same: I was a luxury they could no longer afford, and in a few weeks, I would be through.

Yet I was pleasantly surprised to receive several weeks' terminal pay. This greatly helped, but the next move was 700 miles away, and relocation cost far more than I had imagined.

Then about a year later, another blow fell, before I was anywhere near fully recovered from the long years of shortages: home broke up, and to the extra legal and other costs, I had to add the loss of car, apartment, furniture, and other assorted odds and ends. To top it all off, I was still saddled, unjustly I felt, with a pile of debts from the marriage that wasn't.

I struggled heroically along, whittling them all down as fast as I could, praying for the best, sometimes fearing the worst.

Finally, a year or so later, the tide **did** turn—in my favor at last! Almost before I could realize it, I was out of debt (except for a small life insurance loan), back on wheels, and building a modest savings nest egg—all of which would have been an utterly fantastic dream a few years earlier.

About the time that the tide turned, a friend sent me this quotation from a church bulletin in India:

"In divine providence, nothing comes a moment too soon or too late, but everything in its own true time. God's clock is never too slow. Every link of the chain in God's providence fits into its own place. We do not see the providence at the time. Not until 'afterward' will you see that your disappointments, hardships, trials, and wrongs inflicted on you **by others** are part of God's good providence toward you, full of blessing.

"But the afterward is sure if you firmly and faithfully follow Christ and cleave to Him. To the child of God the afterward of every disappointment or sorrow is blessing and good. We need only to learn to wait in patience and we shall see God's faithfulness to us in every circumstance of our lives."

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And then, after a seemingly short period of prosperity, other reverses set in. Because of a number of factors, including my son's employment, it seemed advisable for me to help him get a car—and a thousand curses on that '64 Ford Galaxie 500 XL! Actually, it seemed to be in good shape at the time, but his extensive and intensive use, combined with ignorance and neglect of proper care, soon brought the repair bills rolling in—hundreds and hundreds of dollars of them, on top of perhaps the costliest insurance, because of his age group and business use. Because of his travels, I let him have two credit cards for awhile.

In a very few months, my balance sheet changed drastically, for the worse. He has made a few payments, but circumstances are such that the outlook is not good. After spending most of 25 years struggling to pay off his mother's debts, am I now doomed to a dismal repetition?

I am right in between the two extremes of the last decade. Perhaps the most striking fact is that at a time when I should by all means be building toward possible retirement, I am still caught in a financial quicksand—caused entirely by others.

The future is, of course, as bright as the promises of God, such as this one:

"But seek for (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides. So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:33, 34 A.N.T.).

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GO TO CHURCH

Some go to church to weep,
While others go to sleep.
Some go to tell their woes;
Others go to show their clothes.
Some go to hear the preacher;
Others like the solo screecher.
Boys go to reconnoiter,
Girls go because they "orter."
Many go for good reflections,
Precious few to help collections!

—Selected.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

WHAT SELF-DENIAL IS

Scripture Reading—Romans 12:1

A clergyman once said, "Do you know that Campbell Morgan came to this country, and preached one sermon that destroyed forty years of my sermons? For forty years I have been preaching on the duty of sacrifice—denying things to ourselves, giving up this and that. We practiced it in our family. We would give up butter one week and try to use the money in some way that God might bless. Another week we would give up something else, and so on. Campbell Morgan said that what we needed to give up was not things but self; and that was the only things we had not given up in our home. We had given up everything under the sun, but self."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Giving up "self" is the greatest sacrifice a person can make, and always the hardest; yet, it provides the supremest of joys.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

CHRIST'S HANDS

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 25:8

Skilled in the use of illustrations, the Rev. Dr. J. H. Jowett, who exercised a distinguished ministry in both England and New York City, once told of the time when he went to conduct a village wedding. A great London organist was asked to play an asthmatical little organ, with one pedal. Yet those fingers of the master musician managed, somehow, to produce a wonderful wedding march from the defective instrument. Gypsy Smith narrating the incident said to his audience, "You let Jesus come with the fingers that painted the lily and the rosebud and the rainbow, the fingers that were nailed to the Cross, and let those fingers touch the keys of your life and see what happens." Christ transforms and glorifies life.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our fingers, our eyes—whatever—given to Jesus, they can perform mightily.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

THE BEST WAY

Scripture Reading—Romans 6:16

Robert Chapman of Barnstaple, a great friend of the late George Muller of Bristol, was once asked, "Would you not advise young Christians to do something for the Lord?" "No," was the reply, "I should advise them to do everything for the Lord." —*The Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Something" for Christ is not enough; "everything" is. "Everything" means "all," and "all" for Him is always best.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

WHY BE QUIET IN CHURCH

Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:1

"I am building a church," said a small boy, playing on the floor with a set of building blocks, "and we must be very quiet." His father, eager to encourage this unexpected reverence, asked, "And why are we quiet in the church?" "Because the people are asleep!" was the immediate response. Think of the opportunities we have missed because of spiritual drowsiness! —*Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sad to say many church people are asleep, not only physically, but spiritually as well. Before the church can prosper or the soul have pure joy, they must be awakened.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

A CHILD'S FEET

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 7:17

While things are pliable is the time to make them permanent. A pastor in Kansas, in a letter to the business department of the Sunday School Times, gives a striking instance of this. "On the front walk leading up to my church one can see the imprint of two baby feet, pointing toward the door. Some mother had set her baby down there when the cement was still fresh. She started him in the right direction. Early impressions are permanent. Start the child right! That was fourteen years ago, and still the impressions on the walk are as if dating from yesterday." How much better to turn the feet of a little child toward the door that is Christ himself, than away from that door.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Train up a child in the way he should go" is still a good motto. Fewer children would become wayward if at an early age they were given the right "directions."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

GOD IN THE HOME

Scripture Reading—Joshua 24:15

Dr. Beiderwolf relates the following interesting incident: "The story is told of a little Japanese girl who studied at an American college and spent a Christmas vacation in the home of one of her classmates. She had seen much else in America, but the thing she longed most of all to see on the inside was a Christian home and such a home this one was known to be. She had a delightful time and as she was about to leave at the end of the vacation time the mother said, 'How do you like the way we American folks live?' 'Oh,' she said, 'I love it. Your home is beautiful. But there is one thing I miss,' said the girl with a faraway look in her eyes. 'It is this that makes your home seem queer to me. You know I have been with you to your church and I have seen you worship your God there. But I have missed the God in your home. You know, in Japan, we have a god-shelf in every home, with the god right there in the house. Do not Americans worship their God in their homes?' "

Christianity can never leaven our country unless it pervades the home life.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is dangerous indeed to leave God at church. He must be taken home to direct every thought, mood, and activity. Is He in your home?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

WHY NOT EVERYTHING?

Scripture Reading—Job 10:14

A story has been written by Frederick Hall about that lad who played such an important role in the miracle of the loaves and fishes. It tells how the boy reported that exciting incident to his mother when he returned home that evening at sunset. When, with eyes still big with the wonder of it all, he had told how his five barley loaves and two dried fishes had increased in the Master's hands until the vast crowd had been fed to a sufficiency, he added, "I wonder, Mother, if it would be that way with everything you gave Him?"—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sometimes we give Christ nothing, and sometimes the little that we give is given grudgingly. Attitude is more important than the amount. Remember this!

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS

Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN!"

by L. E. BALLARD

From one to three times each day during the week of August 1-5, 1971, the words of the song made famous by being sung by thousands on Grandfather's Mountain each year, filled the tabernacle at Cragmont Assembly as 69 lusty voices of the young people attending the Young People's Bible Conference, plus the voices of their counselors, sang the song as their theme song.

"Go Tell It on the Mountain!" was the theme for the eighteenth session of the Bible conference, as well as the theme song.

And go tell it they did! Throughout the week, the young people learned mountaintop truths from God's Word, lifted Him up in the praise of many a song and chorus, and witnessed to His mighty power by their testimony and Christian influence. As has been true in all the youth conferences held at Cragmont, God blessed in the salvation of many souls and in giving richer experiences to most every young person attending.

This conference was cosponsored again this year by the State Sunday School Convention and the Carteret County Sunday School Convention. Our joy was a bit dampened when Codirector Sammy Weeks of Newport, whom we all learned to appreciate and love last year, was forced to drop out at the last moment. However, Mr. Benson, who came in Sammy's place, proved an excellent worker and was a great influence in the conference. As dean of boys he found it possible to keep them in line, and at the same time, hold their respect. As director of recreation, he planned some most enjoyable events for all to enjoy.

The Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link were, as has been true in former conferences, tops in their planning and carrying out a program of instruction, inspiration, and spiritual uplift during the week. There were sing-alongs, playlets, story-telling, and other great features carried out well during the week. In the evenings the Lord blessed the youth revival and Mr. Link's ministry of preaching wonderfully. Brother Link is one minister who knows how to get into the world of young people and win them to Christ.

There was more than the usual amount of participation of the young people in the various workshops, especially in the Sunday school workshop conducted each morning by the field secretary of the State Sunday School Convention. Last year, the group had organized themselves into a Sunday school; this year it was imagined that the school had been going on for one year, and it was time to evaluate it and reorganize for a new year. To have something with which to compare the school, a committee was sent out to interview the pastor of a nearby church which has a Sunday school considered one of the best around. This pastor cooperated wonderfully, and the committee brought back a taped recording of the interview in which the pastor answered a number of questions from the committee. Another committee found a suitable place for the "annual picnic," planned such an affair, and all really wished that it could have been a reality. Another committee made a careful study of the young people attending the conference during the week, finding out their possibilities and interest in Sunday school work; and on Friday submitted a slate of nominations for officers and teachers, listing good reasons for each nomination. Drills on how to enter the building, how to stand up in unison, how to read in unison, and how to march out to classes, was part of the planned workshop. The young people seemed to enjoy this kind of instruction.

In all, we had a great conference. Many precious friendships were formed, and there was noticeable sorrow when the time came to separate. This has been true in more than sixty youth conferences with which this writer has been in some way associated since 1953. This will be true as long as Cragmont Assembly continues to fulfill its purpose in relationship with our Free Will Baptist young people.

MAMA'S LETTER

The following letter was written on July 30, 1971, to Mrs. Victoria Crowl, who was in North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, suffering with a severe case of cancer. Mrs. Crowl, her daughter, Peggy, and son-in-law Dale, have just recently made professions of faith in Christ. Mrs. Crowl was born in Russia and knew very little about God until just recently. She requested that this letter be published in hopes that it might be a source of strength to other people also. It was written by her daughter.

"My very dearest Mama,

"Please don't ever be scared. God is always with you. He loves you, and He will take good care of you—in His own way! Mama, I always think about you. You're constantly on my mind and always and forever in my prayers. I pray to the good Lord above, all the time, that it be His will to heal you. If it isn't His will to do that for me, then I just pray that He doesn't let you suffer anymore. If He won't heal you, I just want Him to hurry and take you out of this miserable world and take you with Him to heaven. Oh, I bet heaven is a beautiful place; don't you, Mama? I know I'll see you there when my time on earth is up. I'll do my very best to be one of the Lord's people, and that's why I'm not afraid for you to die anymore. I love you, Mama; and I always will—even when you're gone. You know that!

"If and when you feel lonely and depressed, Mama, turn your heart to the Lord. He's always listening, even if you don't always think so. He's still your best and most faithful Friend. Put your trust in Him, Mama, and don't ever deny Him; and everything will be all right. It's such a wonderful thing to know that the Lord is with you. I wish I could've seen it before. What a stupid, empty life I've been leading. My husband has made a great difference in my life also. I'm so lucky to have Dale, and I know God sent him to me—and I'll never forget to thank Him. So, Mama, even though I'm not there as much as I'd like to be, you're with me in spirit—and that counts most. Between the Lord and me, you're never alone! We all love you, Mommy!

"Love, Peggy."

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Fifth Eastern S. S. Convention
Juniper Chapel Church

The Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention will meet with Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, North Carolina, Sunday, August 29. The officers are Harvey Whitford, president; Velma Morris, secretary; Vaughn Hill, treasurer; and Mrs. Hazel Stilley, program chairman. The program is as follows:

10:00—Opening, President Harvey Whitford
—Prayer
—Convention Hymn
—Welcome, Superintendent of Juniper Chapel Sunday School, Webster Morris
—Response, Mrs. Cecil Rose
—Offering
10:15—Recognition Time for Pastors, Sunday School Officers, and Delegates
10:20—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Dilmas Brown
10:45—Business Session:
Reports
Presentation of Awards
11:05—Remarks, the Rev. W. E. Stilley, Pastor of Host Church
11:15—Wesley Morris Presents "The Young World Singers":
Mr. Wesley Morris, Leader
Sandra Morris, Pianist
Howard Duzan and Phillip Duzan, Instrumentalists
Jackie Morris
Reb Lancaster
Janie Jones
Sandy LeFever
Jennifer Jones

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Fall Revival Announced
For Spring Branch Church

The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina, announces revival services beginning September 6 and continuing through September 11. The time of the services is 7:45 p.m. each evening, with the Rev. Robert Rollins, of Pine Level, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. There will be special singing each evening by local and visiting groups. Also, at each service there will be music presented by the community choir composed of interested participants from the various churches in the community.

The pastor of Spring Branch church, the Rev. E. C. Morris, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services.

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Riverside Church to Host
Cape Fear Union Meeting

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene on Saturday, August 28, with the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church near Newton Grove, North Carolina. The moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, will preside. The local church organist and pianist will play for this service. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, Mrs. Charles Parrish
—Welcome, the Rev. C. M. Coats
—Response, the Rev. Taylor Hill
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Reports of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Worship Service:
Hymn, Congregation
Special Music, Riverside Church
Offering
Message, the Rev. Francis Garner
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Saratoga Church to
Host Singspiration

The Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, Saratoga, North Carolina, will be host to a singspiration Sunday evening, August 29. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a number of churches participating on the musical program.

The church pastor, the Rev. Charles Branch, and the church membership invite everyone to attend.

Coming Events . . .

September 15, 16—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Daniel's Chapel Church, Route 3, Wilson.

Addison Church, Ohio
Enjoys Outing

According to an announcement by Rene Broyles, church clerk, approximately seventy-five persons enjoyed the annual Sunday school picnic held at Fortification Hill in Gallipolis, Ohio, sponsored by the Addison Free Will Baptist Church, August 15. Fortification Hill offers a breathtaking view of the town and of the Ohio River winding its way south. A bountiful lunch was prepared and served by the ladies of the church while the congregation enjoyed the games of baseball, darts, and a lively contest of horseshoe throwing.

The Rev. Walter Patterson, pastor of the church, offered a prayer of thanksgiving. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all, and the presence of God was felt strongly during the outing.

The Addison church maintains a strong ladies' auxiliary and youth group, and the main concern of all is to initiate the Christian way of life to neighbors and the surrounding communities.

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Evangelist Woodlief To Be In Area

Any Free Will Baptist churches and pastors that would like to have Evangelist Arnold Woodlief of Marianna, Florida to conduct services or revival meetings may contact him after Friday, September 10, at the following address: The Rev. Arnold Woodlief, Route 1, Wake Forest, North Carolina, in care of Mr. Bervin Woodlief.

Mr. Woodlief states that he will be in the area for some time, and will remain as long as he is able to offer his services.

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

PLANNING FOR OPENING OF SCHOOL



Pictured above are Eddie Dutton, Miss Caroline Castelloe, and Dr. Ray Swords of Mount Olive College as they make final plans for the opening of school on August 25. Mr. Dutton is a sophomore at the College and will be serving as president of the Student Government Association during the forthcoming year; Miss Castelloe is a member of the faculty at the College and is serving as coordinator of student activities; and Dr. Swords is the academic dean of the College.

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Orientation for Incoming Students

Wednesday, August 25, 1971 will mark the beginning of a new year at Mount Olive College. On this date, students will begin arriving on the campus and will spend the next few days in a period of orientation. The purposes of this orientation are (1) to aid the student in making the transition from high school to college, (2) to introduce the student to life at Mount Olive College, and (3) to provide an opportunity for the student to become acquainted with his fellow students and the faculty and staff of the College.

Given below is an abbreviated schedule for the orientation period:

Wednesday, August 25

2:00—5:00 P. M.—New Resident Students Arrive and Check into Residence Halls

4:00—5:00 P. M.—Parents' Orientation Session:

This will provide an opportunity for the parents of new students to meet the administrative officers of the College and to discuss topics of interest pertaining to the College.

Thursday, August 26

Returning Resident Students Arrive and Check into Residence Halls

8:00—9:30 P. M.—Reception for All Students (New and Returning, Resident and Commuting) at the Home of President and Mrs. Raper

Friday, August 27

All-Day On-Campus Retreat to Discuss "Student Life at Mount Olive College"

Saturday, August 28

Registration

Picnic at Cliffs of the Neuse State Park

8:00 P. M.—Special Activities (Sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship)

Sunday, August 29

4:00—5:00 P. M.—Fall Convocation—First Baptist Church, Mount Olive, President W. Burkette Raper, Speaker

Monday, August 30

Classes Begin

Late Registration: Students may still enroll through Tuesday, August 31.

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What you give to others in need will always return to you manifold.

2 Kinds of Christians

HEBREWS 6:1-6 is one of the most controversial passages in the entire Bible. For this reason, the chapter suffers either from being ignored, from being misinterpreted by those who themselves are uncertain of the basic teaching of the passage, or from being made the object of a verbal overkill by those with a theological ax to grind. In spite of the wide divergence of interpretation relative to these verses, the passage contains a great deal of practical instruction for God's people today.

Three distinct interpretations predominate. One view depicts the people referred to here as Christians who have forfeited their salvation by disobedience to God. Because they have "fallen away," they cannot be renewed again to repentance. A second view maintains that the persons spoken of here are apostates who have come right to the very door of salvation but have not entered. A third interpretation views the group addressed as believers who have never developed properly in their spiritual growth and who need to be challenged to grow in the Lord.

The context of the passage seems determinative in seeking to find the most acceptable interpretation in keeping with the rest of Scripture.

CHRISTIANS ARE BEING ADDRESSED

The idea that Hebrews 6 is written to apostates who have never actually been saved but only come close to salvation appears the most remote of the three major interpretations of this passage. We see, for example, in 5:11-14 that the writer rebukes them because they should have been teachers but were still babes. Therefore, they were to be fed "milk" instead of "meat." Furthermore, he exhorts them to leave "the principles of the doctrine of Christ" (6:1) and move on. Such statements have relevance to believers.

The experiences related in Hebrews 6:4, 5 also seem to be true of believers. The word "taste" as used elsewhere in Hebrews (cf. 2:9) is not a word indicating meaningless experience but is applied to the substitutionary work of Jesus Christ on the cross in dying in the sinner's place. And, surely, nowhere else in the Bible are unbelievers pictured as "partakers (sharers) of the Holy Ghost (Spirit)." Thus Hebrews 6:4, 5 seems to be more applicable to believers than unbelievers.

Hence, the context argues against the theory that the people referred to here have heard the gospel, given mental assent to it, repented of their sin, experienced the initial enlightening work of the Spirit of God, but have stopped short of salvation.

The writer states that "better things" are expected of the recipients of his rebuke "and things that accompany salvation" (Hebrews 6:9). He then goes on to commend them for past faithfulness in God's service and urges them to renew that past diligence (vv. 10, 11). The writer then concludes with a gentle reminder to avoid being "slothful" and to be examples of "faith and patience." Surely, these exhortations can be best directed to those who have been saved by knowing the Lord in a personal way.

DISOBEDIENT CHRISTIANS ARE IN VIEW

Too often sincere but ill-taught believers want to relegate every weak or immature child of God to a condition of lostness. They fail to see that a person who has believed in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour may for a time still manifest some of the habits of the past and some of the weaknesses of the flesh. If a sincerely repentant believer happens to fall into sin through discouragement or lack of training, there are those who will believe that the family relationship has been broken. This writer finds it easier to believe, however, that the biblical analogy sets forth what is true in the human family, namely, that sons continue to be sons once related by birth to parents, but they may get out of fellowship with parents (cf. Hebrews 12:5-7). That Christians are not expected to live perfectly after conversion is seen in the fact that the New Testament has repeated warnings against believers' sins and frequent instructions on what to do **after** or **if** they sin.

One outstanding example of such instruction is found in 1 Corinthians 5. This letter is addressed to "them that are sanctified" (1:2), literally, "to the ones having been sanctified in the past with the result that they now stand sanctified" (perfect passive participle in Greek).

The solution to interpreting Hebrews 6 seems to be in understanding that the writer is dealing with a hypothetical situation indicated by "if" in Verse 6. **If** (for the sake of argument) a believer should fall away, it would in that case

by
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e impossible to put the Son of God back
n the cross and crucify Him all over
gain. In reality, such would never oc-
ur, but for the sake of these immature
milk" believers (5:12, 13), the hypothe-
s is made.

By way of summary, then, we find that
e writer of Hebrews is dealing with a
se of arrested spiritual development—
e same sort of problem, mentioned by
e Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3
here he speaks of "babes in Christ"
d "carnal" Christians. The potential
r spiritual growth is present, for they
uld eat "strong meat" and they "ought
be teachers" (Hebrews 5:12).

In recognizing that a backslider, or
liever who has fallen into sin, remains
the spiritual family, we see at once
at there are basically two kinds of
ristians—obedient Christians and dis-
edient Christians.

A third kind may be those who vacil-
te between obedience and disobedience.

If there is any principle that is true
God's Word, it is that God honors a
ssel which is cleansed from sin. Fail-
e to enter into spiritual maturity is
nful, for this indicates that the one
volved has rejected the admonition to
ad and to study the Bible in order to
ow which additional areas of his life
is to yield to God. Through self-will
has chosen to give his time to tem-
ral pursuits instead of placing priority
on the things of God.

LIEVERS ARE TO INCREASE
EIR FAITH AND DILIGENCE

The Book of Hebrews is one of the
ost Jewish books in the New Testa-
ent collection. Its general theme is
e superiority of Christ's priesthood
er the Mosaic priesthood.

The book contains exhortations design-
l to correct a very pitiable condition
nong certain Jews of the dispersion
ho had been converted to Jesus Christ
t were drifting back into legalism or
mply neglecting their Christian respon-
bilities. Since this is a common sin
our day, Hebrews 6 becomes a very
actical passage for dealing with this
mmon spiritual malady.

Actually, the writer of Hebrews is
eking to explain in Chapter 6 what is necessary to restore a fallen, backslidden believer to his former state of fellowship and effective Christian witness. He explains that going through all the initial experiences over again is not the answer (6:1-3). He explains that repenting with the view of being saved all over again is not the answer. To demonstrate this, he assumes for the sake of argument the hypothesis that a saved one has fallen from salvation. Such a view is inconsistent with the finished work of Christ and suggests a basic misunderstanding of the completeness of His redemptive work (vv. 4-6).

The writer of Hebrews furthermore points out that continuing in the present condition of fruitlessness and barrenness is not the answer. Thus, he rejects these commonly-held remedies for a backslidden condition. Taking catechism over again will not work. Trying to be saved over again will not work. Remaining in the same shameful state will not do. What, then, is the solution to the problem of spiritual coldness and deadness?

The solution is for the victim of the disease to grow up! Thus the writer contrasts the "babes" using milk with the mature saints of "full age" who are experienced in living for God and who know how to distinguish between good and evil. And thus the writer urges these fallen ones to "go on unto perfection" or spiritual maturity (Hebrews 6:1). And thus he encourages them to manifest the spiritual fruit of the Christian life once again, the "things that accompany salvation" (v. 9), noting that he fully expects to see such manifestations in their lives.

Finally, the author reminds them that such visible evidences have been part of their past experience in Christ and that their former works are remembered by God (Hebrews 6:10). He fully expects them to heed his advice and become as diligent again as they were before so that they will not lose their assurance of salvation (v. 11). Summing up their present condition in one word, "slothful," he admonishes them to reverse the pattern of the past and become examples of faith and patience, or diligent endurance (v. 12).

Obviously then, Hebrews 6 is a warning to slothful, lethargic Christians to wake up, rise up, and grow up in the Lord. It is also a sure directive that if believers are to be cured of spiritual laziness and deadness, they must realize their true state, recognize that they cannot be saved over again, and reassert their claims on God's power in Jesus Christ.

It may well be that the most prevalent problem of the twentieth-century church is spiritual immaturity. Multitudes of professing Christians who ought to be teachers enjoying the strong meat of the Word are still in a state of spiritual babyhood. Hebrews 6 applies the necessary verbal discipline to all such when the writer says in effect, "Stop acting like helpless infants. Grow up and get going for God!"—Gospel Herald.

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The extent of some person's religion is that they know the name of the church they stay away from!—Selected.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Otway Free Will Baptist Church near Beaufort, North Carolina, is looking for a part-time or full-time minister for pastoral services. This church has a parsonage and is a member of the Eastern Conference. Any minister interested in serving this church please contact Mrs. Alonzo Taylor by writing Route 2, Box 677, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, or by calling 728-3935 after 6 p.m.

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Mr. James E. Warren states that he would like to work as a fill-in for any pastor who has to be away from his pastorate, or help out in the services anyway he can. He is a licensed minister who has been preaching a little over a year. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, or by telephoning 527-1648.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR

SUBSCRIPTION



Girls' Camp at Camp Vandemere

by Jean David, a Fellow Camper

To begin with, I would like to thank everyone for making it possible for us to have a denominational camp site at Vandemere, North Carolina, and for the two sessions held there this summer. I wish to also thank everyone for his prayers, for without them none of this would be possible.

The girls' session of camp which I attended was well planned to circulate around the many activities. To begin with, the day started with having to get up at 7:30 a.m. This was followed with morning devotions from 8:15 to 8:30. Breakfast was served at 8:30, followed with a free period until 9:30, at which time there was a 30-minute class taught by Mrs. Pat Arthur. After a 5-minute break, another 30-minute class was conducted by Mrs. Pauline Mizzel. After these two classes there was free time until lunch. After lunch there was a rest period in the tents until around 1:30 p.m. Then everyone was free to participate in the many activities provided by the camp until around five o'clock, when we were to get ready for the evening meal and the night classes. The night classes were conducted by the Rev. Owen Arthur Jr. After classes free time was given until "lights out" at 11 p.m. This was a full day's schedule for Camp Vandemere.

The activities at camp consisted of pitching horseshoes, badminton, football, softball, and the favorite, swimming.

I would like to give special thanks to the Rev. Jack Mayo who did a fine job of directing the camp. Thanks also go to Mr. Arthur for the services each evening, and to Mrs. Pat Arthur and Mrs. Pauline Mizzel for their fine counseling and classes. Last but not least, many thanks to the cooking staff for the fine meals which were enjoyed by all.

Each evening during the services Mr. Arthur gave the altar call. It really was a blessing to attend these services and to see three souls won to Christ during camp.

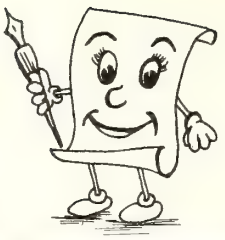
Each evening after services a fun session was held when such games as rhythm, pass the bag, and the favorite of all, racing with hose, were played.



The picture above was taken while Mr. Mayo and Mr. Arthur were busy at work putting on hose.

Yes, camp at Camp Vandemere was lots of fun and I hope to see all campers back next year and also a lot of new faces.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Would you pray about a simple thing like a lost dishrag? A friend of mine did. It was not valuable, she said, but it was new and seemed wasteful to let it go. She found it—in the bathtub. Evidently the resident toddler had been "helping Mommy."

Ann promised to have supper ready when Robert got home, but everything was going backwards. Nothing would boil, fry, or bake. Her nerves were already tight when the baby started fussing. So she stopped and prayed, "Please, Lord. He's got that business meeting at church and I don't want to make him late!" Things began going better, and supper was on the table just as her husband got home.

We shouldn't hesitate to pray sma prayers, and about small things. Th "friend that sticketh closer than a brotl er" is interested in everything we do. I it's important that all the hairs on you head be numbered, then the minutes i your day are significant to Him. H knows and cares about what happens i those minutes.

Paul's admonition to "pray withou ceasing" could mean to carry on a rur ning conversation with Him. Pray whil you're working. Fifty short prayers in day might be better than one monologu

While you're driving the car, pray fo the missionaries; filing letters, pray fo the students and teachers at the Colleg washing dishes, pray for the workers a the Children's Home; making beds, pra for someone who is sick and for the do tors and nurses. Different chores wi remind you of different people and the needs.

Psalm 55:17 advises praying at "Eve ing, and morning, and at noon, . . . Some of the postures listed in the Bib are: standing, bowing, kneeling, fallin on the face, and spreading forth or lif ing up the hands. We moderns have ad ed lying down to that list, for som people awaken during the night and pra in bed rather than get up and wand around the house.

There are prayers of praise for H majesty, wisdom, goodness, and salv tion; repentance for sin, or failure to things we should have done; interce sion for family, sick, our country's lea ers, the minister and our church; thank giving for our own salvation, the conve sion of others, food, success in our wor the faith or love or zeal of others, Goo presence—and many other things. (Th "thanksgiving prayer" is the best way put yourself to sleep. It's called "cour ing your blessings.")

Christ prayed at night, too. And th model He gave us includes praise, thank giving, repentance, and intercession. cover every need and kind of prayer, y could literally stay on your knees all t time.

Since that's impossible, try tho short one-sentence prayers. Not or "Lord, help me park this car," but "Lor bless——" and trust Him to know wh blessing to give. Practice James 5:1 ". . . pray one for another, . . . The fectual fervent prayer of a righteous m (woman) availeth much."

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Is there any difference between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven?—**G.R.**

Answer: It seems to me that there is and that the kingdom of God includes all of creation; whereas, the kingdom of heaven is Messianic, which has in view the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth, which will be manifested on this earth throughout the millennial reign of Christ. "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:24-28).

At the end of Christ our Lord's 1,000 years reign on this earth, when all of God's enemies have been put under His feet, Christ will deliver the kingdom to God the Father which will be the time that the kingdom of heaven is merged into the kingdom of God. We do not know the number of years the reign of Christ on earth will last from this passage of Scripture, but the same period of time is pointed out in Revelation 20:3-7, and the length of time is mentioned six times. In Verse 2 the dragon or devil is bound for 1,000 years. In Verse 3 he is cast into the bottomless pit and sealed for 1,000 years so that he may not deceive the nations in that time, but is loosed after 1,000 years to carry on his deception a little while. In Verse 4, the saints were beheaded for not obeying the devil and worshiping him, and are said to reign 1,000 years with Christ. In Verse 5, the evil or unsaved dead are pointed out as not living for that 1,000 years. In Verse 6, these who have not joined with the antichrist shall reign 1,000 years with Christ, instead of being like "the rest of the dead" that lived not for another 1,000 years. Verse 7 gives the account of the loosing of Satan at the end of the 1,000-year's reign of Christ on this earth. After that will be the Great White Throne judgment and the resurrection of the people resurrected 1,000 years later than the martyred saints that refuse the demands of the false prophet, antichrist, and the dragon or devil.

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Question: What will be the purpose of the 1,000-years' reign of Christ on this earth?—**A.H., San Diego, California.**

Answer: We can be sure that for whatever purposes this millennium reign of Christ on the earth is planned of God for, it will be to the glory of God and the good of all who are Christians and walk obediently and uprightly before Him. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28); "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name" (Psalm 86:9); "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (2 Corinthians 1:20). (See Revelation 20:6.)

This 1,000-years' reign of Christ, the Son of God, but also the Son of David and the great descendant of Abraham will be in fulfillment of promises made to both David and Abraham. Such promises as were made to these highly favored servants of God would not be completely fulfilled however, if this blissful relationship between God and them were to end with the 1,000-years' reign of Christ on the earth. Thus some Scriptures promise to these, Abraham of whom it was said believed God, and it was ascribed to his account as righteousness; and of David that he was "a man after God's own heart"; for many of God's promises to them carry an eternal aspect. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head ,and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15); "The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 146:10). (See 2 Samuel 23:5; Psalm 18:50; Revelation 11:15.)

Dr. A. U. Michelson in the May, 1965, issue of "The Jewish Hope," says, "The purpose of the millennial reign of Christ on earth will be so that God may be completely vindicated in the earth, and to show to all people how they should live on this earth without the evil, active influence of Satan. The Lord Jesus Christ, as King of kings and Lord of lords will rule the nations with a rod of iron and will not tolerate or permit sin of any kind."

We may not and at the present do not know all the "whys" and "whens" in all the events of God's plans for man as is set forth in the Scriptures. All that is necessary, however, for us to know and understand may be acquired when we study the Bible and meditate on its instructions according to the rules and directions given in the Bible. But without such study, meditation, and prayer we need not hope for this intelligence. God has no place for the person who goes all out in an endeavor to acquire secular knowledge and skill in its use, but neglects the all-important question concerning his relationship with God and a correct acquisition of the Word of God, its right application to himself, and all with which he has to do and in which he is concerned. All things should be kept in their proper perspective, otherwise we miss the all-important goal in life. God says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). (See Luke 12:31.)

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STORIES

for our youth



GEORGE'S BEST MOMENT

RAYMOND L. COX

"HOW'S it going, George?" asked Mr. Morgan when he unexpectedly bumped into the eleven-year-old coming out of the malt shop. It was Thursday afternoon. Mr. Morgan had led the boy to Christ in Sunday school the preceding Lord's Day.

"Just fine," George beamed.

"Have you been reading your Bible everyday this week?" the teacher inquired.

"Sure have," the boy blurted. "I'm half way through the Gospel of John, just as you suggested."

"Good," commented the adult. "And how about prayer?"

"I've prayed everyday," George volunteered. "And the Lord has already answered some of my requests."

"And how many of your friends have you told about your becoming a Christian?" continued Mr. Morgan.

The smile faded from George's face. "I can't," he stammered, "remember telling anyone, except the fellows in our Sunday school class, and, of course, my parents."

"Don't you think you should?" pressed the teacher. "You have considerable influence on the pupils in your class at school, I hear. Now that you are a Christian, you have a wonderful opportunity to win some of them to Jesus."

"I suppose so," agreed the boy.

"Then why don't you tell them?" Mr. Morgan asked in kindly tones.

An agonized expression contorted George's face momentarily, then he sighed, "I'm afraid they may not like me as well if I talk to them about religion."

"Not religion, George," corrected the Sunday school teacher, "but salvation."

"What difference does that make?" the boy inquired curiously.

"You say your classmates like you," Mr. Morgan continued. "Do you like them?"

"Of course, I do!" enthused George.

"But many of them will be lost if you do not witness to them about Jesus, the Saviour," objected Mr. Morgan. "You don't want them to be lost because you kept quiet, do you?"

"But how can I start?" George inquired. "I've thought about telling them about Christ all week, but I just haven't had a chance to get started."

"George, I'll pray," Mr. Morgan promised, "that God will give you an opportunity tomorrow to witness to some of your classmates."

"Tomorrow?" parroted the boy doubtfully.

"Why not? The sooner the better!" exclaimed the teacher. "Do you remember the swimming party we had a few weeks ago? The water in the pool was cold, and Jack tried to wade in a little at a time. Didn't you tell him the best way to get in was to submerge suddenly? Then the water wouldn't seem so cold."

George smiled in recollection of the incident. Prankishly he had shoved Jack into the pool, and afterward Jack agreed that it wasn't so bad after all. "I'll try to dive in tomorrow," he promised his teacher.

George sat through the first hour of school on Friday wondering how and when the opportunity to witness would present itself. He found it hard to concentrate on the arithmetic problems, for he kept thinking, If I don't tell my friends about Jesus, some of them may be lost forever. So far as he knew, he was the only born-again Christian in t class.

Study shifted to history, but st George found it difficult to keep his mi on the subject. Then the teacher a nounced, "Last week I warned the cla to be prepared to tell what you thi was the most interesting or wonderf incident in your lives. Since there a twenty-five in our room, we can't he all of you in one sitting. But I'd like get started with it. Is there anyo who would like to volunteer?"

This is it! flashed through George mind. This is your opportunity to t the greatest thing that has happened you.

The teacher waited. "If no one w volunteer," she continued, "I'll have call on one of you." George ginge raised his hand and was recognized. T walk to the front of the classroom see ed the longest hike the boy had ev made. But the thought, I love Jesus, a I want Him to save my friends, help George along.

"The best thing that ever happen to me in my whole life," the boy bega happened the first of this week—l Sunday in Sunday school. I came know Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

Several giggles from classmates gre ed George's opening sentences. His fa flushed. His knees shook. But he vo ed to go on. The teacher interrupt "George, this isn't the place to pro gate religion."

"But I am supposed to tell the b thing that happened to me, and this it," George replied courteously. T teacher smiled and motioned him to on. He did not talk long. He concl ed by telling the pupils, "I want you to know Jesus, too."

When he left the room for lun period, George heard several tease a heckle him. But other classmates proached and asked him to tell th more about Christ and salvation. A three fellows accompanied George to Morgan's house after school in order be led to Christ.

"I told the class," George confid "that getting saved was the best th to happen to me. But, Mr. Morgan, w ning these others to the Lord seems e better!"—My Pleasure.

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All past history leads up to Christ, subsequent history points back to H He is the span of the ages, the keyst that locks the arch.—Selected.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Bulletins Available

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home has bulletins available for our churches to use on "Children's Home Day" or on occasions when they wish to help publicize our child-care institution. These are available for union meetings, conferences, and other denominational meetings and are **free.** When ordering these from the Home be sure to indicate how many are needed. We are sorry, but due to limited office staff we cannot print the inside information or message.

Jars Needed

We are in need of jars to use in canning produce from our farm (quarts and half-gallon capacity preferred). Individuals or churches are urged to help supply these. Thanks in advance! By the way, we are still harvesting vegetables.

Brochures Available

The Children's Home is happy to announce that a new brochure is available to help with its public relations. Pastors and/or other leaders are invited to write for the number needed in each local church or organization. Please help us tell our story by distributing these in your community.

Teacher Resigns

We regret to announce the resignation of Mrs. Winifred L. Whitman as our liaison-coordinator. Under her leadership our tutorial program proved to be a great success during its first year. Many statistics could be given, but we will suffice by noting that each child's grades improved remarkably during the year, only one of our children failed his grade, and the relations between the Home and the public school system are at an all-time high! Mr. and Mrs. Whitman are looking forward to the birth of their new baby this fall.

Title Changed

The board of trustees recently voted to change the title of the Assistant Superintendent to Director of Campus Life. This does **not** mean a new position has been created on our staff, but a new name given to the same job.

New Residence Under Construction

The new residence for the Director of Campus Life has been started. Necessary trees have been removed from the site and the foundation has been poured. We hope you will visit us to watch the progress of this building.

Money Needed

As happens each summer, income has slowed down considerably. Please remember that our bills are coming due and **must be paid.** Our children will start to school on August 31, so school clothes need to be bought shortly. Also, we are wanting to build the new residence on a "pay-as-we-go" basis. Will you help us make these goals possible?!!

State Convention Contribution

We are appealing to all of our churches to send at least $100 each to the North Carolina State Convention on September 15, 16, 1971. This is based on $50 from the church and $50 from the Sunday School and other auxiliaries of the church. Please come to our rescue as we face the expenses of the fall.

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JESUS DIED FOR US

by Gail Stroud, Age 14
Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Albertson, North Carolina

Jesus died for us one day
Upon a cruel cross;
If it were not for Him we know
The world would all be lost.

When He died upon the Cross
He proved His love for all;
So if we are to pay Him back,
Why don't we answer His call?

Of course, we know some people think
That our God is dead;
But if we search the Scriptures
We find that's not what it says.

We as Christians are supposed to be
Living our lives for Him;
We know that only Jesus will and can
Forgive our selfish whims.

Jesus can do just anything
And had power over the Cross;
But instead He chose to die for us,
Thus saving us from being lost.

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One of the best ways to support the church is by regular attendance.—Selected.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

The annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. will be held in Ayden, North Carolina, on Tuesday, September 7, 1971, at 10 a. m., in the new foundation building.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign proxy below and return to me, Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
Hubert Burress, Secretary
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

We hereby appoint D. W. Hansley, president; Hubert Burress, secretary; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., September 7, 1971, at 10 a.m., Ayden, North Carolina.

Date_____ Signed_____

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 5



THINKING ABOUT GOD

Lesson Text: Psalms 42:1-3; 53:1, 2; 139: 7; Acts 17:22, 23

Memory Verse: Psalm 53:2

I. INTRODUCTION

The thirteen lessons for this quarter are concerned with a serious study of the biblical teachings about God. We may refer to them as teachings about the doctrines of God, or the theology of God; however, these terms may sound quite complicated. Doctrines simply have to do with that which is taught pertaining to the principles and beliefs of any church, sect, or party. Theology is the "science that treats of the existence, nature, and attributes of God, especially of man's relations to God." Thus, we may readily conclude that the terms are not truly difficult after all.

The emphasis in these lessons, however, is upon the character of God and His work; the meaning and experience of God's revelation of Himself; His modes of action and the way He has spoken and still speaks to man's search and man's need. The study will, furthermore, deal with the nature, attributes, and redemptive activity of God; not in the usual manner of systematic theology, but in an approach that focuses upon answering the question, "What is God doing?" and the affirmation, "I know that my Redeemer lives."—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Men are classified as to their beliefs about God—(1) atheists, (2) agnostics, (3) theists.
2. We may know that God exists because of the miracle of creation.
3. We may know that God exists because we see His hand in history.
4. We may know that God exists because of the lives that have been changed by His grace.

B. A Longing for God (Psalm 42:1-3)

1. Man's longing for God can be compared to a hunted animal (v. 1).
2. Man's longing for God is called a thirst (v. 2).
3. Man knows that he will have to appear before God (v. 2).
4. The psalmist longed for God so that he forgot to eat (v. 3).

C. The Folly of Denying God (Psalm 53: 1, 2)

1. Atheism is in the heart, not in the head (v. 1).
2. Compare this psalm with Psalm 14, because both are psalms of captivity.
3. Men are wicked and do not seek God (vv. 1, 2).

D. The Omnipresence of God (Psalm 139: 7)

1. The first six verses of this psalm show God's complete knowledge of man.
2. The psalmist resented God's complete knowledge and the fact that he could not attain it.
3. God's omnipresence means that He is "all-present."

E. The True God (Acts 17:22, 23)

1. Paul was impressed by the city of Athens.
2. He saw many altars to pagan gods on Mars' Hill.
3. He saw an altar "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD."
4. Paul used this as a starting point to preach to them about the true God.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The seventeenth-century philosopher Descartes deliberately doubted everything except his own existence. He said, "I think; therefore I am." He argued that he must exist, else he could not think.

In a similar manner we can approach the problem of the existence of God. We can have two choices. One is that the idea of God came as a result of man's deep meditation and speculation. The other is that God exists, and that His existence accounts for the idea of God in man's mind.

The second answer is the rational one, for the idea of God exists even among men who have not thought deeply about it. It is true that heathen hold very crude conceptions of the nature of God. But where did those ideas come from? Even the man who calls himself an infidel is a strong argument for the existence of God. Before a man can deny that there is a God he has to have some conception of God in his mind.

While men of all ages have had some idea about God, we must agree with J. B. Phillips, who says to Christians and heathen alike, "Your God is too small." The thought is not that God himself is small, but that our understanding of Him is too small to represent Him correctly. Sophisticated Americans smile when they hear about pagans worshiping sticks and stones, but at the same time they may be giving reverent allegiance to the gods of success and power.

Some people feel that we would have a better understanding of God if He would give some unmistakable signs of His presence. The burning bush was a comfort to Moses, and the wet and dry fleece assured Gideon. And after the great demonstration of God's power at Pentecost the disciples were bold as lions. The greatest of all demonstrations, however, was given when the heavenly Father sent His only begotten Son into the world. Paul told the crowd on Mars' Hill that they felt the presence of God but did not comprehend Him. Then Paul proceeded to declare the attributes of God and concluded by making the gospel application. The world will be judged through Christ. We do not need a daily physical demonstration of God, but we do need to demonstrate our daily devotion to His Son.—Standard Commentary.

B. Almost everyone has some idea as to what God is like. Everyone carries a picture of God in his mind. Everyone has a god. Most of these pictures differ because they are influenced by environment, politics, society, etc. But all the time God is still trying to reveal Himself to us as He really is. Let us note a few ways in which men have conceived and pictured God in their minds.

To Isaiah, God was like a king. When his earthly king died, his life seemed empty and void. Then he looked up toward the heavens and saw a king who was full of majesty, power, and glory, whose train filled the temple. He was

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ruler over heaven and earth.

To Job, God was like a judge. He pictured Him sitting upon a bench and calling all men before Him to judge them. God is the Judge of all and will be fair. To others God is a stern judge who demands strict and full justice. There are certain laws and standards set and He is loyal to those laws and standards, turning neither to the right nor to the left. But some seem to think that God's love and mercy will change that picture, that He will be more lenient in some cases.

To David, God was like a shepherd. All men, like sheep, have gone astray. Life is not always a smooth, green pasture. It has its difficult hillsides and rough and dangerous places. Life also has its barren wastelands, its desert places. God is like a shepherd who follows after his wandering sheep, gently leading them back into the fold. The Twenty-Third Psalm is a favorite of many people because they think it is a more realistic picture of God than the others.

But to Jesus, God is like a father. Certainly He is kingly in character; and He watches over His own as the shepherd does the sheep, seeking them and rescuing them. But like a father, His great love influences all His thoughts and actions. He seeks to build justice into the lives of His children and sets His standards high, not because He wants to be strict but because He loves His children.

Each one makes his own picture of God out of the materials he already possesses—religious training at home, school, church, etc. Some of those materials are furnished by the convictions of one's own soul; other materials develop from reading about how others searched for and found God. The best source of material is the Bible, God's own Word, with the story of God searching for man and man searching for God. God has always been striving to make himself known to man. He has not stopped. Our picture of God changes from time to time, but always to a better and higher conception of Him.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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DISCUSSION ON A GRAPEVINE

It was a beautiful grapevine, as luxuriously green as this writer had ever seen—a healthy, growing one with well-shaped leaves and unspotted trunk. Therefore, you can imagine my shock when I saw it being snatched apart, torn to pieces, and piled in a heap.

The grapevine did not belong to me, so why should I have been concerned? Mainly because I hate to see anything living destroyed needlessly; and it looked like needless destruction to me. The men knocked the supports from under it, the arbor fell, and it came crashing to the ground.

I stood there for a long time looking at them work, smashing its foundations, jerking its runners loose, bruising its branches, taking some pleasure in the success of their work, laughing and talking. As I watched, the last large section of it fell with a thud, and it was pulled to the side and piled up to wither in the midafternoon sun; and I turned away.

The grapevine had been large. I had remarked on several occasions when passing it on the way to work how much I would like a sprig from it to start a vine of my own. It would take a long time I knew to produce such a beauty as this one, but it would be worth it to watch it grow larger year by year. Somehow, though, I never got around to requesting this sprig; and now I never could.

Grapevines are fairly common in rural sections of this area, but few are really as handsome as the one under discussion. It was several years old; I had remembered seeing it as a little boy. Its ownership had changed only once. Perhaps its new owner didn't view it quite so favorably as I did. It was his business, sure; and I had no right to interfere or even to question his reason for destroying it.

Today, while passing the place and looking toward the blank space of open field where once the vine had stood so majestically, I noticed only a stub or two of that once proud vine. The sun had done its work already, and the severed runners had twisted, the leaves had curled and turned brown. The pile had diminished in size—the fire would be small and swift . . .

I'll probably never know why that man had the vine removed from his property. Perhaps he felt that the vine was occupying space needed for something else: a garden, a play area for his children, perhaps a garage. I would not be presumptuous enough to demand an explanation. My doing so would be grossly out of order and odd, to say the least. Yet, one can't help but wonder, can he?

The time may come when I see the owner—I know him slightly—and perhaps our conversation will get around to the subject of the grapevine. Perhaps he'll volunteer some information as to why all of a sudden he decided to kill an apparently healthy specimen of the grape family.

Until that time comes—when I know for sure—I suppose I'll just have to speculate. Perhaps it's an unimportant occurrence. Perhaps it seems senseless to devote the space of an editorial to its discussion. Yet, in my meager manner of discernment, I have decided, upon considering the character of the man who did this thing, that the grapevine was destroyed for a very good reason and that we can learn an important lesson from it.

Is it possible that it was destroyed because it failed to bear fruit?

Our advice: Be careful lest your "vines" be found not bearing fruit and somewhere ages hence you are gathered and "cast into fire."

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The Best Partner

by HildaAnn Stahl

DORIS glanced nervously at the big clock on the store wall, then down at her watch. It seemed as if time had stood still now that the actual day to open her new fabric shop had come. She felt so young and inexperienced. Once more she checked the rows and rows of yard goods to see that they were really in the perfect order she knew they were.

The display of patterns, buttons, lace, ribbons, thread, zippers, and other notions was located near the cash register in the best possible arrangement. After all the advertisements, Doris hoped for a store full of customers on the first day. Breathing another prayer for success, Doris turned the key in the lock and flipped over the "OPEN" sign for the passers-by to see.

The get-acquainted offer Doris had used in advertising proved its worth as customers flocked in. She didn't make much of a profit from the sale of material, but at least her store would become well known.

By the end of the day Doris was weary but happy because of the amount of money that had come in. Just as she was about to lock up, a plump, middle-aged woman hustled into the store. Doris sighed, knowing by the determined look on the woman's face that she was in to stay regardless of the hour.

"My daughter is getting married in December," the woman said, pulling her full-length mink coat tightly around her as she marched to the velvet yard goods. "I am trying to decide on the material for bridesmaids' dresses."

"I have some beautiful selections," said Doris, smiling at the woman. "Do you have a pattern yet?"

"No. Not yet," answered the woman, running a finger over the soft material.

"I'd suggest choosing a pattern first," said Doris, leading the way to the pattern book with the arrogant customer following.

"If you insist," said the woman, sitting down on a stool and turning to the bridal section of the book.

Cheerfully Doris helped her customer look through the book, suggesting first one thing then another. Before long, the woman was beginning to catch Doris' enthusiasm for the wedding plans. But before the woman could choose a pattern, the door opened and someone came in.

"May I help you?" Doris asked as a teen-age girl hurried to the wash-and-wear cottons.

"I've got to have material for a dress to make in sewing class," explained the girl breathlessly. "I know its closing time, but I'm really desperate."

"That's quite all right," said Doris, taking out a bolt of material. "This red blend would be very attractive on you." Doris pleasantly helped the girl until she'd decided what to buy. The girl was overjoyed about the material she'd finally settled on. Doris rang up the order as the girl chatted on about how excited she was to get started sewing.

"Did you find anything yet?" asked Doris, hurrying over to the middle-aged woman after the girl left.

"Not yet," replied the woman, smiling at Doris for the first time. "There are so many to choose from."

Before Doris could say anything else, the door opened and someone else came in. Doris looked up. When she saw who it was she sighed, wishing she didn't have to go through another discussion like the last one. Discussion? It was more like an argument.

"Doris! It's after five o'clock," the woman said, hurrying toward Doris. "How do you intend running this business? I should have insisted on being a partner."

"Shh! Mother Leston!" exclaimed Doris, holding her finger to her lips. "I've a customer."

"Probably the only one all day!" said Mother Leston, sniffing disdainfully as she wandered around the store.

Before Doris could answer, the customer hurried out of the store without a word. Doris' heart sank. A sale lost.

"If you'd listened to me and saved Bob's insurance money instead of trying to go into business, you'd have been much better off," scolded Mother Leston. "You should be living with me instead of trying to pay for an apartment for just yourself."

"I'd rather not go into that again," said Doris, turning the key in the lock. "After Bob died, I just couldn't sit around doing nothing. This fabric shop will provide for me, plus keep me busy enough so I won't be so lonely."

"Well, Doris," said Mother Leston, frowning, "when this business fails, don't come running to me for help."

"It won't fail!" exclaimed Doris, putting the money from the cash register into the safe.

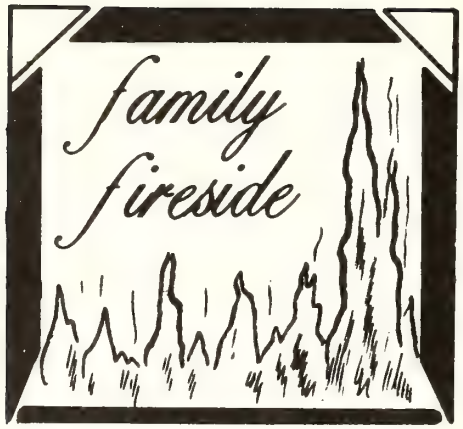
"You sound awfully sure of yourself," said Mother Leston, studying Doris with a frown. "Have you an income that I know nothing about?"

"I have a Partner who gives me all the help that I need," said Doris, smiling.

"What?" cried Mother Leston, stomping over to Doris. "You took a partner after you refused me?"

"The Lord is my Partner," answered Doris quietly. "Bob and I told you just after we were married that we both had accepted Jesus as our personal Saviour. Bob is in heaven with our heavenly Father now, and I have all my trust in the Lord to guide my life. I won't fail, because each day I ask for help on what

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

READY

Scripture Reading—Acts 21:13

Robert Hardy had a dream, and in that dream he thought he was to live only seven days. If you had only seven days to live, how would you live them? How did Robert Hardy begin? He began to study. He began to get ready. He did all in his power each day. He came to the seventh day, and he neared the end of the day. But all at once it was made known to him that he wasn't going to die. He looked around and he was glad, but he said, "Some seven days will be my last seven," and he lived everyday as though he were in his last. You will be in your last seven days, someday. Maybe you are there now.—*Scoville.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Every new day should be lived as though it were the last. The morrow might bring death, but death (in Christ) can bring eternal life.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

DEAD TREES

Scripture Reading—John 33:26

One day a man who had a Christian wife, but who himself was opposed to Christianity, left home for the woods to fell trees. As he glanced around before commencing, he noticed one tree dead and dry, with its leafless branches extending into the air, and he said to himself, "That tree will I cut down, for it is dead and dry, and fit only to be burned." The moment he arrived at that conclusion the question flashed into his mind, "Am I not a dead tree, fit only to burn?" He tried his utmost to banish this unpleasant thought, but it was an arrow from the quiver of the Almighty. He approached the tree and struck a few blows with the ax, but still the thought rankled in his heart, "Will God ever say of me, 'Cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?'" He plied his ax with increasing vigor, but every blow seemed to deepen the conviction of his own spiritual deadness and awful destiny. Eventually these thoughts became so unbearable that he shouldered his ax, returned home, and went directly to his room. There he fell upon his knees before God, and with a penitent and broken heart sought forgiveness through Christ.—*The Dawn.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Unless we bear good fruit, we might as well be dead. Unfruitful lives, like dead trees, are fit only to be burned.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

REAL REPENTANCE

Scripture Rading—1 John 1:9

Perhaps the quaintest letter in the whole White House collection is one which came from a child, addressed to President Cleveland, written in September, 1895. This is what it says: "To His Majesty President Cleveland. Dear President: I am in a dreadful state of mind, and I thought I would write and tell you all. About two years ago—as near as I can remember, it is two years—I used two postage stamps, but I can only remember of doing it twice. I did not realize what I had done until lately. My mind is constantly turned on that subject, and I think of it night and day. Now, dear President, will you please forgive me, and I will promise you I will never do it again. Enclosed find cost of three stamps, and please forgive me, for I was then but thirteen years old, for I am heartily sorry for what I have done. From one of your subjects."—*The King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The conscience of a child—how convicting! Oh that ours could make us admit our mistakes and desire to do something about them!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WHY THEY WAITED

Scripture Reading—John 1:17

A story is told of an exploring party in Africa which had employed a group of native carriers to go with them into the interior. Being in a hurry to reach their objective, the party was pushed relentlessly for several days. Finally the natives just sat down and would go no farther. Asked what was the matter, the superstitious natives replied, "We are waiting for our souls to catch up with our bodies." A lot of Christians who have run away from God in their hurry and rush for worldly things need to stop and catch up on spiritual things.—*Dr. F. William May, Salina, Kansas.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We need to get ourselves together—our bodies and our souls, our ideas and our actions, our good intentions and our "doing."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

NOT AFRAID—HOME IS JUST BEYOND

Scripture Reading—Psalm 49:15

I read once of a little girl whose home was near a cemetery, and in order to go to the store, she had to follow a path that led through the cemetery. But this little girl never seemed to have any sense of fear, even when she returned through the cemetery at dusk. Someone said to her, "Aren't you afraid to go through the cemetery?" "Oh, no," she replied, "I'm not afraid, for my home is just beyond."

Are you afraid of the cemetery?

Not if you are a Christian, and know that your home is just beyond.—*The Biblical Echo.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

All of us must "go home" by way of the cemetery, unless we are fortunate enough to remain alive until the Lord comes. Death is really just a doorway to heaven for the redeemed.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

A SOLDIER'S GIFT

Scripture Reading—Exodus 15:2

In the annual report of the Open Air Mission, a British soldier writes: "I gave my heart to Jesus at Halton Park Mission Hut twenty years ago last February. I forget all about the sermon, but I still remember the last hymn—'Alas! and did my Saviour bleed.' And when we came to the last verse,

"But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.—

the missioner asked all who could sing that in sincerity and truth to stand up while the others remained seated. I stood up, and my heart went with the words, and I was born again. And I am still rejoicing in Him, my Saviour and Friend."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Crying, even godly sorrow which accompanies repentance is not enough; one must give his life to the Lord and allow Him to lead continually.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

THE DRINK OF DEATH—OR LIFE

Scripture Reading—Luke 19:10

A missionary in India had been speaking about the "Water of Life," and pointed to a fountain close by where people were drinking and filling their pots. A Moslem bystander said, "Your religion may be compared to a little stream of water, but Islam is like a great sea." "Yes," replied the missionary, "but there is just this difference: men drink sea water and die of thirst, while they drink of the living water and live."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Christ, only, offers the living water which satisfies the thirst of life. Drink deeply while there is time.

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mount Olive College Dinners for 1971

Plans for the 1971 College dinners are ow being made. President W. Burkette aper, who will be in charge of the din- ers this year, has emphasized two pur- oses for the dinners:

First, they will be an occasion where he College can present to Free Will Bap- ists information about the many edu- ational services it offers, with special mphasis upon its new programs which re designed to improve the services of he College to both its students and the enomination. At the dinners there will e presentations on the Supervised Work xperience for Ministerial Students, the onfailing grading system, individualized nstruction, expanded program of de- ominational services including special ourses for ministers and laymen, and he counseling services available to both tudents and the Free Will Baptist hurch.

Second, the dinners will provide an pportunity for Free Will Baptists to sup- ort Mount Olive College. Since the inners were begun in 1963, they have een the source of more than $400,000 n gifts to the College. The dinners have ontributed significantly toward the de- elopment of the new campus and the trengthening of the total educational rogram.

Below is a schedule of the organiza- on meetings to plan a series of seven- een dinners. Each church in these North arolina counties is requested to appoint Mount Olive College committee which will send to these meetings at which dditional information will be provided nd the date and place for each dinner ill be decided upon. The College will e happy to arrange a dinner in any area ot listed upon an invitation from inter- sted churches.

Schedule of Dinner Organization Meetings

reene County, Sunday, September 5, 3:30 P. M., Hull Road Church

Pamlico County, Monday, September 6, 8:00 P. M., Mount Zion Church

Carteret County, Tuesday, September 7, 8:00 P. M., Crab Point Church

Wilson County, Thursday, September 9, 8:00 P. M., Daniels Chapel Church

Craven County, Sunday, September 12, 3:30 P. M., Saint Mary's Church

Johnston-Wake Counties, Monday, September 12, 8:00 P. M., First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield

Duplin County, Sunday, September 19, 3:30 P. M., Beulaville Church

Pitt County, Monday, September 20, 8:00 P. M., Reedy Branch Church

Wayne County, Tuesday, September 21, 8:00 P. M., First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, September 23, 8:00 P. M., Shady Grove Church

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties, Friday, September 24, 7:30 P. M., First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro

Jones County, Sunday, September 26, 3:30 P. M., Whaley's Chapel Church

Lenoir County, Monday, September 27, 7:30 P. M., First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston

Nash County, Tuesday, September 28, 7:30 P. M., Free Union Church

Onslow-New Hanover Counties, Friday, October 1, 7:30 P. M., Folkstone Church

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Monday, October 4, 7:30 P. M., Mount Tabor Church

Beaufort County, Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 P. M., Memorial Church

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Night Classes at Mount Olive College

Four night classes will be offered at Mount Olive College during the fall semester. Each class will meet in the Henderson Building at 7 p. m. and will carry 3 hours of academic credit; persons not interested in college credit may audit these courses without charge. The courses include:

Marriage and the Family, taught by Dr. Charles Sapp, will meet each Monday, 7-9:50 p. m. Registration and the first class will be September 6.

Introduction to the Old Testament, taught by Mr. Sheldon Howard, will meet each Thursday, 7-9:50 p. m. Registration and the first class will be September 9.

American Government, taught by Mr. Kenneth Dilda, will meet each Wednesday, 7-9:50 p. m. Registration and the first class will be September 8.

English Literature, taught by Mr. Sidney Johnson, will meet each Tuesday and Thursday, 7:8-15 p. m. Registration and the first class will be September 7.

The scheduling of these courses at night is designed as a service to the friends of the College to provide for them educational opportunities to advance their formal or personal education. It is hoped that people whose work makes it impossible for them to attend college during the day will accept these opportunities to work toward a college degree or simply to enrich their own lives. Those who enroll for college credit must apply for regular admission to the College. There are no admission requirements for those who audit.

Additional information may be secured from the office of the registrar (phone 658-2502).

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Mount Olive College To Offer Course In Pastoral Care

Mount Olive College will offer an eight-week course in pastoral care, beginning Thursday, 7:30 p.m., October 7, 1971, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro. The class will meet once a week for approximately two hours each night. This course is an effort by the College to provide continuing educational opportunities for ministers who are in the pastorate. The text for this course will be **The Christian Pastor** by Wayne E. Oates. Copies will be available at the first meeting of the class.

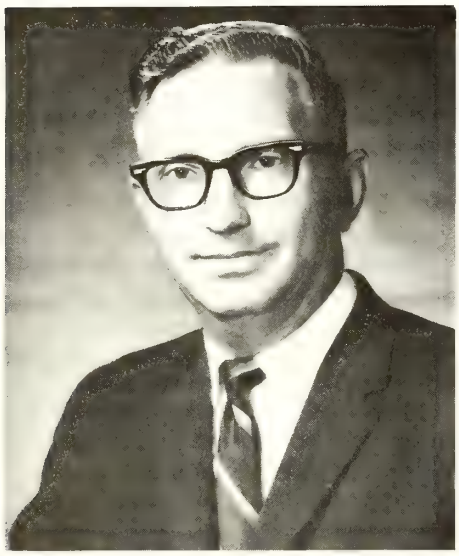
The course will be taught by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of the College. Mr. Harrison earned his Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and completed two years of clinical pastoral education in the School of Pastoral Care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Bowman

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Spring Branch Announces Fall Revival

The annual fall revival at Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, will be held the week of September 6-11. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the



Rev. Robert Rollins as the visiting evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris. For the revival a Community Choir is being organized of singers from the various churches of the community; thus the singing will be a great feature of each service.

The pastor, along with the church membership, extends to the public a cordial invitation to attend all the services of this revival that is possible.

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Eastern District Youth Convention, September 11

The Eastern District Youth Convention which had been announced to be held at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, will be held instead at the Free Will Baptist Assembly Ground located between Beulaville and Pink Hill, North Carolina. The change in location is due to construction work being done on the Gray Branch church. The convention will be held Saturday, September 11, beginning at 10 a.m. All youth of the district, as well as visitors, are cordially invited to attend.

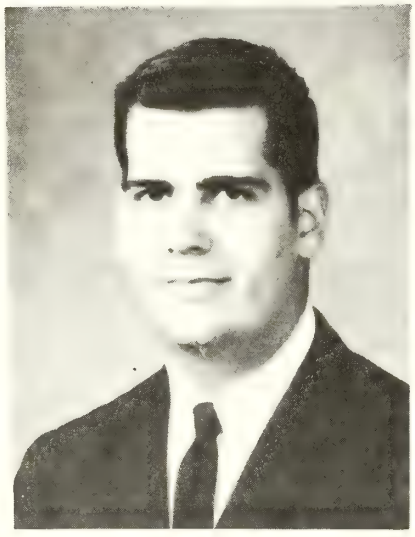
Revival Announced for Wilmington Church

Revival services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 4602 South College Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, the week of September 13-18. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Billy Hardy bringing the messages. The public is cordially invited to attend. All singers have a special invitation to attend and take a part in the song service each evening.

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Saint Mary's Church to Observe Annual Homecoming

The Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming Sunday, September 12. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. Davie Brinson.



The Rev. Davie Brinson

At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

In the afternoon a musical program has been planned featuring "The Young World Singers."

The church would like to extend a personal invitation to all former pastors, former members, friends, and the general public to worship and fellowship with them on this occasion.

Coming Events . . .

September 15, 16—North Carolina Stat Convention of Original Free Will Bap tists, Daniel's Chapel Church, Route 3 Wilson.

Central Conference Layman's League Revival, September 13-17

The Layman's League of the Centra Conference has scheduled a revival fo the week of September 13-17, meetin at various churches in the conferenc each evening. Each of these services wi begin at 8 p.m. with the host church i charge of the service. The offering re ceived at these services will go to th Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Mic dlesex, North Carolina. The services ar as follows:

Monday, September 13, Tarboro Fre Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, Nort Carolina.

Tuesday, September 14, Friendshi Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville North Carolina.

Wednesday, September 15, Gun Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6 Greenville, North Carolina.

Thursday, September 16, Black Jac Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Green ville, North Carolina.

Friday, September 17, Reedy Branc Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville North Carolina.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

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One may go wrong in many differen ways, but right only in one, which is why it is easy to fail and difficult to succeed—easy to miss the target and difficult to hit it.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press
* Bookstore, Ayden, North Caro-
* lina, is now observing the fol-
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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

A registration fee of $10 will be charged to enroll in the course. Below is an outline of the topics to be discussed.

October 7—Pastoral Care: Its Meaning and Heritage

October 14—The Pastor and Counseling

October 21 — The Pastor's Hospital Ministry

October 28—The Pastor's Ministry to the Dying Patient

November 4—The Pastor's Ministry to the Bereaved

November 11—The Pastor and Premarital Counseling

November 18—The Pastor and the Emotionally Disturbed

December 2—The Pastor and Preaching

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HARVESTS OF SOULS

Encouraging word comes to us from various mission fields of spiritual awakenings and multiplying converts and churches.

In eastern Nigeria groups of converts are multiplying so rapidly that each pastor of the Evangelical Church of West Africa is taking care of three or more congregations. An evangelistic campaign lasting seven days concluded with 1,176 decisions for Christ, including two tribal chiefs who publicly burned their idols.

Southern Haiti is witnessing a spiritual awakening. During the first eight months of 1970, more than 4,000 professed faith in Christ. The West Indies Mission and the Mission Evangelique Baptiste du Sud d'Haiti are involved in a program of person-to-person evangelism which is bearing fruitful results.

The Sudan Interior Mission reports from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that there have been 9,700 professions of faith in Christ in response to an evangelism thrust conducted by evangelists and Bible school students. This tremendous response was in the unreached areas of the south. In one area 1,418 people trusted Christ as their Saviour. A number of new churches were started. In another southern province SIM Bible school students conducted a similar campaign with over 700 conversions. A witch doctor was converted. He destroyed all his fetishes and led many of his followers to Christ.

These reports of the power of the gospel are of much encouragement to us who pray for and give to missions. God is doing wonderful things in these days. There are great stirrings among the national Christians. Believers are being mobilized to pray and to witness.—Christian Victory.

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A person wrote to his bishop, asking him to come and hold a "quiet day." The bishop declined, saying, "Your parish does not need a quiet day; it needs an earthquake."

Mount Olive College Inaugurates a New Program of Study for Ministerial Students

Beginning with the fall semester, Mount Olive College has established a program under which students preparing for the ministry and other church-related vocations may participate in a "Supervised Work Experience." Under this plan a student will be eligible for a grant in the amount of $250 from the College to apply on his college expenses. In addition the student may receive income from services performed for churches or denominational enterprises.

The work program will give students an opportunity to serve as pastors, assistant pastors, or in other capacities under the guidance of experienced ministers. Students will also be available to work with denominational enterprises, including the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Mission Board; Cragmont Assembly, and the Free Will Baptist Press. The objecitve of this program is to broaden the training and educational experience of students who are preparing for the ministry.



College officials and visiting ministers are shown discussing the program during a recent meeting at the College. Left to right, seated are: Stewart Humphrey, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield; Frank R. Harrison, chaplain and director of denominational services at the College; Michael R. Pelt, chairman of the Department of Religion and director of Supervised Work Experience for Ministerial Students; Sheldon Howard, professor in the Department of Religion; and Earl Glenn, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro. Standing are: L. Gerald Edwards, director of admissions and cooperative education; Stephen A. Smith, pastor of Sarecta and Pearsall Chapel churches; Cedric D. Pierce, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home; and Bruce Dudley, pastor of the Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church.

My Experiences And Feelings During The Typhoon, Olive

by Ben McLawhorn
Ayden, North Carolina

(This young scout received his eagle scout award two years ago, and has also received the God and Country Award. He is a member of Troop 362 sponsored by the Greenville, North Carolina, Moose Lodge. He is fourteen years of age, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ola Ray McLawhorn.)

I was privileged to attend the thirteenth World Boy Scout Jamboree held in Japan from August 2, 1971, to August 10, 1971. This was a delightful occasion in spite of a few harrowing experiences.

On the morning of Wednesday, August 3, we were warned of an approaching typhoon, but the full force of "Olive" did not hit us until Friday, August 5. We were evacuated from our camp site at Mt. Fuji, and in spite of mud, dirty uniforms, and a certain amount of confusion, the evacuation was conducted rather smoothly. A typhoon is much like the hurricanes we experience, but since Japan is an island there are more mud and debris. The wind reached a height of 75 miles an hour before it began to subside. There were moments, I am sure, when all of us thought longingly of home and friendly skies. However, our religious training had made us realize that God was everywhere, and that He could look after us as well in Tokyo, Japan, as in Ayden, North Carolina.

In our camp, numbering approximately 23,000, there were boys of many races, creeds, and cultures. This was a rare opportunity to get acquainted with their many ways of life. All of us felt that we received many courtesies, and perhaps the typhoon served as a means of bringing all of us closer together.

There are many beautiful sights to be seen in Japan: shrines, natural scenery, and the majestic Mt. Fuji that has to be seen to be fully appreciated. However, I am sure that all of us from our country returned home with a warmer feeling for the U. S. A., and a stronger faith in our God.

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The most beautiful sight from the pulpit is a whole family seated together in a pew. The church service is not a convention to which a family should merely send a delegate.

DANIELS CHAPEL CHURCH TO HOST NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

The fifty-ninth annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with Daniels Chapel church, Route 3, Wilson, Wednesday and Thursday, September 15, 16, 1971. The moderator, the Rev. C. F. Bowen will preside; assisted by the secretary, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr. The general theme of the convention will be, "Bringing Glad Tidings of Good things," with Scripture taken from Romans 10:8-15. The scheduled program is as follows:

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

September 15

"The Word . . . Which We Preach"

8:30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
9:30—Convention Called to Order, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr.
—"Sing Aloud unto God," Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Vance Link
10:00—Address of Welcome, John Avery, Chairman of Board of Deacons, Daniels Chapel Church
—Response, the Rev. C. L. Patrick
10:05—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Recognition of Visitors
—Appointment of Committees
10:15—President Message, the Rev. C. F. Bowen
10:25—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, Manager
10:35—Report of Free Will Baptist Student Fellowships, the Rev. F. B. Cherry
10:45—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President
11:10—Morning Worship, "Confessing Jesus as Lord":
"I Will Sing the Mercies of the Lord Forever," Congregational Singing
Special Music
Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Believing unto Righteousness, and Confessing unto Salvation"

1:00—"O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord," Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Henry Armstrong
1:15—Representative from the Christian Action League
1:25—Representative from the General Baptists
1:45—Business Session:
Report of the General Conference, the Rev. Walter Carter, President
Report of the State Sunday School Convention, the Rev. Clyde Cox, President
Report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow, President
Report of the State League Convention, the Rev. Raymond Jones, President
Report of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, the Rev. Robert Rollins, Vice-President
Report of the Executive Committee, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr.
Report of the Mission Board, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
Report of the Superannuation Board, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
Report of the Chaplains' Commission, the Rev. Sheldon Howard

EVENING SESSION

"How Shall They Preach Except They Be Sent?"

7:30—Missionary Rally Under the Direction of the Mission Board

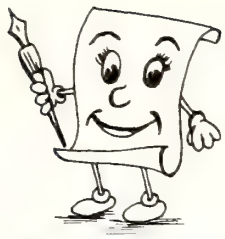
THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

September 16

"How Shall They Hear Without a Preacher?"

9:30—"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord," Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, Doug Skinner
9:45—Business Session:
Final Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

After years of nagging, they're finally using the grocery list! It's a big help too, because of favorite foods and different brands.

One day I found: "Apples (delicious)." Directly beneath it, in another handwriting, was: "Thou shalt not judge thine apples before thou eatest them."

Whether or not Moses would approve our family method, it proves that we have at least practiced what he preached. Most mealtimes include discussions of things biblical: Do the geological ages and Genesis agree? Are the major races descended from Noah's sons? When Paul said, "Women should be silent in the churches," was he just saying that because Corinth was a wicked city and its female population too prominent? If women didn't speak in the church, who'd teach Sunday school?

Sometimes we argue about things like haircuts and tennis shoes; why the kittens can't come in the house; and my favorite, "When are you going to clean up your room?" Even then, the loser tries to quote a verse to prove his point.

Moses said for us to teach them when we sit in the house, walk by the way, go to bed, and when we get up. Few families are together that much anymore, but if they're old enough to read the Bible and discuss what they've read, comparing it to current events, then you feel you're on the right track.

To teach your children, I don't think you can begin too early. You may think the baby can't understand, but tell him a Bible story, anyway, with action and expression, and listen to him coo! If you start it in the crib, it's easier to teach the toddler, and thus on as he grows.

In our church covenant "We agree faithfully . . . to the study of the Scriptures, . . ." (Page 42, "Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina"). We seem to remember the verses we learned as children better than those we learned later. Our children should know and be at ease with the Scriptures so they won't be confused by every moral decision which faces them. They will know ahead of time what to do.

Making up verses doesn't seem disrespectful to me. Sometimes it shows their biblical training.

A little boy killed a robin with his BB gun. His mother gave the lecture about it being wrong to kill, against the law in town which is a bird sanctuary, and very dangerous. With sincere nine-year-old innocence, he said, "Killest what thou eatest, but don't killest what thou don't eatest, and Mr. Aldridge eats birds. I'll give it to him, and I won't do it anymore if you won't spank me."

Had he quoted Luke 6:36, "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful," she'd have spanked him, anyway. But that fractured commandment saved him.

Now a deacon, choir member, and Sunday school teacher, he quotes them correctly. He was well taught and his lessons were well learned.

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Liberty is one thing you cannot have unless you give it to others.

Report of Layman's League Board, the Rev. Kemery Ard
Report of the Historical Commission, the Rev. Hubert Burress
Report of the Church Finance Association, the Rev. Hubert Burress
10:15—Report of the Children's Home, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr., Superintendent
10:40—Miscellaneous Business
11:00—Morning Worship, "For Whosoever Shall Call upon the Name of the Lord Shall Be Saved":
"Unto Thee, O Lord, Will I Sing," Congregational Singing
Special Music
Convention Sermon, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
12:00—Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

"How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them That Preach the Gospel of Peace and Glad Tidings"

1:00—"Sing Praises unto God," Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Chris Singleton
1:15—Business Session:
Report of Committee on Scouting, the Rev. David C. Hansley
Report of Temperance Committee
Report of Obituary Committee
1:35—Report of Resolutions Committee
2:00—Report of Nominating Committee
2:15—Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Walston
2:20—Miscellaneous Business
3:15—Adjournment and Benediction
Convention Song Leader, the Rev. Ralph Sumner
Convention Pianist, the Rev. Clyde Cox
Convention Organist, Provided by Local Church

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THE BEST PARTNER

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to do for the store and how to do it." Before Mother Leston could find her voice, Doris picked up her purse and the case that contained her advertising material and stood waiting at the door for her mother-in-law.

"Good-by, Mother Leston, and please don't worry about me," said Doris as her mother-in-law climbed into her car. Doris watched her drive away, then slowly walked to her car. She was so tired, but with the Lord's help she wasn't going to give in to the disturbing thoughts about her business failing. With hard work, plus a lot of praying, it wouldn't. It just couldn't!

Several minutes later, as Doris entered her own quiet apartment, a feeling of relief flooded over her that she hadn't moved in with Bob's mother after he'd died. She needed these times alone, especially now that she would be at the store everyday. Doris fixed herself a cup of tea and drank it as she made dinner. Eating alone was one of the harder things for her to do. Quickly Doris washed the few dishes, then sat down with her Bible to read. The Scriptures always gave her the strength and faith she needed. Just as she closed her Bible, the doorbell rang.

Doris glanced quickly into a mirror to make sure her short dark hair was in order before answering the door. She couldn't imagine who it could be. Surely not Mother Leston, she thought unhappily. She breathed a sigh of relief when she opened the door and saw a strange woman standing there.

"Mrs. Leston?" asked the tall, thin woman, looking down questioningly at Doris.

"Yes," answered Doris, wondering what was up.

"I'm Mrs. Talmage. I live just under you," explained Mrs. Talmage, stepping inside. "I didn't expect you to be quite so young. Nevertheless, I came to welcome you here and to wish you success on your store. By the way, does your yard goods special sale go on again tomorrow?"

"Actually, no. But I'll make an exception for you if you'll come to the store tomorrow," said Doris, offering Mrs. Talmage a chair.

"Aren't you sweet," gushed Mrs. Talmage, settling her angular frame on the couch. "I shopped there when dear Mr. Brussels, and again when shy Mr. Douglas, ran the store. Poor dears! They both went bankrupt—Mr. Brussels after only six months though Mr. Douglas lasted a little longer. My dear," continued Mrs. Talmage, uncrossing her legs and sitting forward, "I do wish you all the luck; but if I were you, I'd think seriously about selling out before anything happens to you."

"It's very good of you to be concerned," said Doris stiffly, "but I intend not only to stay in business but also to succeed."

"You are determined, aren't you?" asked Mrs. Talmage, going to the door. "But so were Mr. Brussels and Mr. Douglas. I'll see you at the store tomorrow, Mrs. Leston."

"Fine. And thanks for coming up to see me. Good night, Mrs. Talmage."

After Mrs. Talmage left, Doris had to remind herself again that with the Lord as her business Partner, she couldn't possibly fail. Again she prayed for just the right attitude she should have toward her customers and for wisdom to run the business profitably.

The next morning, shortly after Doris opened the fabric shop, Mrs. Talmage hurried in almost out of breath. While Doris was chatting with her, the plump, middle-aged woman who had been in the day before bustled in accompanied by a young woman about Doris' age.

"I'll be with you in a few minutes," said Doris, smiling cheerfully at the two.

"Fine. I brought my daughter today to look at the material," said the woman, leading her daughter to the velvets.

Doris finished measuring off the wash-and-wear fabric for Mrs. Talmage as Mrs. Talmage chatted on and on about what a nice, little store this war, and how sweet and young Doris was to run it. At last Mrs. Talmage left, and Doris hurried over to her customers.

"I've been telling my daughter how refreshing it is to see such a cheerful person as you," said the plump, middle-aged woman, smiling at Doris. "The personal touch you give to your customers convinced me to buy here. Your store will succeed because of your attitude, my dear."

"Why, thank you very much," said Doris, feeling a sting of tears behind her eyes. It was encouraging to hear talk of success instead of failure.

"Mother says you have terrific ideas for my wedding," said the girl. "I'd like to hear more. A wedding with six bridesmaids needs a lot of planning."

"It will be fun to help you," said Doris, going on to suggest a red and white color scheme for the wedding with poinsettia bouquets for the bridesmaids and a white cascade of orchids for the bride. Later Daris measured off the yards and yards of white velvet for the wedding gown as the bride-to-be watched with stars in her eyes. Next Doris measured off the red velvet for the bridesmaids. Then they chose the thread, zippers, and trim.

Just as Doris rang up the order, Mother Leston bustled in.

"Good morning, Doris," greeted Mother Leston, staring in surprise at the big sale Doris had just made.

"Good morning, Mother Leston," Doris greeted cheerfully. Nothing could upset her now. "I'll be with you in a few minutes."

"Well, my dear," said the customer happily. "You have been a tremendous help to us. Thank you very much. I'll send all my friends to you."

"I appreciate your kindness so much that I want to send you an invitation to my wedding," said the daughter, asking for Doris' name and address.

"I'd love to come to see how you look in your beautiful gown," said Doris, handing a card with her name and address to the daughter. "Thank you for shopping here. Good-by."

"Doris!" exclaimed Mother Leston after the customers had left. "Do you realize who that was? Mrs. Darwin Cambridge! The wealthiest woman in town. If she sends friends here, you really will succeed."

"The Lord did it," said Doris, more to herself than to her mother-in-law. "He is the best Partner possible."

"I believe you're right, dear," agreed Mother Leston, wiping a tear away.

"Not only can He be a business Partner," said Doris softly, "but He can also be a personal Partner, Mother Leston."

"He must be what I need," said Mother Leston, crying openly.

"The Lord really makes all the difference," said Doris, putting her arm around her mother-in-law, smiling as she thought how the Lord had given her a successful business and also a chance to lead Mother Leston to a personal experience with Christ.—Gospel Herald.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: How can Christ influence the lives of people in this present day?

Answer: Christ is the God man, or if you prefer, God manifested in the flesh or set forth in and before the world in the form of a man. The Bible represents Him as possessing all the divine attributes and therefore as being unlimited in all activities He chooses to manifest Himself in. He chooses to influence all of us in every way that we allow Him to do so and has devised means and conditions by which to do this. It takes a complete comprehensive knowledge of the Bible for a person to completely understand and cooperate with Him in every way possible; and to the extent or in the degree he does this, he may be sure of enjoying this influence.

The person influenced by Christ begins to enjoy this the instant he accepts Him as his Lord and Saviour by faith. From then on he may begin to grow in grace and knowledge as he lends himself to the divine influence. While upon earth Christ exerted a tremendous influence upon men. Simeon and Anna felt this influence (Luke 2:34-38) and gave unequivocal testimony to it as the one factor that directed them in all they were and did both here and hereafter. They had so allowed Him to govern their lives, determine their devotion, and guide them in His purpose for them that they well understood that they should continue in that loving service He had assigned them until He should appear in His incarnate form, and here the account is given of His keeping true to His promise. Two things were necessary for them to be so well aware of this: first, they had to know God through obedience to the Word which they had spent a lifetime studying; and second, through this knowledge they had to remain in fellowship with Him.

In Acts 8:5-40 is found another worthy example of Christ's influence on His followers. He (Philip) preached Christ in Samaria with an abundance of good results: seeing souls saved—transformed from the darkness of death into the marvelous light and liberty—being made sons of God and joint heirs with Christ. But God, in the midst of this revival, told him to leave the city where many people were being witnessed to and were being saved, and go where He directed him. This he did to find a lone Ethiopian that had been to Jerusalem to worship, but was returning home without a saving knowledge of Him that is essential to all true worship. So in this dissatisfied state God influenced the lone Ethiopian to turn in his Bible to Isaiah, and at the same time influenced Philip to go to him and preach and give explanation; thus, the man under this Christ-exerted influence, was saved. The Holy Spirit is the medium through whom He did that then and does it now. Jesus promised to send Him as such, and He did what He promised. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning" (John 15:26, 27); "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: . . . Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:7, 8, 13, 14); "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7); compare, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

Question: How is it possible for God, who is holy, to allow evil to exist when He is supposed to have the power to do as He wants about everything?—**Moses R. James, Arkansas.**

Answer: When we assume the authority or the right to question what God can do we need to tread very softly, because God is the one and only being of infinite wisdom; whereas, we are so limited we are almost without knowledge, and especially is this true when any or all the world's intelligence is compared with God's. If we should only think soberly considering how vast God is in intelligence, ability, and ingenuity, we do well to hesitate to question Him or His reason for doing anything He does. He may have a million good reasons for doing a thing and doing it as He does or as He has done it, and yet as many for not revealing that reason to any of His creatures. Who am I anyway to question why the mystery—the mystery of godliness or the mystery of iniquity?

It is thought by some that evil is a necessary accompaniment of good. Moral good is the highest quality of good, and the freedom of choice seems necessary to the accomplishment of moral good. In fact, no one can be good in the final sense unless it is possible for that being to do evil. When it is possible for him to do evil it is likely that he will do it. God in the beginning created all beings good and upright. At the end of a list of the many things God made, as depicted in Genesis 1, He concludes in Verse 21, ". . . and God saw that it was good." So we conclude that everything came into being as it left the Father's hand in a perfect state, yet God, for His own good and sovereign reason, made His personal creatures in such a way as to leave them a choice as to whether they preferred being obedient and retain the state of innocence, or instead choose to venture out into a life of disobedience which is in the world that began in their disobedience which has been propagated by each of us who are Adam's descendants. (Compare Genesis 3:1-21 with Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28:2-9.) Since the highest beings were created with the power of choice and therefore the opportunity to do either good or evil, they were able to choose to be disobedient to God as the above Scriptures indicate.

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"Do you know where little boys go who don't put their Sunday school money into the plate?"

"Yes'm; to the movies."

STORIES for our youth



THE PINK ONE FOR ME

JOY WARRELL

LARRY and Jill stepped onto the long, narrow escalator headed for the top floor.

"Why does it have to move so slowly?" Jill complained, "I'd like to run right up this escalator to the very top!"

"So would I," agreed Larry. "We would be there in a flash!" But instead, they had to stand and wait as the department store escalator, crowded with weekend shoppers, crept steadily upward.

Last month, Larry and his sister Jill had seen the perfect gift they wanted for their mother's birthday in this store. Ever since that day, the children had saved their allowance for this purpose. Larry had also given every dime he earned doing errands. Now the exact amount of money lay in Larry's pocket, and they were eager to spend it for Mother's gift. "We'll get the pink one," Larry decided.

"Oh, yes!" Jill agreed, "Mom loves pink."

"Second floor at last," called Larry and they jumped off together.

They walked to the place where the hairdryers were lined up in an attractive display on the shelves.

"This is it," Larry announced. The salesclerk was busy waiting on a lady wearing a brown coat, so Larry and Jill looked over the shelves. "Where are they?" he asked, turning to Jill. There were plenty of hairdryers complete with hoods, but no hoods to be sold separately. And that was what their mother needed most, a new hood for her hairdryer.

"Oh, Larry, we know they had spare hoods last time," cried Jill. "Now there aren't any to be seen!" Larry suddenly felt cold with shock. Had all the replacement hoods been sold? Surely they'd have more in stock, he hoped.

"Please, Miss—" he begged the clerk, but broke off just as he and Jill heard her say to her customer, "This is the only hood we have left; they sold so quickly today."

The two children stared at each other in disbelief. The lady in the brown coat had just bought the last hairdryer hood. And to make matters worse, it was a pink one! They watched, speechless, as the clerk wrapped the hood and handed it to the lady.

"May I help you?" she inquired, turning to the children. "No thank you," the boy mumbled and Jill shook her head. They stood helplessly in the same spot while the salesclerk moved on to her next customer.

The lady with the brown coat had gone only a few feet when she met a friend and stood talking. Her recent purchase was tucked under her arm with another package. The children stood unnoticed, staring at the bag containing the pink hood they wanted so badly.

"That lady has our mother's gift, the only one left," Jill moaned.

"And Mom's birthday is tomorrow," Larry reminded her. 'It's almost the store's closing time now, and tomorrow is Sunday." Never before had he remembered feeling so bad. Jill sighed. She couldn't even think of one helpful suggestion.

The lady shopper, now saying good-by, walked around the corner of the counter and raised her hand in a quick little wave to her friend. In that very instant the children saw it. The bag containing the pink hood slipped from her arm and dropped noiselessly into some plastic clothes hampers stacked on the floor. The woman hurried on her way not knowing that she had lost it.

For a moment, the children couldn't believe what they had seen and stood rooted to the spot. Then they moved toward the hampers as if drawn by a magnet.

"Steady," Larry warned. "Don't go too fast!"

"Sh-sh," whispered Jill beside him. Larry bent, his fingers grasped the bag inside the hamper. He clutched it tightly and they walked on trying to appear casual. Jill took a quick glance around and reported, "It's all right, Larry, no one saw us." They could scarcely believe it. They actually had the pink hood in their possession. With hearts thumping they hastened to the down escalator.

On the main floor Jill led the way to the door. When Larry put his hand into his pocket, his fingers immediately came in contact with the birthday-gift money. He stopped in his tracks. When Jill turned around and saw that her brother had stopped, she ran back to him saying, "What's wrong?"

"Our gift money," he replied with a stunned expression. "We didn't spend it—I mean we didn't pay for the dryer hood. We just took it."

"That's stealing!" gasped Jill. "We know better than—"

"I know. I just realized it," he explained in an undertone. "We wanted the hood for Mom so badly that we were blinded by our desires."

"Yes, I see that now, Larry. What shall we do?" A determined look came over the boy's face. "Wait here," he said. "I'm taking this package back. I'll tell the salesclerk it was dropped by someone."

At the supper table Mother excused herself to answer the phone, while Larry and Jill sat sadly picking at their food and worrying over their lack of a birthday gift.

"That was Mrs. Brunsen," their mother explained, returning to her place at the table. "You haven't met her. She is a new member of our church. This afternoon Mrs. Brunsen went shopping at the big department store, and I asked her to get me one of the dryer hoods they have on sale. You know my old one is so worn it is almost useless." The children nodded in agreement, and their mother continued her story.

"Well, Mrs. Brunsen bought the last one in the store, but didn't know until she got home that she had lost it. She

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Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

MISSIONS

Awarding Experiences on Mission Field



Pam Temple and June Hodges are pic-ured here in the vacation Bible school t Jiminez, Mexico. These two young adies worked on the mission field in lexico for a period of six weeks. It as a real experience for them as they ere involved in different activities of ission work.



They were carried to Jiminez on Satur-y night and left there to carry on the ogram along with Miss Ruth Ann Tim-ons. This was a real experience for ese girls. On Wednesday night, the commencement exercises were held and they had about 35 to 40 young people present for the service. Their efforts in the past few days were rewarding, in that they saw the children as they gave their parts for the service.



Here you can see one of the small ones as she sang a song taught to her during these days.

June and Pam now have an experience that they would like to share with you and the youth of your church. If you could use either of these girls in your church, auxiliary, or youth group, please contact them as to a date that they can come and they will be glad to help in your work of missions. Their addresses are: Miss Pam Temple, P. O. Box 271, Bailey, North Carolina 27807, telephone (919) 235-8181; Miss June Hodges, Route 2, Box 264, Grimesland, North Carolina 27837, telephone (919) 758-4720.

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Press and Bookstores Closed

The Free Will Baptist Press and Bookstores at Ayden, Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. They will be opened at the regular hour for business T u e s d a y, September 7. Thank you.

An Open Letter to Free Will Baptists

Dear Christian Colaborers:

As you know the work of your state mission program is growing. God is blessing in the efforts put forth. We express our thanks to God for His leadership and to you and your church for your support of the past year. It was because of your willingness to listen to God that we are able to see a most prosperous year in 1970-71.

Even through the blessings of 1970-71, we must now begin to chart our course for 1971-72. We can sit and glory in the past year and fail in our efforts for God at the present and in the months ahead during this church year.

The mission program has grown to depend on the State Convention Mission Rally for a boost of support for the next year. Our proposed budget for 1971-72 will be $100,000. We would like to see ten percent of this raised at the rally to be held September 15, 1971, at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. The service will be at 7:30 p.m. I hope that you will plan to attend and bring a car load with you. This promises to be an exciting service. If each of our auxiliaries, both women and youth, along with the Sunday school and church will work for the next two weeks, we can see an offering of $10,000 for the service. Can God depend on you?

The Rev. Harold Stevens, a missionary of 22 years to Africa, will be our speaker. Also, Lulu and Melvin, the puppets at the Mission-Evangelism Conference, will be there.

I hope to see you at the rally. Begin to work now on your offering for the service.

In His service,
Joseph H. Ingram

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Someone asked D. L. Moody one day, "Mr. Moody, you are a man of faith. Why are you always asking people for money? Why don't you just trust God?" Mr. Moody replied, "I am a man of faith; and if you'd show me a man who has a thousand dollars for the Lord's work, I'd have faith enough to ask him for it."

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 12



God Transcends Our Understanding

Lesson Text: Exodus 33:19, 20; Isaiah 40:18-26; Romans 11:33-36

Memory Verse: Romans 11:33

I. INTRODUCTION

Though there is much that we can know of God, of His attributes and of His dealings with men, there is much that lies beyond our understanding. We are finite creatures of limited perceptions, and thus it is impossible for us to comprehend the nature of God. Most of our knowledge on any subject comes to us through analogy, or by the comparison of similar characteristics of the unknown to the known; but in the case of God's nature we cannot make use of analogy, for it is unique and we cannot find anything within the realm of our natural perception to which we can compare it.

We speak of God as Spirit, but we have no definite conception of the nature of Spirit. We are convinced that it differs from matter in many important respects, but to define it and analyze it is still impossible. We need not be discouraged, however; for we are not required to comprehend the nature of God, but only to love and serve Him, and these we can do.

Our lesson text for this Sunday is taken from two books of the Old Testament and from one of the New. The passage from Exodus deals with a meeting between Moses and God in which God informs Moses why it is impossible for man to see the face of God; the passage from Isaiah deals with that prophet's efforts to find something to which he could liken God; and the passage from Romans embraces Paul's observations of the wisdom and the knowledge of God.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show us that though we cannot have a complete understanding of God and His nature, we can know enough to determine His will for our lives and to live up to His expectations.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. God is omnipresent—He is present everywhere.
2. God is omniscient — He knows all things.
3. God is eternal—there never has been nor never will be a time that He does not exist.

B. The Glory of God (Exodus 33:19, 20)

1. Moses asked the Lord, "Show me thy glory."
2. God answered and promised to show Moses His glory through his goodness.
3. How many ways can you think of that God showed His glory to Moses and the Israelites?

C. The Mystery of God (Isaiah 40:18-26)

1. God is above man as the heavens is higher than the earth.
2. Man cannot know God except God reveal Himself to man.
3. God has revealed Himself to man through at least three ways.
   a. God revealed His work through His creation.
   b. God revealed His way through His Word, the Bible.
   c. God revealed His love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

D. The Wisdom of God (Romans 11:33-36)

1. The wisdom is shown in His dealings with Israel.
2. The wisdom of God is shown in offering salvation to the Gentiles.
3. These form a doxology after Paul has explained God's grace through the ages.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Practical man often asks for a God which he can understand, put in a test tube, and analyze. No wonder, is it, that such a god has died? But a god you can fully understand was never God anyway.

"So let us bow down in wonder to the God whose judgments and acts defy our full understanding. Let us acknowledge Him as Source, Guide, and Goal of all that is! But let us never stumble at the childish wish that we might fully understand His ways."—Arnold's Commentary.

B. Can we know all about God? For an answer go out into space to the planet Jupiter. We consider our earth a good-sized piece of real estate, but thirteen hundred planets like it could fit into the space occupied by this one.

Jupiter is more than five times as far from the sun as our earth is. It takes Jupiter almost twelve of our years to travel once around the sun, but it spins on its axis two and a half times to our one.

Jupiter has twelve moons. Eight travel in one direction around the planet. But four move in the opposite direction. Imagine the night sky!

Did God create Jupiter and its many moons? Does He rule the great planet and billions of other heavenly bodies yet today? As our human minds cannot comprehend the marvels of God's limitless creation, so His nature transcends our understanding. With the writer of Romans we can only stand afar off and exclaim, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" (Romans 11:33). And yet we can and do know much about the personality and the love of God, because Jesus reveals Him to us. And if we trust and obey Him, we can feel His power and love shaping our lives and our character day by day.—Standard Commentary.

C. By all that God has revealed in history, when history is interpreted in the light of "His story"; by all that Jesus revealed in His teaching, by His life, by His death and resurrection—we affirm and proclaim that God is love. Robert Browning saw that God is love:

So the All-Great were the All-Loving too—
So, through the thunder comes a human voice
Saying, "O heart I made, a heart beats here!
Face, my hands fashioned, see it in myself.
Thou hast no power nor may'st conceive of mine,
But love I gave thee, with myself to love
And thou must love me who hast died for thee!"

—Broadman Comments

A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE

(CONCERNING THE STATE CONVENTION)

by F. B. Cherry

We are happy with the thought of entertaining the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists at the Daniels Chapel church on September 15 and 16. It is our hope that every church in the Convention will be represented. This is the time when the past year's work is reported and reviewed, and work for the new year is planned. To be properly informed and to exercise your privileges as a member of the Convention, your church should be represented.

So that no one will have difficulty locating our church, we give the following directions for locating us:

If you are coming from Wilson, North Carolina, turn off Highway 301 at the Liberty Warehouse on the Old Black Creek Road. You will travel this rather crooked, blacktop road for about four miles before coming to a dead end. Then turn left and you will find the church one-half mile on your right.

If you are coming from the direction of Goldsboro, North Carolina, take highway 117 towards Wilson until you arrive at Jimmy's Grocery on your right. Immediately after passing this store turn right on the blacktop road and travel for approximately two miles and the church will be on your right.

If you are coming from Stantonsburg, North Carolina, take the Black Creek highway until you come to the fist paved crossroads. Then turn right and travel northward for about two miles and the church will be on your left.

We have plenty of parking space, and we believe that everyone can park so that anyone can leave when he desires. Parking attendants will be on hand to direct you; and if you will cooperate by following their directions, you will not get jammed in.

Lunch will be catered both days of the Convention by Parker Brothers Barbecue at $1.50 per plate. If you do not care for this, you will not have far to travel to Wilson where there is a variety of eating places.

Daniels Chapel is proud to have the State Convention, and we promise to do everything within our power to make your trip to the Convention an enjoyable one.

N O T I C E

At the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Executive Committee which met July 22, 1971, at Wilbur's Restaurant near Goldsboro, North Carolina, I resigned every office that I held in the women's work with the exception of adviser to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Committee. Please take note of this and address all future correspondence to Mrs. W. B. Raper, 619 West Main Street, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, until the election of officers in the 1972 session.

At the Cragmont Assembly Board of Directors meeting July 26, 1971, at Parker's Restaurant in Wilson, North Carolina, I resigned as secretary of the board and also as a member of the board of directors. Please address all future correspondence to the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

Also I would inform you that my manuscript for the 1972 Woman's Auxiliary Yearbook, "Devotion," is at the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and that this will be the last one that I will be responsible for. I pray that some-years that I have been responsible for this material that you have received and experienced, in just a small manner, some of the blessings that was experienced in preparing it.

Women, the return of the Lord is near at hand, so please renew your efforts in winning souls while it is yet time. May God richly bless the work as it is continued and may He lead each lady that has a place to fill to put her all on the altar and work for His glory.

Yours in Christ,
Rose G. Bowen

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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phoned the store immediately and found that the package had been turned in by some honest person. Isn't that wonderful, children? I am happy for her as well as myself," she added.

Larry and Jill were surprised! How thankful they were that they had returned the dryer hood. They nudged each other under the table, and Larry replied, "I'm awfully glad the lost package was returned."

"Real good news," agreed Jill.

"Yes, and I have some more news," their mother reported. "Aunt Sue came by today. In her night school class, she learned to make pretty floral arrangements using plastic flowers. Now she is going to make them and sell them. I'd love to have one when I can afford it," she added. The children's eyes lit up immediately. They exchanged glances. "Children," their mother asked, "why are you suddenly eating so fast?"

"Don't worry, Mom. It's O.K.," Jill reassured her.

"Sure," Larry said. "We just want time to go over and see Aunt Sue for awhile, as soon as we have finished."—My Pleasure.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

The annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. will be held in Ayden, North Carolina, on Tuesday, September 7, 1971, at 10 a. m., in the new foundation building.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign proxy below and return to me, Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

Yours in Christian service,
Hubert Burress, Secretary
Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc.

We hereby appoint D. W. Hansley, president; Hubert Burress, secretary; or _____ as our proxy for the annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., September 7, 1971, at 10 a.m., Ayden, North Carolina.

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IS CHRIST GOING TO POT?

Editorial...

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IS CHRIST GOING TO POT?

A fad is defined as a practice or interest followed for a time with exaggerated zeal. Further it is defined as a "craze"; and a craze usually lasts a short time and leaves few tangible benefits. During its popularity, the fad is referred to frequently as the "rage." It rages out of proportion for awhile, then subsides, and finally dies. When it is buried, it might be brought back to memory now and then, and possibly revived for a short period; but in referring to it, one is apt to do so in a frivolous manner.

To show how unimportant fads really are, when this writer tried to enumerate some, he had difficulty remembering those popular during his teen-age or early adult years; and when he asked others, they had the same difficulty. We did come up with a few: hula hoops, walk-a-thons, watch necklaces, metal rimmed glasses, velvet chokers, honda riding, flag pole sitting, and telephone booth stuffing.

Why discuss fads? Well, the Jesus Movement has been described as a fad; and one well-known evangelist says that if it is a fad, he "welcomes it." It's rather difficult for us to believe that any fad in religion is a favorable representation. Despite those who give it the red-carpet treatment, we can't help but be a little apprehensive still. This writer reviewed the Jesus Movement in an editorial of February 10, 1971; and at that time he declared that it would receive his applause if and when it produced good fruit. Our main concern then—and now—is the fact that while Jesus might be the rage for awhile, He possibly could lose out when something more interesting comes along. This is typical of any fad; that is why we shudder when this sudden and zealous interest in Him is called a fad.

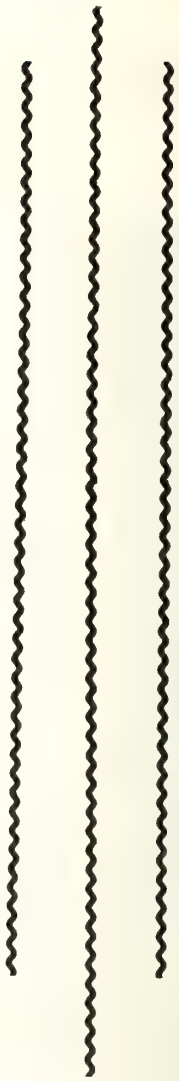
Some advocates of and adherents to this movement refer to themselves as "Jesus Freaks." Admittedly, people who follow Christ are different—but that difference begins inside and reflects itself favorably to the outside. The "Jesus Freaks" **are** rather freakish looking, in that they still wear the hippie attire, the hippie beard, and display the hippie manner. Certainly, even hippies have a right to Jesus, as we have always insisted; yet, we feel strongly that when one **seriously** follows Christ, he loses a lot of self in the process. The change will begin in the heart, but it will get to the talk and to the walk too. The outward appearance is bound to undergo a certain amount of alteration!

Long hair is not a sin in itself, neither are Levi's and botched-up T-shirts. But, if these are representations of rebellion, and rebellion takes action against acceptable (Christian) modes of proper behavior, then somebody needs to do some reevaluating. If the Jesus they're talking about doesn't overcome this, then He is the wrong Jesus. If interest in Him is something like flag pole sitting or telephone booth stuffing, then surely He is not flattered.

An argument for the Movement would be that we should get the unsaved saved anyway we can. Granted, it is important to save the unsaved—to reach the unreached; and perhaps the church has failed. (It is a known fact that churches are not interesting the majority of youth.) But, when we get someone saved, we should want him to *stay* saved. Salvation should never wear off like the shine of a shoe. It should be permanent-pressed! —and fads never are!

Lest unintended conclusions are reached, let us hasten to say that all the good that comes out of the Jesus Movement is and will be appreciated by this writer. Let us admit that conventional methods of spreading the gospel have been found wanting in many instances. Allow us to insist, however, that Christ was the same yesterday as He is today, and He will be the same tomorrow! Christ can be presented in any acceptable manner, and the lost should be reached at any cost—just as long as Christ is never portrayed as anything less than God. Would-be Jesus spreaders should never allow those who follow Him to follow any more distant or any less devotedly than is set forth in the holy Scriptures.

Don't let Christ go to pot!



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Mr. Andrews' Able Assistant

by SHIRLEY M. DEVER

SALLY sat straight and erect while her nimble fingers flew over the ten keys of her Olivetti. The index finger of her left hand zoomed down each column of the neatly posted ledger sheets as she totaled the entries. Now for the best part. Painstakingly, she slowly added first the total debits, then the total credits on her double-entry sheets to see if they were in balance. Oh, no. There was a three-cent difference between them. She must have picked up the wrong figure in the cents square of one of the entries. Checking the coil of tape against the entries was time-consuming, but it had to be done. There it was. A sixty-nine-cent entry had been picked up as sixty-six cents. She changed the total in the proper column, then proceeded to the next page.

Sally jumped involuntarily when she felt a light tap on her shoulder. She looked up to see an indulgent smile on the face of the boss and owner of Van Lines, Inc., Mr. McGee.

"I hate to interrupt such progress," he said "but I have some bad news. Mr. Andrews was rushed to the hospital early this morning for an emergency appendectomy. He'll be hospitalized for about a week; then he'll have to convalesce at home for another couple of weeks. This will put us in quite a bind, won't it?"

"That's for sure," Sally agreed emphatically. "We always do the end-of-the month balancing together." Then she gave the big boss a confident smile. "I think I can manage by myself, Mr. McGee. It may take some extra time, but I'm sure I can do it."

"I guess that's what I wanted you to say, Sally," Mr. McGee said, and there was a note of relief in his voice. "Knowing Bill, he won't expect you to take over for him." He shrugged his huge shoulders. Ralph McGee was a former football player and still looked the part. "Do the best you can. I'm sorry I won't be able to help you much," he added lamely. Everyone knew that the big boss of Van Lines, Inc. couldn't carry the ball where office work was concerned. That's why he had hired Bill Andrews as his accountant. He relied on him completely.

After Mr. McGee left to check on a household shipment at the Army base close by, a thousand thoughts spun around in Sally's head. She was going to be very busy. Mr. McGee was right about one thing—Mr. Andrews would never expect her to take over. As long as her work was up to date, he'd be satisfied. But now she had an opportunity to show them what she could do. Why, this could be her big chance to move forward in the company. But where? she thought. There was only one spot to advance to—Bill Andrews' position.

Sally mulled over this enlightening conclusion. Mr. Andrews had let her take over the general ledger entries a number of times when he had attended meetings with Mr. McGee. He had always seemed pleased with the results. But this time it would be different. With Bill Andrews out of the picture, it would be quite apparent that she was capable of doing his work. And if she was willing to do the work for less—

The telephone interrupted her meandering mind. "Yes, Mrs. Johnson, your shipment will be picked up Wednesday. . . . Ron Davis is our most experienced driver. . . . Your mirrors will be crated separately. . . . I'm sure they'll use extra padding around your piano." These worrywart women at the base didn't trust anyone with their precious household furnishings.

A little later, Sally heard a familiar honk outside the office door. Could that be Rod picking her up for lunch already? Rod worked at the service station a few blocks away. He was getting a little too serious for comfort, but, with this extra workload, she'd have little free time to ponder about what to do about her boyfriend. After all, a budding young accountant must keep her nose to the grindstone.

It was while they were finishing their favorite dessert, apple pie alamode, at Smitty's Drive-In that Sally had a brainstorm. Perhaps she could kill two birds with one stone. "Rod, I've been thinking," she began. "With this extra work I'll be doing for the next three weeks, I'd better start packing a lunch from home. I'm not going to have time to eat out at noon. You do understand?"

"Sure, honey, I understand," Rod said, but he sounded doubtful. "But I know Bill Andrews fairly well, and I'm sure he doesn't expect you to take on this much work."

"That's not the point," she said abruptly. "This is my big chance—I mean," she said, catching herself in time, "my big chance to do something nice for Bill. After all the valuable training he's given me—"

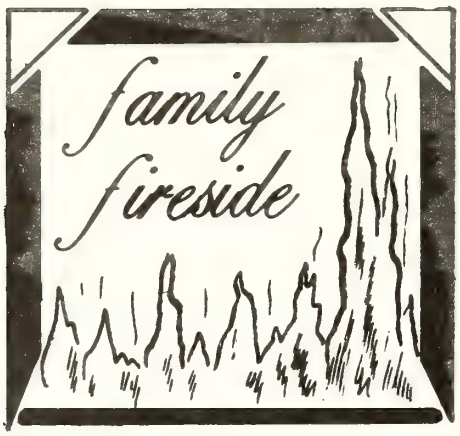
"Are you sure that's why you're working so hard?" Rod asked gently.

"Of course, silly. What other reason could there be?" she returned innocently.

"Well, I don't know, Sal," Rod grinned. "But you know the way I feel about you. I'd hate to think this job of yours was getting out of proportion. Wanting to marry an assistant bookkeeper is one thing. But an accountant, well—" There was such a sad, faraway look in his eyes that Sally started to melt in spite of herself. She had to admit that Rod was appealing and sometimes he was like kindness itself.

By Friday night, Sally was worn out. But she still hadn't been able to finish balancing the general ledger. Mr. McGee had been mighty surprised and more than a little impressed, when he found her poring over the ledger his accountant had always kept under lock and key—a key only Sally had access to now. "I

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

THE TWO CLOCKS

Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 8:19

Traversing one night a city street, I was startled by a sharp clanging above my head. On looking up, I found myself directly beneath the tower wherein a huge clock was striking the midnight hour. I took my watch from my pocket, and lo, the slender overlying hands were pointing exactly to the hour of twelve.

It scarcely seemed possible that that tiny piece of mechanism in my hand could keep time with the huge mechanism that filled a whole room of the tower; but the proof was before me, and as I gazed at the two pairs of hands of such diverse proportions, I understood as never before that the most insignificant human being needed only to be clean, in running order, and divinely regulated to keep time with Divinity itself —to be perfect even as the Father is perfect.—*Northern Christian Advocate.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To be "big" in God's sight, one must humble himself as a little child. We can no longer hang on to the "big 'I' and the little 'u.'"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

A YOUNG MAN'S QUESTION

Scripture Reading—John 15:19

A young man of twenty wrote to the question and answer column of a newspaper as follows: "I'm puzzled about life, and I wonder if you could help me? Am I different from everyone else of my age? Or do they wear false masks as I do? I go to parties and dances and act as if I were enjoying myself like everyone else I know. But I am not enjoying myself at all. I always feel that there is something missing, and I don't know what it is. . . . Behind the laughing and the fun I think I look at life just a bit more seriously than most I know. I see more in life than just having a good time. Do you think this wrong at twenty? In a few years will I see things differently? Or should I take off the false face now, and act the way I feel?"

This young man was asking someone what was the matter with him, but got no help. He was not asking the right one. The Word of God would have put him on the right track.—*Young People's Delight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When in doubt about the things of the world and your life in general, remember that God's Word can set you straight.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

REASON FOR ALARM

Scripture Reading—John 12:43

Thomas Guthrie used to say: If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of God, any table better than the Lord's table, any persons better than Christ, any indulgence better than the hope of heaven—take alarm.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Any life lived other than for the Lord and the salvation of man is good cause for alarm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

FOR SILENT CHRISTIANS

Scripture Reading—Acts 26:22

At a meeting in a city of Nankin a Chinaman rose and began to cry for mercy with groans and tears. When at length he found utterance he prayed, "O God, forgive me; I have been a dummy Christian. When I was converted the devil came to me and said, 'There are preachers to do the preaching; you need not bother about it.' I listened to the devil's lie, and all those years I have been a dummy Christian, living in ease while souls have been lost." —*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is your Christian life a "dummy" or are you serving the Lord to the best of your ability? Is your Christianity real or false?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

A DUMB BELIEVER

Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 12:5

"Well, I never knew before that you were a Christian," said one man to another in a Michigan logging camp, "though we've been on the job together here for two years. When the sky pilot was here last winter and talked with me about my soul, I told him if so clean a chap as you could get along without religion I beleived I could take a chance on it myself." The silent Christian felt that he had been disloyal to Christ.—*New Century Leader.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A Christian should let his life so shine that it will show to the world he is living for Christ. A silent Christian is not the best kind.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

HOW MUCH SHALL WE KEEP?

Scripture Reading—Numbers 18:26

A servant of God had a little girl whom he was eager should be brought up t serve Him. He wanted to teach her tha we should give one tenth of our possession to God. One day he called her into hi study, where he had arranged ten piles c money. And he said:

"You see, I have ten piles of money here One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eigh nine—they belong to me; but this tenth on belongs to God." The little girl said: "Ol Father, are you going to keep all the nin for yourself?"—*The King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we give the tenth to God w haven't really given at all; we have onl turned over to God what belongs to Him.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WHAT DO WITH THIS TALENT?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 139:4

There are men who pride themselves o their candor, and it degenerates into bru tality. One such man said to John Wesle once, "Mr. Wesley, I pride myself in speak ing my mind; that is my talent." "Well, said John Wesley, "the Lord wouldn't min if you buried that!"—*Dr. Griffith Thomas.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

May our talents be such as to be prou of and not fit to be buried! We all hav worthy talents if we will only use them.

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New Course at Mount Olive College

The Department of Religion at Mour Olive College will offer a new course c "American Christianity" during the fa semester. The class will meet each Tue day night at 7 p.m. and is open to th general public. The course, which wi be taught by Dr. Michael Pelt, is designe to introduce the student to the story c religion in America, with emphasis upo Protestant Christianity. Each studer will be encouraged to explore the hi tory, beliefs, and practices of his ow denomination or one of the major rel gious groups in America.

While it would be impossible to trac the history of all the churches in such course, attention will be given to the d velopment of several important religiou groups in the context of American life.

Interested persons may call Dr. Pe or visit the College for more informatio The first class met on Tuesday, Septen ber 7. The course may be taken wit or without college credit.

PLANS MADE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL DRIVE

At a meeting of the Executive Board f the North Carolina Free Will Baptist unday School Convention held at the ree Will Baptist Press Foundation on Monday, August 23, 1971, plans for implementing the new "70 PLUS IN THE 70s" drive for better Sunday schools for riginal Free Will Baptists were discussd, and some important decisions were ade.

It was agreed that the following were o be the three principal goals for the rive, which will continue until the time f the 1980 convention, or through the 970s:

1. 70 PLUS new pupils for every coperating Sunday school—70 to be the inimum, the "plus" to include additional new pupils for the larger schools.

2. 70 PLUS additional schools and hurches cooperating with the united rogram of the State Sunday School Conention through prayer, active participaon, and regular financial support.

3. Cooperating with mission boards nd other denominational agencies in efrts to establish "70 PLUS" new churchs with Sunday schools in North Caroa during the remaining 70s. Churchs and Sunday schools which can do so e to be urged to organize and sponsor ission Sunday schools in needy places, nd to work with mission boards to delop these missions into churches.



The Rev. Taylor Hill, Publicity Director

Since, in its initial stage, the most nportant order of procedure will be ntacting the schools and churches and ving publicity to the new program, it was agreed that the Rev. Taylor Hill, elected by the recent annual State Sunday School Convention as publicity director; and the Rev. L. E. Ballard, field promotional secretary, would be the guiding team for the progress of the program during the present convention year. Mr. Hill will prepare immediately a form of survey sheet to go out with the next mailing of the "Sunday School Reporter" to schools over the state, asking for information needed to guide in the drive.



The Rev. L. E. Ballard, Field Promotional Secretary

This will be followed by the regular progress reports given through the "Reporter" and "The Free Will Baptist" at least bimonthly. Special booster articles will be prepared and submitted to church publications from time to time, and the field secretary and other members of the board will visit district conventions and other church gatherings to present the program as opportunities present themselves.

Among other items considered by the board in the meeting was the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Wayne Dilday as vice-president of the convention, and the selection of Mr. Loomis Crocker of Pine Level, North Carolina, to fill out the remainder of the term, ending with the 1972 annual meeting at Gum Swamp near Greenville next April. Mr. Crocker has been active in Sunday school work in his district and cooperative with the state program for years, and the board believes that he will fill the office of vice-president very well.

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When Sunday comes I go to church and
stop in for a visit;
So that when I'm carried in, the Lord
won't say, "Who is it?"

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends of the Children's Home:

Please let me take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the wonderful way you have supported the Free Will Baptist Children's Home during the past year. Financially, the 1970-71 fiscal year was the best in our history and our successes and accomplishments have been great in other ways as well. However, due to the increase in the cost of living, which is reflected in an 80 percent increase in the cost of child care during the past ten years, plus our efforts to upgrade our program as well as make many necessary repairs and improvements to our buildings and equipment across campus, and the addition of other expenses which we have not had in past years, our Home is having to struggle in order to survive the "summer slump" in giving. Therefore, we are appealing to **you** to help us!

We are requesting that each church send a contribution of $100 to the State Convention on September 15 at Daniels Chapel church. This is based on $50 from the church and $50 from the Sunday school and other auxiliaries. If only 200 churches will reach this goal, we will have raised $20,000 at the convention. It does not appear that this goal is too steep. Perhaps your church can give more than $100; if so, please do!

You probably are aware by now that construction has begun on the new residence for our director of campus life (formerly called assistant superintendent). We hope to be able to build this much needed building on a "pay-as-we-go" basis. This will most likely be a reality if we can reach our State Convention goal or go beyond it!

The challenge of child care is greater today than ever before and the fields of harvest are indeed white. Can we count on you and your church to come to our rescue?

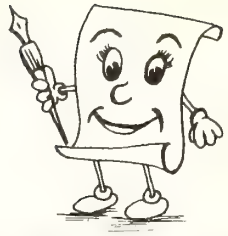
Please let us know if we may assist you in any way.

Sincerely yours,
Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
Superintendent

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It's very strange that rain on Sunday
Seems so much wetter than on Monday;
And our weekday pains that we ignore
On Sundays seem to hurt much more,
'Til we decide to stay in bed,
When we should go to church instead.

GRACE NOTES



News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

By Nina Grace Register

Some characters that I'd like to see excommunicated from the church are Jealousy, Criticism, Greed, Selfishness, and Unconcern.

Jealousy holds tightly to its secure position rather than helping the new ones learn, saying, "I had to learn the hard way; let them do the same."

Young people feel confused, left out, and may quit when they are pushed aside by Jealousy.

Criticism is usually the main gift of inactive people. Whatever anyone does, they would have done it another way. But they seldom do anything. Don't let the critics stop you if you're working for the Lord. At least, **you're** working!

Greed is the hardest to overcome. We teach tithing, but do we tithe? Sometime ago a man who made $125 per week told a teen-ager who made $25 that he couldn't spare the $12.50 tithe. The answer was, "My $2.50 means as much to me as your $12.50 means to you."

But the church group is greedy too. As a rule, much more is kept at home than is sent for missions, Christian education, the Children's Home, and all other projects combined. Greed says, "We need it here. After all, charity begins at home."

Selfishness is born in a child, and it's hard to get out of adults. The kind I mean is a circle, like: "I am a Sun and the other people orbit around me; therefore, I am most important. My solar system is fixed, and since I have only so much warmth to share among my planets, no other planet can be allowed into the system."

Church members act that way when they give a new member the right hand of fellowship and subsequently ignore him. It's sickeningly surprising to see how a group of Christian people can ostracize a new one. It might be due to timidity, fear of rebuff, or lack of experience. It is hard to approach a stranger and say, "I am Mrs. Friendly and glad to see you at church. What is your name?"

The selfish church group also refuses to cooperate with other churches. It acts like "Ours is the only church, and as for the others—that's too bad."

Selfishness breeds Unconcern. Active members miss three or four services and no one asks about them. A family joins, comes twice, misses twice, no one contacts them; they stop. Who cares if the missionaries get paid?—we need new curtains. Let's quit going to church on Sunday night—it's such a bore.

Unconcern can kill a church.

People are talking about these undesirables and want to get rid of them. One spiritual thing can eliminate them all: **Love.** Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). At various times He mentioned the Ten Commandments, and gave a new one in John 13:34, ". . . That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Couldn't we at least try?

Plymouth Church Announces Fall Revival

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of September 20-25, beginning each evening at 7:30. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Robert Langley, will be bringing the messages which will also feature special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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85th Session of the Western Conference

The Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will convene in its eighty-fifth session with the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, Wednesday and Thursday, October 13 and 14, 1971. The program for the conference will appear in a later issue of "The Free Will Baptist."

Dinner for both days will be catered and served in the church recreational building. The dinner will consist of barbecued pork, southern fried chicken, or barbecued chicken, tea or coffee, and dessert. The price per meal will be $1.50. There will be several places ser ing breakfast and supper for those sta ing overnight.

A list of motels in the area are: Cent Motor Court, 1503 North Cannon Boul vard; Colonial Motor Court, Highway 2 Mayfair Motel, Kannapolis Highway; Mi town Motel, South Cannon Boulevar Quality Motel, Highway 29; Twin-Ci Motel, Highway 29; and Holiday In South Highway 29.

Make preparations now to attend ar to do your part in making this eight fifth session the most spirit-filled se sion in the history of the Western Co ference.

Directions to the church will appear a later issue of the "Baptist."

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Watery Branch Church To Observe Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held the Watery Branch Free Will Bapti Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, Nor Carolina, Sunday, September 12. Th day's activities will begin with Sunda school at 10 a.m., followed with th homecoming message by the Rev. C. M Coats of Smithfield, North Carolina. A 12:30 p.m. a picnic lunch will be serve on the church grounds.

A singspiration has been planned f the afternoon service with a special inv tation extended to all singers to atter and participate in this service.

The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benso and the church membership extend all former pastors, former members, ar friends a cordial welcome to attend ar enjoy a day of worship and Christia fellowship.

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Youth Day Services Held at Rose Hill Church

On Sunday morning, August 29, at th Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Rou 1, Winterville, North Carolina, a speci program was given by the young peop of the church. It was Youth Day at Ro Hill! Thirteen young people did a sole did job in rendering their voices in bo music and speaking. Mrs. Barbara W son served as pianist.

The communion table was covere

ith a white tablecloth, adorned with owers of red and white, and four white andles which remained burning during he service.

The young people entered the choir oft singing "Let There Be Peace on arth," after which a prayer was given nd the song, "The Church's One Founda- on" was sung by the congregation. athy Wilson then sang "He's Everything o Me." Next a group of soloists sang How Great Thou Art." They were Kent oftin, Horace Tripp, Teresa Jones, Kathy Vilson, and Kay Branch. A special of- ering was taken which was decided by he group to be sent to missions. A rio was next, with Angie Buck, Kay Wil- on, and Kay Branch singing, "I Believe." talk was given by Kent Loftin, who poke on the subject, "The Parent's Duty o a Child and a Child's Duty to His arents." The service ended with solo- ts from the group singing "Nothing Is mpossible." These soloists were Steve ripp, Kay Wilson, and Kenneth Jones. he service closed with a prayer of bene- iction.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. an Beaman of Snow Hill, North Caro- na.

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Christ is the only one who came to estroy race barriers and class hatred. e is not only adequate for all races, but ll races have found in Him their ideal. is Cross is a bridge across every chasm. e gave womanhood its place, childhood s rights, and the slave his freedom.

Coming Events . . .

eptember 15, 16—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Daniel's Chapel Church, Route 3, Wilson.

eptember 23—Eastern Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, Folkstone, North Carolina

ctober 6—Albemarle Conference, Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina

ctober 13, 14—Western Conference, Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina

ctober 16—Pee Dee Association, Thomasboro Free Will Baptist Church, Brunswick County, North Carolina

ctober 20, 21—Eastern Conference, Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. HERMAN GRUBBS

Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

NOTICE

This is to state that neither Mrs. Ballard nor myself are at present connected in any official capacity with Cragmont Assembly. From time to time we have been receiving checks and requests for information sent to us by various people, which we have sent on to the proper persons. Please note that all donations to Cragmont Assembly should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574; and all requests for information regarding Cragmont conferences and other activities of the institution, should be addressed to the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851, the publicity director for Cragmont Assembly.

I have had recent inquiries regarding films made at Cragmont during past years, some inquirers seemingly under the impression that the films are Cragmont property. All films in my possession were made by me personally, and at my expense, and are not at this time available for public showing.

L. E. Ballard

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RICH MEMORIES

For the past twenty-five years with the mention of Cragmont Assembly we have automatically projected a mental picture of the old three-story or "main" building. I am sure that most of us retain many rich memories which are directly or indirectly connected with the main building. All who have ever attended Cragmont have enjoyed this building, and there is much sentimental value connected with it. The fellowship while sitting on the porch and rocking our troubles away is always a great experience. The marvelous meals are an occasion of delight. And surely the singing, teaching, and preaching in the chapel, as well as the delights of the canteen, are all a fond part of our concept of Cragmont.

I have said all this to comment on the thought of whether to restore or tear down the main building. Let me begin by saying that **no decision,** official or otherwise, has been made concerning this building. By being in many of our churches during the past year I have found sentiments expressed both ways. The ladies attending the woman's conference at Cragmont this summer have expressed their wishes. They have stated a wish to rennovate the main building and have promised to support such an undertaking. An undertaking such as this will require a great deal of support over and above our present level!

In the August 18 issue of "The Free Will Baptist" an article was published thanking the Free Will Baptist people for the increased support of Cragmont. Truly we are thankful! However, before we can do anything in regards to the main building, we have a matter of $20,000 outstanding indebtedness that must be resolved! We **urge** our people throughout the state to increase your present level of support! First things first! Let's relinquish our present debt; then we can advance to other pressing needs. Every year that we have to put off doing anything to the main building the cost increases greatly. Let's get our shoulders to the wheel and push together!

Send all donations to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574. Again I remind you that I would be delighted to share with you and your church or church group a program concerning the needs and plans for Cragmont. I am available on second and fourth Sunday nights, or any night during the week. Contact me at phone 239-6471, or P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

De Wayne Eakes

Cragmont Publicity Director

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Sin can kill not only the soul but mind, talents, and happiness as surely as a malignant physical disease can kill the body.

MR. ANDREWS' ABLE ASSISTANT

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only hope you make as many points with Bill as you have with me," he commented before he left the office.

Sally knew the McGees were going out of town for the weekend. Her wheels started to turn. They'd never know about it if she worked at the office all weekend. With two extra days to wind up the general ledger, she knew she could do it. But by Sunday night, bone-tired and mentally exhausted, Sally wondered whether it had been worth all the effort to complete Bill Andrews' end-of-the-month work.

At dinner, Sally's mother gave her daughter a long, hard look. "We missed you at church this morning," she said pointedly. "Rod sat with us. He's concerned about you, and so are we."

"Why are you worried about me?" Sally asked defiantly. "I'm a big girl now."

"I know, dear," her mother said kindly. "But aren't you setting your sights too high? After all, you haven't had the college background Bill Andrews has. Why, if it weren't for him, you wouldn't have been able to hold your job as his assistant. He's taught you almost everything you know about accounting."

"Honestly, Mom. You'd think I was trying to run Mr. Andrews out of the office," Sally muttered.

Her dad interrupted the conversation with his favorite cliche: "If the shoe fits, wear it."

"I guess I have been overdoing it," Sally admitted slowly.

Suddenly her father's eyes lit up. "Did I tell you that Bill Andrews had lunch with me about a month ago?"

"He told me you were the best assistant bookkeeper he's ever known."

"Why, Dad, I didn't know he felt that way. What a wonderful compliment!" Sally felt as proud as a peacock, knowing a top-notch accountant was that satisfied with her work. Then her cheeks turned pink with guilt. Surely she must be out of her mind to have any intentions of ever filling Bill Andrews' shoes. After all he had done for her. . . .

"Kitten," her dad said affectionately. This was the pet expression he reserved for times like this. "You are beginning to see the light, aren't you?"

Tears glistened in Sally's eyes. "Dad, is it possible to have too much initiative?" she asked fervently, knowing her father would give her a straight answer.

"Of course," he replied. "You can go overboard on anything, virtues as well as faults."

Sally thanked God for giving her such understanding parents. How many times had they shown her the way? And she knew why. Every night Sally prayed for guidance—she asked God to show her the way to live. Now her parents were giving her the insight to do the right thing, to live in the way God wanted her to.

The three weeks flew by, and before Sally knew it, Bill Andrews was back at his desk.

"Sally, how can I ever thank you for all the work you've done?" he said with so much tenderness she thought she would melt right there. "I told your father recently that you're the best assistant bookkeeper around."

"He told me about that," she said softly. "I really appreciate the compliment."

Bill Andrews looked thoughtful. "In time you could fill my shoes. I'm sure of that. Of course, there are a few more things I could check you out on."

Sally grinned. "I'm perfectly content being your assistant," she said.

Bill Andrews nodded. "Did you know that Mrs. McGee worked here in the office while Ralph was getting started in the business?" Sally stared back at him in disbelief. Bill went on. "Until I was hired, Ralph McGee didn't have a C.P.A. Instead, his wife, who is an excellent accountant, did the work I do now. Not many people know this. She preferred to remain in the background. But she's been behind him all the way. Marge McGee is quite a woman!"

"She sure is," Sally agreed. Whether she eventually married Rod or someone else, she knew she wanted to be behind her husband all the way, like her boss's wife.

"Sally," Bill said, "I almost forgot to tell you. There will be a raise in pay for you in your next pay check. That's the best way I could think of to thank you for the extra work you've done."

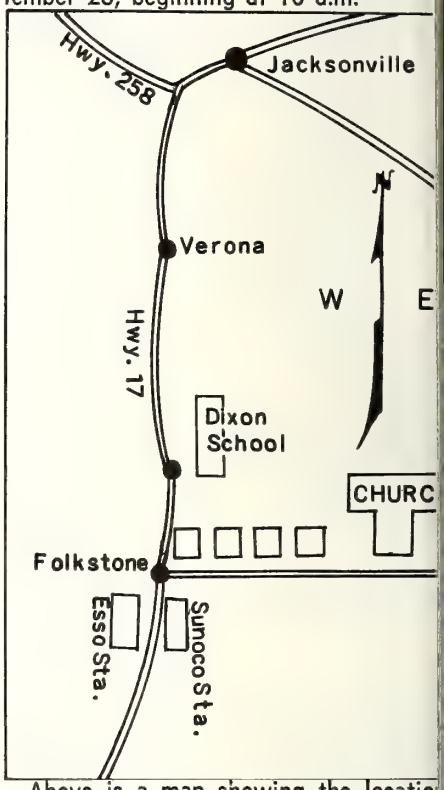
Sally felt the tears start to prick at the corners of her eyes, and she said a grateful "thank you" before he detected them. Back at her desk, she breathed a deep sigh of relief. She hadn't realized before how great it is to be an assistant.—Gospel Herald.

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I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty. We shall not be poor if we live liberty.

Eastern District Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention o the Eastern Conference will convene wit the Folkstone Free Will Baptist Churc Folkstone, North Carolina, Thursday, Se tember 23, beginning at 10 a.m.



Above is a map showing the locatio of the church. Anyone who is not abl to follow this diagram, please contac Mrs. Frances Rublein, Route 1, Box 352 Holly Ridge, North Carolina 28445, fo further directions.

We hope to see all the auxiliaries o the Eastern District represented at thi convention. Visitors are also welcome

Mrs. Carl W. Powell, Vice-Presiden
Eastern District Auxiliary
Convention

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Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention o the Eastern Conference will conven with the Folkstone, North Carolina, Fre Will Baptist Church Thursday, Septem ber 23. The theme will be, "Building o a Sure Foundation." The Scripture i taken from 1 Corinthians 3:11, "Fo other foundation can no man lay the that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Mrs

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OBITUARIES

Charles Irvin Thomas



July 29, 1953—July 28, 1971

Here was a young man who walked ith God, and his was a faith that all f us might wish for. His years on this arth were short, just under eighteen, ut what an influence he had on the ves of those who knew him! To know im was to love him and to appreciate s many lovable qualities and virtues.

On July 28, 1971, Charlie was drown- d while swimming in the Neuse River. is passing has left a void in the lives of hose of us who were close to him, but e are consoled in the knowledge that n that day heaven reached down and aimed one of its own. As he walked ith God here on earth, he is now pres- nt with God to enjoy that sweet com- union with Him who does all things ell. Surely, the angels of heaven are joicing over the gain of another beauti- l soul in "Gloryland."

Perhaps the most fitting tribute to e life of this truly fine young man is e influence which his life has had and continuing to have on others. Charlie's mmitment to Christ was not hidden nder a bushel. His friends and com- nions knew him to be a true Christian, r he was not ashamed to carry his Bi- e around in his pocket and admit that read it often and that he said his ayers each day. So great and so pro- und were the influence and testimony this young man's life, that three of s close friends and companions follow- the example he had set before them life and accepted Christ as their Saviour and were baptized on the Sunday following his death. His Christian influence will long live in the memories of those who knew and loved him.

Charlie possessed those qualities of goodness and kindness which are so rare today. We shall long miss his warm smile, his friendly greeting, his exuberant personality, and his cheerful attitude. We shall long remember how he spoke kindly of everyone and how he sought to encourage others when they were discouraged.

His life shines as a beacon light, guiding us on and inspiring us to emulate his many fine qualities and virtues. We are comforted in this great loss by the confidence and assurance that God has called him from this imperfect life on earth to that all perfect and glorious home in the heavens to engage in a nobler and greater service for Him.

Charlie was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thomas and the brother of Deborah and Gerald Jr., all of whom are members of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, North Carolina. He also was a member of St. Mary's and a graduate of New Bern High School this year.

Charlie not only walked with God, but he also talked with Him. The closeness of this communion is evidenced by this prayer which was found among his possessions and which he had written before his passing:

Please forgive for what I've done,
And still love me as before;
Help me to be like thy Son,
And let me sin no more;
Love us and bless us I pray;
Forgive us our shortcomings;
Lead us toward thy house and not astray;
Forgive us our wrongdoings;
Give us power to overcome our will;
Strip us of ourselves
That we may be strong too;
I love thee more than words can tell;
I love thee more and more each day
And thank you for thy perfect grace.

—Submitted by
Pete Thomas

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Mr. Hubert R. Crawford

On June 23, 1971, God called our dear brother in Christ, Mr. Hubert Crawford, to his eternal reward. Mr. Crawford was sixty-three years of age and had been a member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, for a number of years. He was very active in church work as long as his health would permit.

Funeral services were held in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel in Greenville by his pastor, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs, assisted by the Rev. James Howard. Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery. The large attendance at the funeral and the floral contributions showed how much he was loved and respected by those who knew and loved him.

Mr. Crawford is survived by his wife, Charlotte Tyson Crawford; one daughter, Mrs. Jordan Best of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; two grandchildren, Debbie and Ashley Best of Rocky Mount; his mother, Mrs. Clara J. Crawford; one brother, Carl, of Greenville; and number of relatives and friends.

First, may we extend to the family our deepest sympathy;

Second, we want to express our deepest appreciation for his devotions to his church and community;

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication, and a copy retained in the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Willette Darden
Elene Nichols
Elizabeth Hart

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Matthew 6:5). What particular custom was it that our Lord objected to when He blamed the Pharisees for praying in the streets?

Answer: He was here teaching His followers against being hypocrites, for that was what the Pharisees had become. And being hypocrites is one thing we Christians need to be on constant guard against. Most of us when not really prayerfully careful in guarding against this gross sin will manifest some form of it in what we are, in what we do, in what we say, and how we perform in these activities. Jesus knew this and therefore was teaching against it. To be a dedicated, consecrated Christian in the simplest form and to be oneself with no "put on" was what Christ taught, and therefore what He would have us be and do. We need not seek to be dramatic before a lost world that we might impress them of our piety. Just simply be pious and live a pious life in the plainest, most natural way; and that will please Him.

The Pharisees made it a habit to parade their religion in an outward show that they might impress others of their sincerity and devotion to God. Jesus spoke against this and said: "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. . . . But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly" (Matthew 6:1, 3, 4). Then He said of praying that one might be seen or heard of men: "But thou, when thou pravest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward the openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (Matthew 6:6, 7).

When preaching we are taught: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2). Then we are taught concerning would-be preachers: "And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. . . . Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:4, 8). The Bible is written that we may be guided in the footsteps of Christ; but in order that we be thus directed, it is essential that we know of and are instructed how to shun the pitfalls of Satan and of sin. Therefore the Bible tells us some of the things to expect from false teachers and wrong examples and from those who claim to be Christians and are not, but are trying to impress the world. These should no more impress us than the devil's appeal to Jesus to fall down and worship him as recorded in Matthew 4:3-11. Compare this with Luke 4:3-13.

All dramatics to show off oneself rather than to exalt his Christ are of Satan. Then there are those who seem to want to pattern their preaching and their pulpit mannerisms after some revered person they admire rather than being the individual God had made them and preaching as untainted from the world as possible. Paul said, "I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). This is what we all need to do. A friend of mine that invites students out to preach for him now and then told me that he has gotten sick and tired of hearing men get in his pulpit and imitate Bob Jones, Billy Sunday, or someone whose methods appealed to them; and that they themselves were out of place in their use. Jesus Christ would tell, or does in fact tell all of us, to pray and preach and do whatelse it is our duty to do as unto the Lord and not unto men.

A rigid Pharisee, like the Mohammedan of today, prayed many times daily having certain set hours of doing so. This is not wrong for a Christian, but let us remember that Jesus said: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23, 24).

The Pharisee of Jesus' day, like the Mohammedan of today, sometimes found his hour of prayer coming before he got to his regular place of prayer. Being rigid in his formalism, he stopped on the street corner or wherever it might be and prayed aloud so others would know what he was doing; until finally at the time Jesus uttered these words, some seemed to prefer the street corners and public places that they might impress a nonpraying public of their pious life.

Jesus means to tell us that our religion should be of the kind that causes Him who sees in secret to reward openly. If we conform only to a round of forms and ceremonies, then we shall be sure to desire that some human beings—some fellowman—look upon us, admire us, and praise our piety. Then while formally worshiping in this atmosphere, we will feel at a loss to perform in such a ritual if we do not know of someone's visible presence. Were we to get fixed in this habit it would become difficult to act in the performance apart from the company of fellowmen. Jesus was discouraging this. Jesus himself prayed privately, all night on some special occasions, and at other times He got up a long while before day; but He also prayed in the presence of His disciples and even in the presence of enemies. So there is no teaching in the Bible against audible, public prayer when it is fostered by the right spirit and the occasion calls for it of a sincere worshiper.

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What We Need!

We mutter and we sputter, we fume and we spurt;
We mumble and we grumble, our feelings get hurt;
We can't understand things, our vision grows dim,
When all that we need is a moment with Him!

STORIES

for our youth



BRENDA'S NEST EGG

NITA NEWCOMB

IT'S seven o'clock, Brendy. Time to get up for breakfast so you can get an early start at sorting out all those magazines."

Brenda Robinson frowned as she heard her mother's voice at the foot of the stairs. Having to get up early on school days was bad enough—but to get up early on a Saturday morning was horrid.

She jerked the blankets off and stumbled out of bed. "Oh, all right, I'm awake. I'll be down as soon as I get dressed."

Brendy was her family's very special name for her. And the gentle way her mother always said it made Brenda feel very much loved. It usually made her feel warm inside.

But not this morning! For one thing, she had not been able to sleep well. She tossed and tumbled most of the night, pulling all the covers loose from the foot of her bed.

And Pam, her eight-year-old sister who shared her room, had wanted to talk last night when Brenda had not felt like talking. "Go to sleep and leave me alone, Pamela Ann!" Brenda had shrieked. "You're getting to be nothing but a regular pest."

"But, Brendy, you always tell me a good-night story. Please tell me one tonight, too." Pam's voice quivered as she whispered, "Are you upset with me, Brendy?"

"I don't have to tell you a story if I don't want to, Pamela Ann. And tonight I don't want to. So be quiet."

Then last night when it was her turn to wash the supper dishes, Brenda sloshed the water over the plates just enough to get by. "I don't care if they're clean or not," she muttered under her breath.

She slammed the glasses into the dish drainer nearly breaking them, and just threw the silverware in.

Mother had gotten up from her sewing machine in the dining room and hurried into the kitchen.

"What's the matter, Honey? You sure aren't acting like yourself tonight." Her mother waited for an answer. "Did something go wrong at school today? Are you ill?"

Brenda kept on washing dishes furiously. "No, I'm not ill," she said a little too politely. "And—nothing went wrong at school today. I'm O.K."

Brenda didn't look at her mother. She stared straight down at the dish water and began scrubbing the skillet.

Her mother gave her a long curious look and walked slowly back to her sewing.

Brenda hated herself for being so grumpy. She had always been a happy, helpful, friendly girl. Now suddenly, she had turned into an old grouch. And she knew why.

Yesterday had started out to be such a beautiful fall day. Her sixth-grade class had wanted to help raise money for their classmate, Tom Woolridge. Tom was having a serious operation and the hospital costs would be more than his family could pay. So a few of the classmates were raising some of the money by having a rummage sale.

Brenda's class was collecting all the old magazines from homes for the sale. Other classes were selling other things. Old magazines would sell for ten cents each, and every penny helped.

Everyday after school, Brenda had taken her wagon and gathered up old magazines in her neighborhood.

Then last night as she was loading the magazines she had received from Mrs Myers' home onto her wagon, a twenty dollar bill fell out of the pages.

Brenda snatched up the money. "Lucky me!" she said to herself. "I'll add this to the nest egg I have saved from baby-sitting. Then I'll have enough to buy that transistor record player in Sullivan's store window."

Brenda's conscience told her that what she was doing was not right. But she tucked the bill into her purse, finished loading the magazines, then walked to Sullivan's store.

She examined the record player carefully. Somehow it wasn't exactly what she wanted. "Don't you have any other color besides this old blue one?" she grumbled.

"We should be getting some red ones in soon," the sales clerk answered.

"I'll be back then." Brenda walked out angry with herself.

All last night Brenda had worried about the twenty dollars in her purse. Now at breakfast, nothing tasted right.

"Eat your breakfast, Brendy," her mother urged. "You'll need plenty of energy to sort and stack those magazines for the rummage sale."

"Magazines," she sighed. "I wish I'd never got mixed up in this job!"

Brenda sat silently, thinking of the twenty dollars she had added to her nest egg for the record player. Eggs, she thought. Wasn't our minister's sermon last Sunday about eggs or eggs hatching?

Then she remembered most of the words he had read from Jeremiah 17:11: "As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool."

Brenda jumped up from the table. "I'll be right back, Mom. I have to go see Mrs. Myers."

Brenda made her way quickly down the street to Mrs. Myers' house. "Good morning," Mrs. Myers said, opening the door. "I'm sorry but I don't have any more magazines."

"I'm not collecting anything, Mrs. Myers. I'm bringing something back. You gave me a pretty expensive magazine last night."

"What do you mean?"

"When I was unloading your magazines last night, a twenty-dollar bill fell out of one of them."

Mrs. Myers nodded. "Well, that explains everything. I put that money on

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Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

MISSIONS

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MEXICO

by the Rev. Joseph Ingram

Teaching Sunday school is not always one in an air-conditioned, well-supplied unday school room. In the pictures be- w you see one of our Mexican pastors, e Rev. Camerino Ortega, and his wife s they faithfully tell the people about esus Christ.



Mrs. Ortega has taken the younger udents out of the building and is hav- g her class there. She taught the les- n, sang choruses, and had games in uch the same way that you do in your vn Sunday school each Sunday. They o not have a nice building, comfortable ews, and many teaching aids; but there one thing that is plentiful—and that is ildren!

You see, many times we let the bless- gs of God become an obstruction to e gospel of Christ. Many of our Sun- y schools are saying that in the nur- ry and preschool classes, "They are o young to teach." Thus the Sunday hool is filled with toys and other things occupy the time of our children.

May God help us to see that these are e formulative years of our children, d we need to take advantage of the portunity that is at hand. The writer convicted that if many of our Sunday hools would do away with some of the ys and get teachers that are willing to ve the time necessary to teach our uth in the Sunday school hour, that r program of Sunday school would be uch more effective.

BECAUSE OF YOUR LITTLE FAITH . . .

by the Rev. J. E. Timmons

A few years ago the Lord spoke to us and told us that His place for us to serve was Mexico. We said, "Yes, Lord; we are willing." And we were, until someone told us that the going would be rough and that we'd not have all the conveniences of home.

Because of our little faith, we wavered and wondered, "Should we go?" We were obedient, and praise His name! we came.

We were received by the Mexican people everywhere we traveled in Mexico. God has opened every door. Mission churches have been opened and organized; souls have been saved; many people have been helped with clothing; others have been assisted by our helping them get into the hospital, and later by our helping pay their bills. Homes have been blessed and saved from ruin; and young people have been encouraged in their new faith.

There have been sad times, for some of our chapels have been stoned, our people threatened, and the government officials have given us a rough time on occasions when we would try to obtain permits to travel into the interior of Mexico in order to carry on the gospel ministry. Because of our little faith, we said, "Lord, should we continue? Perhaps jail or something worse awaits us." Then God spoke to us again and showed us that His protecting hand and guardian angels have ever been with us on every trip to each city, each village, each ranch, and ranch community in the preaching of His Word. What if we had not gone?

You can't afford to hold up God's work by your little faith. Each time you exercise faith, it becomes stronger and your effectiveness becomes greater. When you feel led to pray for your missionaries, do it! Do not let the enemy deceive you by saying, "Your prayers don't make that much difference." Pray!

The time is short. Don't stay home because of your little faith—when you should be on the mission field. Because of your little faith you are holding back mission money from God. He will stretch your home income. Exercise your faith. So often we say, "We won't tell our neighbors. They aren't interested anyway."

You are obligated to talk to them. Don't let your little faith send your neighbors and family to hell. Never will you see revival and wonders until you step out on faith and claim God's promises. They are true. **Exercise your faith!**

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NOTICE

At the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Executive Committee which met July 22, 1971, at Wilbur's Restaurant near Goldsboro, North Carolina, I resigned every office that I held in the women's work with the exception of adviser to the Anna Phillips Loan Fund Committee. Please take note of this and address all future correspondence to Mrs. W. B. Raper, 619 West Main Street, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, until the election of officers in the 1972 session.

At the Cragmont Assembly Board of Directors meeting July 26, 1971, at Parker's Restaurant in Wilson, North Carolina, I resigned as secretary of the board and also as a member of the board of directors. Please address all future correspondence to the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

Also I would inform you that my manuscript for the 1972 Woman's Auxiliary Yearbook, "Devotion," is at the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and that this will be the last one that I will be responsible for. I pray that somewhere and in someway during these years that I have been responsible for this material that you have received and experienced, in just a small manner, some of the blessings that were experienced in preparing it.

Women, the return of the Lord is near at hand, so please renew your efforts in winning souls while it is yet time. May God richly bless the work as it is continued and may He lead each lady that has a place to fill to put her all on the altar and work for His glory.

Yours in Christ,
Rose G. Bowen

(We are sorry that in the above article in last week's "Baptist" a line was dropped by mistake, therefore interfering with the logical reading of the article.—The Editor.)



GOD REVEALS HIMSELF

Lesson Text: John 1:1-5, 9-18

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1, 2

I. INTRODUCTION

In last Sunday's lesson we were faced with the tremendous task of trying to describe God through comparison with other "gods," and discovered that "God transcends our understanding," and that if left to ourselves to understand Him we would fail. Then we came to the conclusion that God is best revealed through His Son, Jesus Christ.

That is what this present lesson is all about. God does reveal Himself to His children, and He does not depend upon nature alone to do this. He best reveals Himself through the nature, the life, and the person of Christ. Jesus once said, "If you know me you know the Father, and if you have seen me, you have seen the Father." (See John 14:9.)

Our lesson is taken from one of the most wonderful chapters in the whole Bible. One could spend many weeks teaching this chapter alone. It is so comprehensive in scope as to frustrate anyone who attempts to put into a few words, such as in this lesson, the deep and profound meaning found therein. Our purpose, as writer of the lesson, is to give the reader enough push that he will seek further truths as the Spirit of God leads him. And you may be sure that He will help all who seek His inspiration in reading God's Word.

In this lesson we will see God revealed in the preincarnated Christ, in the purpose of Christ, and in the person of Christ.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. When we labor for Christ, we work with eternity's values in view, for He is without beginning or ending (John 1:1, 2).

B. Creation was by deliberate design, not by chance as proponents of organic evolution would have us believe (v. 3).

C. When Christ enters a sin-darkened life, He brings spiritual illumination with Him (vv. 4, 5).

D. Regardless of culture, social status, education, or race, any man can be saved by Christ (vv. 9, 10).

E. By virtue of being the Creator, Jesus owns everything in the world (vv. 11, 12).

F. When we get a vision of the glory of Christ, we should react by worshiping Him (vv. 13, 14).

G. The only way some people will meet Christ is through our witness (vv. 15, 16).

H. The law prepared the way for deliverance, but only in Christ can salvation be realized (vv. 17, 18).

—John Danilson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A little boy stood patiently before the photograph of his missionary father, which had been framed and hung upon the wall. To his mother, who had been eagerly awaiting the return of her loved one, he said, "I wish father would come down out of the frame."

This is what God did for us at Bethlehem. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."—Francis E. Kearns.

B. An old Scotch woman was asked to tell what Jesus meant to her. This is what she said: "Weel, ye ken; it's better felt than telt." If you walk in fellowship with Him you are receiving in its fulness grace upon grace, blessing following blessing, all through the years. —H. A. Ironside.

C. " 'Incarnation' is a big word to try to understand. Jesus often used parables to help His followers understand some of the tremendously big truths He was trying to interpret to them. Perhaps this 'parable' will help you understand why God became man. . . .

"It had been snowing for twenty-four hours. Knowing that it had been a hard winter, I filled the bird feeder with an extra supply of feed that morning. Since the feeder was sheltered, it held th only food not covered by the snow. A short while later a small bird appeare in the yard, obviously weak, hungry, an cold. Searching for food, he pecked a the snow. How helpless I felt! I want ed to go out and point to the feeder; bu had I opened the door to throw out mor food he would have flown away.

"Then I realized that only if I wer another bird could I indicate to hin where he could find food. Only if were another bird could I fly with him identify myself with his hunger and cold and let him know that I understood an cared.

"Our Lord, looking at man, knew tha He must become one of us in order tha we might understand His language; i order that we might understand His lov for us; in order that we might know Hi forgiveness; in order that we might poin above our heads to the source of nourish ment and eternal life. The Word, Hi Christ, became flesh! God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself."—Betty E. Stone in Pulpit Commentary.

D. God revealed Himself to mankin in the person of Jesus Christ. This i the main point of our lesson today, an we will not forget it. But God also re veals Himself day by day as He rule our universe in the irrevocable ways we call the laws of nature. Perhaps it woul be more accurate to call them laws o God.

One of these laws is that of gravity Simply stated, it means the tendency o bodies to move toward the earth's cen ter. This pull of the earth makes bal ancing objects possible. Standing a pen cil on your fingertip is all but impos sible. By attaching a weight like a knife, it's easy. A cork on a match stick will balance on a thread with two table forks to help. A ruler balances on the table's edge when a hammer is attach ed to it.

The law of gravity is not broken i these experiments; it is complied with Along with rocket power and centrifuga force, gravity helps our astronauts trave to the moon and back. Similarly, ou compliance with God's moral law help us along the good way of life. Doin God's will keeps us in harmony with ou Creator, His universe, and our fellow human beings. Simply admitting th facts of God and His laws is not enough We must add respect, understanding obedience, and love.—Standard Commen tary.

Woman's Auxiliary

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orman Ard, district president, will pre-
de over the convention. Mrs. Nerry
/all will serve as music director with
urkette Raper Jr. as pianist. The pro-
am is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
0:00—Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"
—Devotions, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
0:15—Welcome, Mrs. Virginia Hardison, Host Auxiliary President
—Response, Mrs. J. W. Smith
—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, and Visiting Ministers
—President's Remarks, Mrs. Norman Ard
0:30—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
—Report of Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Ralph Sumner
—Report from the Mission Fields, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
—Report of Children's Home, Mrs. Cedric Pierce Jr.
—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
1:20—Hymn, "The Solid Rock"
—Offering for Mount Olive College and the Children's Home
1:25—Announcements
—Appointment of Committees
1:30—Special Music, Karen G. Register
—Convention Message, Mrs. Laura Carawan
2:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation"
—Prayer
1:05—Memorial Service, Mrs. Thomas McLamb
1:15—State Auxiliary President's Remarks, Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow
—Report of Cragmont Assembly, Mrs. D. W. Hancock
—Other Reports
—Minutes of Executive Committee
—Presentation of Pin Awards, Mrs. Clyde Banks
—Secretary's Report, Mrs. Nelson Simpson
—Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Rom Mallard
—Old Business
—New Business
—Appointment of Delegates to Other Conventions
—Installation of Officers, Mrs. James A. Evans

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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the table yesterday morning to pay the milkman, but it was gone when I needed it to pay him. I guess it accidentally slipped inside the magazine."

"Wait here a minute." Mrs. Myers left and returned holding out a five-dollar bill toward Brenda. "You may keep this for returning my twenty dollars."

Brenda began to feel happy and lighthearted once more. "Thank you, Mrs. Myers, but I don't want any reward."

"Then take it and add it to the money for Tommy's operation." Mrs. Myers placed it in Brenda's hand. "And God bless you."

Brenda hummed a song as she skipped down the porch steps. Never before had such a terrible morning turned into such a lovely autumn day.—My Pleasure.

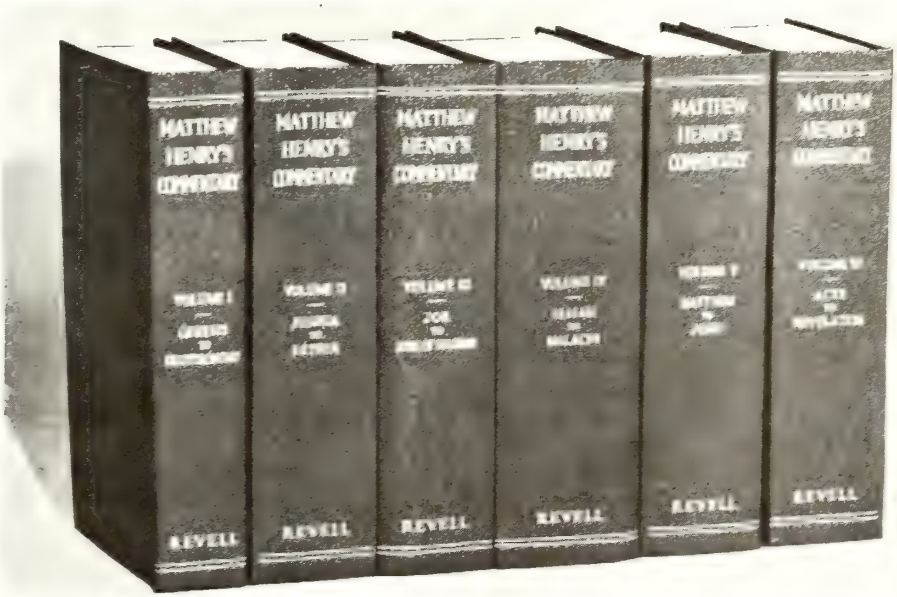
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ONE MINUTE TO SPARE . . .

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to catch a breath,
To sigh a sigh,
To think a thought,
To see the sky.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to grant a wish,
To smile a smile,
To ope a door,
To hug a child.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to smell a flow'r,
To sing a song,
To shout a shout,
To right a wrong.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to feel some warmth,
To touch a hand,
To lift one up,
To care for man.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to soothe a brow,
To make a bed,
To find a way,
To get one fed.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to hear the brook,
To call a name,
To walk one step,
To end some blame.

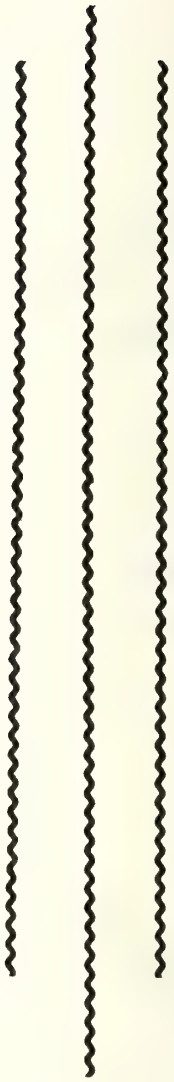
One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to give some strength,
To go somewhere,
To lose oneself,
To find love there.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to brave the world,
To do one's best,
To bless the day,
To have some rest.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to know God's voice,
To hear Him call,
To let Him lead,
To give Him all.

One minute to spare . . .
Yet time enough to watch and wait,
To lift one's eyes,
To bow one's head,
To cry one's cries.

One minute to spare . . .
What shall I do with one minute to spare?



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PASHUR OR MAGOR-MISSABIB

(Jeremiah 20:1-11)

by the Rev. A. B. Bryan

(Mr. Bryan is pastor of the Northeast and Hugo Free Will Baptist Churches, each on a half-time basis. The two churches have a combined Sunday school enrollment of 400.)

JEREMIAH was a divinely appointed prophet among the Jews. The people had become confused by sin. Pashur, the chief governor in the house of God, wanted all to look good to the people. Yet there was a heart-rending condition existing. Leadership had rebelled against God. Pashur and all that held authority in the house of God had prophesied and proclaimed lies when declaring safety to the people (see Jeremiah 20:6). The people mostly had stiffened their positions to weather the storm against any who would declare them to be going against God.

The Prophet Jeremiah was going about his way declaring, "Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents" (Jeremiah 19:4). Because this did not set well with Pashur, he sought to shut the mouth of the prophet by putting him in the dungeon for a night (see Jeremiah 20:2). This plan did not work because the next day when Jeremiah was released he prophesied against Pashur saying, ". . . The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but Magor-missabib" (Jeremiah 20:3).

Priest Pashur was given a position to lead the people in righteousness; but because of weakness, he fell from the lofty and sublime position to inject his own way, thus leading the people in rebellion against God. God has likewise called each of His ministers and Christian workers to this position to use his God-given talent and resources wisely. We must, if the church is to fill its position, allow the majority of church activities to be evangelism. I mean by this expression, that faith in God as taught by the New Testament is valid for the new birth; that man is a lost sinner and no works of benevolence can bring him into a state of grace, no matter how important the benevolent cause. The person must experience a miracle of spiritual conception. As Christ was miraculously conceived and born of the virgin Mary, He must be conceived and born in the human heart and soul. This is not a physical birth—not birth through some process of man, such as the outward or tangible forms of identification with righteousness—but the new inward man of the heart makes the person alive in righteousness because God lives in the heart in the person of the Holy Spirit.

I fear that the church has in general set a low standard in performance since it has allowed too many benevolent causes to become major in its concern. God wants His people to let the world know where they stand and to major in evangelism and not social concern. Let people live their lives, but let us preach and teach to them Jesus. It is evident in history that when we get men to Jesus, right social living will begin to be displayed in the activities of man.

If it is possible for a prophet of God, a total church, or an interested layman to get into trouble by calling the people back to Christian duty, each of us should find ourselves disturbing the peace by sounding the alarm.

Have the people in general become afraid of the truth of God and the searching power of His Word? They did under the leadership of Pashur. The results were terror and fear on every side. The message of Jeremiah was eating away hopes for endurance. ". . . Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: . . ." (Jeremiah 20:4).

In the midst of the daring task that was assigned to Jeremiah (that of rebelling against Priest Pashur to bring truth to the people), he became sympathetic to himself and almost lost faith. Jeremiah thought all should be smooth sailing if he was pursuing the will of God.

This is the mistaken idea that many times causes ministers, laymen, and many church projects to suffer rebuff. When we tackle the job of going all out for the winning of members in the service of God, we expect everybody to like it. There are too many professing religionists who just do not want to get involved with turning the tide to righteousness. Satan becomes so strong and his false and frivolous ideas become so real until someone becomes the spokesman to cause the greatest number of people not to be reached.

In Jeremiah's weakness he accused the Lord of deceiving him and leaving him without friendship and reputation of being willing to fit in. Yet, Jeremiah confessed to the Lord that he had spoken to the people as he had been directed by Him. The prophet of doom in weakness said, "Then I said, I will not make mention of him (the Lord), nor speak any more in his name. . . ." (Jeremiah 20:9). He was tempted to lay his prophetic office down and go on his way without the trouble and heartache of warning the people. This temptation has come to many who should be servants of God. Some of them have yielded to the temptation and have gone into lucrative fields because they feel more secure with the backing of man minus the backing of God who has called them.

I can understand how a minister or Christian worker would see the need of added income to enable him to give better support to his family, and to enable him to do a better job in his Christian calling when the people in general are not willing to do so. But to be honest, one must not put his secular or benevolent interest between or slacken his Christian labor to make a living.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

WHAT PART?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:17

The new church was at last completed, and one of the officials approached the bishop of the diocese with a request to come and consecrate the building. "What part do you want me to take in the dedication service?" asked the bishop. "Take in the *whole* thing from underpinning to steeple," replied the other. That is consecration—all life's energies and resources devoted to one great purpose.—*British Weekly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we strive to give not just a part, but all of ourselves to our Lord as we go about our daily living.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

OLD BETTY KNEW

Scripture Reading—Acts 15:3

A poor, unlettered old woman was once accosted by a skeptic: "Well, Betty, you are one of the saints, are you? Pray what sort of folks are they? What do you know about religion, eh?" "Well, well," replied the old woman, "you know, sir, I'm no scholar, so can't say much for the meaning of it; I only know I'm 'saved by grace,' and that's enough to make me happy here, and I expect to go to heaven by and by." "Oh, that's all, is it? But surely you can tell us something nearer than that. What does being saved feel like?" "Why, it feels to me," said the Spirit-taught one, "just as if the Lord stood in my shoes, and I stood in His." Happy old woman! Her witness was true.—*Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to know that we do not need "formal training" to know about God? We can be as little children—or as Betty—by just believing.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

WHEN THEY HAD "MADE THEIR FORTUNES"

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:24-26

When the steamship *Central America* went down, several hundred miners were on board, returning to their homes and friends. They had made their fortunes, and expected much happiness in enjoying them. In the first of the horror, gold lost its attraction to them. The miners took off their treasure belts and threw them aside. Carpet bags full of shining gold dust were emptied on the floor of the cabin. One of them poured out one hundred thousand dollars worth in the cabin, and bade anyone take it who would. Greed was overmastered, and the gold found no takers. Dear friends, it is well enough to have gold, but sometimes it is a bad life preserver. Sometimes it is a heavy weight that crushes us down to hell.—*D. L. Moody.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Money in itself is not evil, for it can do much good. We, as Christians, however, should keep our minds on spiritual instead of material things.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

BACK OF ALL DELINQUENCY

Scripture Reading—Genesis 18:19

Robert Murray of Boston was converted in a Billy Sunday meeting years ago. He is a master plumber. . . . Juvenile delinquency has come to his attention. He doesn't talk much about it, but he is going ahead to do something. He has refitted two rooms in his home in a poorer quarter of Brighton, Massachusetts, and here the children play. He has put in oak floors, and bought a piano for them; also he has had dug a fifteen-by-eleven-foot pool for bathing. Heavy swings are also installed. Sixty-seven children are on his roll call. "We are laying a foundation for God in their hearts." He knows the taproot of juvenile delinquency. Wherever there is a tavern to menace the children of the community, there should be a place to help them. He hopes his center will be the beginning of "Children's Heaven Inc.," and he insists that the lack of Christian training and family prayer is back of all delinquency.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To the children that He has given us we should give the training that He would have us to. It makes parents, children, and God happy.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

THE GOSPEL AND SOAP

Scripture Reading—Romans 10:15

A soap manufacturer and an evangelical preacher were walking along together, the former not being a Christian. The soap maker said, "The gospel you preach has not done much good, for there is still a lot of wickedness, and thousands of wicked people." The preacher was silent awhile, and in a few moments they passed a child making mud piles in the street. He was exceedingly dirty. Then the preacher's turn came. "Soap has not done much good in the world, I see; for there is still much dirt, and ever so many dirty people!" "Oh, well," said the manufacturer, "soap is only useful when it is applied." "Exactly," plied the other, "so it is with the gosp —*Family Herald and Weekly Star.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

In our homes, in motel rooms, in bo stores—everywhere—there are Bibles. Wo that we could take the time to read so from God's Book everyday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

THE LIGHTHOUSE IN THE DESERT

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 5:1

Most lighthouses are on rocks and d gerous places in the water. Practically lighthouses seem to say, Stay away fr here. Danger! I know of a lighthouse t says just the opposite, for it says, Co This lighthouse is in the middle of Arizona Desert. There is no water to had for over thirty miles in every di tion, but just where that lighthouse sta there is a well. So there is light there night to let thirsty people know where well of water is. The tower in the d time and the light at night say, Here water. Isn't that like the Lord Jesus in the midst of a desert would stand cry, "If any man thirst, let him come u me, and drink"? Where else could you for living water but to the Lord Jesus? gospel is still calling to all, "Whosoe will, let him take the water of life freely *Good News.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There is a saying: "We can't see the est for the trees." How thankful we sh be for the lighthouses that we have ac to daily.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

"OH LEAD THOU ME"

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 58:11

Perhaps across the ocean wild
His loving hand again may lead,
It may be here some suffering child
My ministry may need.
Ah, blessed Lord, still, still with thee,
If far to go or home to stay,
My soul cries out, oh lead thou me
In thine own wondrous way.
—*Lillian Was*

PRAYER THOUGHT

This poem brings to one's mind the s "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." May work more diligently at letting Him lead

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Grant I thy passion view with repen grieving,
Nor thee crucify anew by unholy liv
How could I refuse to shun every si pleasure
Since for me God's only Son suffe without measure?
—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Qu

COME, TAKE, LEARN, AND GO

CHRIST said, "Come unto me!" "Take my yoke!" "Learn of me!" "Go ye!" These are the main commands of Jesus. The greatest of these sayings is the one which tells us to "Go ye!" It is called the Great Commission. In Matthew 28:19, 20 we read, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Why did Christ give such a command?

Christ saw a world, which was filled with
sins and transgressions;
Therefore on the Cross He suffered, bled,
and died;
But He left His people with the Great
Commission—
"Go ye," telling all nations of Christ, the
Crucified.

by Sara Branch
Winterville, North Carolina

What is the Great Commission today? What is true evangelism? Can anyone do mission work without being a full-time missionary? What does evangelism mean to the local church? These are just a few questions one may ask on the subject of evangelism.

In our modern day, we hear about churches having revivals about once or twice a year—but what is the purpose of a revival? Is it to win souls, or does a man called an evangelist just preach a few sermons on the condition of the world? It is said that the world's condition is a fruitful one (there are many that need "gathering"); and that the church itself brings an evangelist. Who is an evangelist? Is he led by God to preach the gospel? In Ephesians 4:11 we read, "And he (Christ) gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers."

There are several different forms of evangelism. The main two forms are by missionaries and in the local church.

We, as Free Will Baptists, sponsor a mission program in which we help in sending and financing missionaries to other lands. Two families and their work of which we have heard a great deal are the Harold Joneses and the Joe Barrows. They are both doing mission work in a foreign country. They are away from their relatives, friends, and the United States (their home), but they have found a greater work. We support them by giving to our mission program. It has been the project for the past two years for the McLawhorn Bible Class and the Senior Class in the Sunday school at the Rose Hill church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, to send special offerings to our missionaries, and to have the director of the mission board, the Rev. Joe Ingram, to come present a program. Mrs. Lula Mills Wilson and Mr. Elwood Nobles are the teachers of these young people's classes.

What is the duty of a missionary? (See Acts 21:8; Ephesians 4:11; and 2 Timothy 4:5.) The object of evangelism and missionary work is both the same: to win souls to Christ. The key word is salvation.

How does this tie in with today, and most of all with the local church? Well, that is where individuals come in. It has been said that "charity begins at home—but it doesn't end there." This could hold true with the mission program; it should begin with the local church and each individual. The church is the bride of Christ, and the individuals of it are the children of God; therefore, we should do as Jesus said, "Come unto me!" "Take my yoke!" "Learn of me!" "Go ye!" If we do these things, others will too!

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Rashness is the parent of misfortune.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank the many ministers, brothers, sisters, and friends in Christ that visited and prayed for me while I was a patient in the Wilson Memorial Hospital, Wilson, North Carolina. Also thanks for the many gifts and cards I received.

I am now at home and am slowly regaining my strength. Please continue to pray that the Lord's will might be done in me.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Wiley Ferrell
608 Tower Street
Selma, North Carolina 27576

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I Believe the Bible Is the Word of God

Because it meets the needs of human life;
Because of its wonderful unity;
Because of its superior to all other books;
Because of its influence upon the world;
Because it reveals the way of salvation;
Because men, unaided, could not have produced the Bible;
Because those who grow in holiness cherish the Bible more and more.

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"Teach your child to hold his tongue; he will learn fast enough to speak."

New Marriage Certificates Available

The Free Will Baptist Press has recently printed a marriage certificate that has been in demand for sometime.

It is in sheet form, sixe 8½ by 11 inches, printed on lithographed stock. The certificates are available in booked lots of one dozen for $2.95, or in single form for $.25 each. Each certificate in the booked, or padded form carries a stub for the minister's records.

Send orders to the Free Will Baptist Press, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina 28513. (State tax where it applies. Shipping and handling—20c for the first dollar and 5c for each additional dollar.)

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Revival Services Slated For Free Union Church

Revival services will be held at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown (Beaufort County), North Carolina, September 20-25.



Serving as guest evangelist for this series of services will be the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, pastor of the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Special music will be featured each evening at the services which begin at 7:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Linwood Boyette.

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Stancil's Chapel Church To Observe Homecoming

The Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming observances for Sunday, September 19. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45, followed with the homecoming message by the Rev. Otis Lassiter, a former pastor. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

An afternoon service of singing has been planned featuring singers from the local church and visiting singers.

The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, and the church membership, invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend and enjoy the worship and Christian fellowship on this occasion.

Piney Grove Revival in Progress Followed by Homecoming

Revival services are in progress this week at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina, with the Rev. Preston Haddock as the guest evangelist. Services are beginning at 7:45 each evening with the pastor, the Rev. Owen K. Arthur, assisting. Besides good gospel preaching each evening, special music is also being rendered. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

On Sunday, September 19, the annual homecoming will be observed at the Piney Grove church. Following the morning worship, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Elm Grove Church Scene Of Ordination Service

On Sunday afternoon, September 5, the Rev. Bruce Jones of Route 1, Box 1, Ayden, North Carolina, was ordained into the gospel ministry at his home church, Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden. Mr. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones.



Mr. Jones was examined by the Ordaining Council of the Central Conference on Friday, August 21; and after answering all the questions to the satisfactio of the council, the council voted to o dain him into the gospel ministry.

Mr. Jones graduated from Mount Oliv College May 29, 1971, and attended summer session at Bob Jones Universit in June. This fall he will be enterin Atlantic Christian College in Wilso North Carolina.

He is now eligible to pastor an church desiring his services and will b able to perform every rite as an ordair ed Free Will Baptist minister.

The Ordaining Council of the Centra Conference is composed of the Revs. I B. Cherry, chairman; Willis Wilson, se retary; C. L. Patrick; N. B. Barrow Sr and C. H. Overman.

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R. H. Jackson Accepts Saint Mary's Grove Pastorate



The Rev. R. H. Jackson, formally th pastor of Marsh Swamp Free Will Bap tist Church, Route 1, Sims, North Carc lina, has accepted the pastorate of th Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptis Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina Mr. Jackson and his family moved int the parsonage of Saint Mary's Grove th last of August, and he began his dutie as pastor the first week in September.

The Saint Mary's Grove church wil observe its annual homecoming on Sun day, October 3, with revival services be ginning that evening and continuin throughout the week. The new pastor Mr. Jackson, will bring the homecomin message as well as bring the message each evening at eight o'clock for the re vival. The public is cordially invited t attend both the homecoming and reviva services.

lomecoming and Revival
t Saratoga Church

The Saratoga, North Carolina, Free Vill Baptist Church will observe annual omecoming services Sunday, September 9, with the Rev. Ray Allman delivering he homecoming message. Special music vill be featured during the morning and fternoon services, with Mr. and Mrs. ulius Whitley, Misses Bonnie and Connie avis, Miss Phyllis Mayo, the church hoir, and others participating. Lunch vill be served during the noon hour on he church grounds, and a memorial ser- ice will be held during the afternoon ervice.



Revival services will begin at the Sara- ga church Sunday night, September 19, nd will continue through Saturday ght, September 25, with the Rev. Clif- n Rice of Kinston, North Carolina, serv- g as guest evangelist. Mr. Rice is pas- r of the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist

Coming Events . . .

ptember 15, 16—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Daniel's Chapel Church, Route 3, Wilson.

ptember 23—Eastern Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, Folkstone, North Carolina

tober 6—Albemarle Conference, Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina

tober 13, 14—Western Conference, Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina

tober 16—Pee Dee Association, Thomasboro Free Will Baptist Church, Brunswick County, North Carolina

tober 20, 21—Eastern Conference, Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina

Church near Ayden. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

The Rev. Charles Branch, pastor of the Saratoga church, and the church membership extend to all a cordial invitation to take part in these services.

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Sneads Ferry Church
Announces Revival

Revival services will be held at the Sneads Ferry Free Will Baptist Church, Sneads Ferry, North Carolina, the week of September 20-25, beginning each evening at 7:45. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Ronnie Parker, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Taylor. The pastor and the church membership invite the public to attend.

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Homecoming and Revival
At Williamston Church

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Williamston, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming of Sunday, September 19.

Then on Monday evening, September 20, and continuing through Saturday evening, September 25, revival services will be held at the First church with the Rev. Vance Link as the visiting evangelist.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend both the homecoming and the revival and pray for the success of both.

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Spring Hill Church
Announces Fall Revival

The Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 70, west of Goldsboro, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of September 20-25. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Billy Yawn as the visiting minister. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. William L. Dale. There will be special music rendered at each service.

The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these services.

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Inspiring Time
At Black Jack

The Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, hosted the Stoney Creek Youth Choir of Goldsboro, North Carolina, Sunday night, August 29. The choir, consisting of approximately forty members, ranges in age from nine to seventeen years. During this special service, the director, Mrs. Frankie Flowers, introduced some of the ladies who have helped make the youth program of the Stoney Creek church successful. Mrs. Flowers announced the songs to be rendered by the choir, including: "Fill My Cup, Lord," "God Is," "Listen," and "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul." The pianist for the group was Mrs. Maxine Futrell. Personal testimonies were given by Becky Ingram and Alice Futrell, both daughters of ministers. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Following the program, the members of the youth choir were special guests at a hospitality hour sponsored by the Sunday school of the Black Jack church. Hostesses for the social were from the Queenie Clark Sunday School Class.

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Franklin Brinson
Resigns Pastorate

The Rev. Franklin Brinson has resigned as pastor of White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina, to become effective November 30. Mr. Brinson highly recommends White Oak church to any good pastor who is willing to work for his church and its people. He states that he has enjoyed a good relationship with the people, that White Oak is "one of the finest working churches with dedicated folks that love the Lord and show their love more for their pastor than the above-average church . . ." Anyone interested in pastoring the church may contact one of the following: Danny Davis, phone 863-3403; Jerry Brown, phone 863-3133; or Clifton Kinlaw, phone 648-4667.

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Otter's Creek Church
To Observe Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at the Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Macclesfield, North Carolina, Sunday, September 19. The homecoming message will be delivered by a former pastor, the Rev. R. C. Proctor. Lunch will be served in the fellowship building at the noon hour. An afternoon service of singing has been planned.

The pastor, the Rev. C. R. Etheridge, and the church membership extend a warm welcome to all former pastors, former members, and visitors to attend this special occasion.

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Homecoming and Revival
At Micro Church

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Micro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming and harvest day Sunday, September 26. Dr. James Batten of East Carolina University, Greenville,

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

DR. SHAMI, DEAN OF STUDENTS



The appointment of Dr. Jamil M. Shami as dean of students at Mount Olive College was announced today by President W. Burkette Raper.

Dr. Shami, a native of Ramallah, Jordan, holds an Associate in Arts degree from Bir Zeit College (a church-related junior college in Jordan); B.A. degree from the University of Arkansas; Master's degree from Ouachita University in Arkansas; and a doctorate in higher education from Indiana University.

In both Jordan and in Arkansas Dr. Shami was a leader in the Laubach Literacy program, a Christian mission educational project. In addition to earning his M.A. degree at Ouachita University, he served as an administrative assistant to the dean of the Graduate School and vice-president of Academic Affairs. At Indiana University he was a graduate assistant in Research and Administration, and at Bir Zeit College he served as both a professor and chief student personnel officer.

In announcing his appointment President W. Burkette Raper declared, "Dr. Shami comes to us not only highly qualified professionally but with a deep personal commitment to the educational philosophy and Christian mission of Mount Olive College. We welcome him to our faculty with the belief that he will provide capable and dynamic leadership in our program of student development."

Dr. and Mrs. Shami and their one-year-old daughter will reside on West Main Street in Mount Olive.

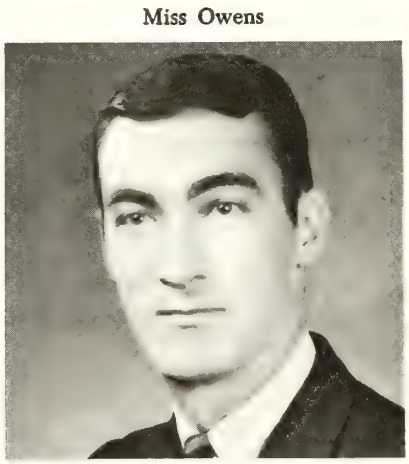
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Chosen Outstanding Educators

Miss Hilda Owens, Gary F. Barefoot, Charles H. Harrell, Gene B. Mercer, Mrs. Lorelle Martin, and Claude H. Moore have been chosen Outstanding Educators of America for 1971, Mount Olive College officials have announced.



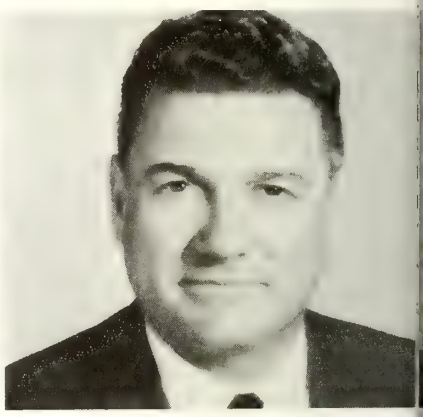
Miss Owens



Mr. Barefoot



Mrs. Martin



Mr. Moore

Outstanding Educators of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional services, achievements, and leadership in the field of education.

Each year those chosen outstanding educators are featured in a national awards volume, "Outstanding Educators in America."

Miss Owens, who is on academic leave this year, is director of Counseling Services at the College. Barefoot is librarian. Harrell is College business manager. Mercer is professor in the Department of Mathematics, Mrs. Martin is chairman of the Division of Science, and Moore is a professor in the Department of History.

Nominations for the program were made by the officials of the colleges and universities, including presidents, deans and department heads.

Former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, who wrote the introductory message for the 1970 edition, says of the men and women included: "The greatest strength of any nation is its human resources. These are the men and women who by their actions in the classroom today mold the course of history."

"Our hope—the nation's youth—is in their hands. As we honor these teachers

ers, we are reminded of their awesome duty. As they have our confidence, we must give them the tools to wage Jefferson's 'Crusade Against Ignorance.' With men and women like these we know that our faith in education has not been misplaced," the former vice-president wrote.

Guidelines for selection include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service, and professional recognition.

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Death of John A. Winfield

I regret to report to you the death of Mr. John A. Winfield, husband of Mrs. Mary Winfield, who is a member of the board of trustees of our College. Death came early September 8, at Pungo District Hospital in Belhaven, North Carolina, following an extended illness of brain cancer.

Funeral services were held Friday, at 3 p.m., at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort County, of which he was a member.

In lieu of flowers Mrs. Winfield invited friends to make contributions to the **Winfield Student Aid Fund** at Mount Olive College, a fund planned by Mr. Winfield prior to his illness.

I am sure Mrs. Winfield would appreciate our prayers and expressions of our personal concern. Her address is Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865; phone 964-7275.

W. Burkette Raper, President

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Mount Olive College Dinners for 1971

Listed below is the schedule of organizational meetings for the 1971 dinners for Mount Olive College. Each church is requested to appoint a Mount Olive College Committee to attend the meeting in its county at which time they will receive information on the College and decide upon the date and place for the dinner.

Duplin County, Sunday, September 19, 3:30 p.m., Beulaville church, Bruce Dudley, host pastor.

Pitt County, Monday, September 20, 8 p.m., Reedy Branch church, Willis Wilson, host pastor.

Wayne County, Tuesday, September 21, 8 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, Earl Glenn, host pastor.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, September 23, 8 p.m., Shady Grove church, Bobby G. Bazen, host pastor.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties, Friday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, Raymond T. Sasser, host pastor.

Jones County, Sunday, September 26, 3:30 p.m., Whaley's Chapel church, Lloyd Vernon, host pastor.

Lenoir County, Monday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, James A. Evans, host pastor.

Nash County, Tuesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., Free Union church, Lester Duncan, host pastor.

Onslow-New Hanover Counties, Friday, October 1, 7:30 p.m., Folkstone church, L. L. Parker, host pastor.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Monday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., Mount Tabor church, Larry Barbour, host pastor.

Beaufort County, Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., Memorial church, Roy Cauley, host pastor.

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COURSE IN PASTORAL CARE

Interested persons are reminded that beginning Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m., an eight-week course in pastoral care will be taught at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina, by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of the College.

A $10 registration fee will be charged for persons enrolling in the course. Below is an outline of the topics to be discussed.

October 7—"Pastoral Care: Its Meaning and Heritage"

October 14—"The Pastor and Counseling"

October 21—"The Pastor's Hospital Ministry"

October 28—"The Pastor's Ministry to the Dying Patient"

November 4—"The Pastor's Ministry to the Bereaved"

November 11—"The Pastor and Premarital Counseling"

November 18—"The Pastor and the Emotionally Disturbed"

December 2—"The Pastor and Preaching"

Dear Lord, we do not know the road,
But we are sure you are the way.
The words you spoke are the living truth,
Our guide in life, our stay
O Lord, we do not understand
All that the future holds;
But we will trust and follow on
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NEWS NOTES

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North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. At the noon hour lunch will be served on the church grounds. A program of singing has been planned for the afternoon.

The fall revival at the Micro church will begin Monday evening, September 27, and continue throughout the week, with the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. R. C. Cherry, will assist in the services which will feature special singing each evening.

The pastor and the church membership invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to worship with them in their homecoming service and also the revival the following week.

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Homecoming at Sidney Church Sunday, September 26

On Sunday, September 26, the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church near Belhaven, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming. The day's services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the worship service at eleven. A picnic style lunch will be served by the church at the noon hour.

Following the lunch hour, the Joy Quartet of Virginia will entertain the congregation with a program of spirit-filled gospel music.

The pastor, the Rev. James N. Webster, and the members extend to all former pastors, former members, and friends a very warm welcome to come and worship with them on this occasion and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship among friends and loved ones.

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Sarecta Church to Observe Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at the Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville, North Carolina, Sunday, September 19. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the homecoming message at eleven o'clock, with Dr. W. Burkette Raper as speaker. At 12 noon, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

A singspiration has been planned for the afternoon service, beginning at 1:30. The pastor, the Rev. S. A. Smith, and the church membership extend to all former pastors, former members, and friends a cordial welcome to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

Central Conference Layman's League Revival in Progress

The Layman's League of the Central Conference has scheduled a revival which is now in progress. Each of these services is beginning at 8 p. m., with the host church in charge of the service. The offering received at these services will go to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina. The services remaining are as follows:

Wednesday, September 15, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville, North Carolina.

Thursday, September 16, Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina.

Friday, September 17, Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of these remaining services.

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Piney Grove Church Announces Revival

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 264, four miles west of Greenville, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of September 20-25, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Charles Crisp, a former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and now pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville. The pastor, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs Jr., will assist in the services. He and the church membership invite the public to pray and participate in these services each evening.

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Help for Vietnamese Refugees

At Suoi Cat, Vietnam, World Vision is helping a village start life over again in a new country.

Within a matter of weeks after the war in Southeast Asia expanded into Cambodia in 1970, more than 200,000 Cambodia residents were added to Vietnam's already staggering problem of war victims and refugees. These refugees were Vietnamese fleeing the war zone in Cambodia.

Initially, these people were crammed into refugee camps, dependent upon the government for food and accommodations. Now they are being dispersed throughout the country in an attempt to integrate them into Vietnamese society.

World Vision, an international Christian service agency, is pioneering in the first refugee resettlement project for these people using prefabricated houses. These houses are a simple two-room 12-foot by 20-foot structures made in Singapore. The frames are fashioned out of specially treated wood which resists termites and white ants.

The frames were designed specially for World Vision and can be assembled in as little as five hours using only a hammer and a spanner. World Vision donates the frames and the expertise of Mr. Wong Weng Kee to teach refugees how to assemble the units. Two hundred frames have been given to the most needy families.

The housing project is one and a half hours by auto northeast of Saigon in the small hamlet of Suoi Cat. This village of 430 families—about 3,000 people—left Cambodia last July under the leadership of the Rev. Ho Giang Luat. They are in the process of rebuilding their village, which will include a school, church, and market in addition to the prefab homes.

The Suoi Cat project is an example of coordinated self-help. The Ministry of Social Welfare supplies the cement and sand necessary for the pillars and the gravel for the foundation. The wooden floor beams are donated by the Vietnamese Red Cross. Although Mr. Wong supplies instruction, the refugees must provide their own labor.

The government deeds to each family three hectares of land near the village for farming in addition to the plot on which to build their homes.

Suoi Cat is a pilot program for using prefabricated housing units for refugees. These units can be mass produced and moved quickly to areas where they are needed for emergency housing anywhere in the country.

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Change of Address

Please note the change of address for the Rev. R. H. Jackson from Route 1 Sims, North Carolina 27880, to Route 3 Benson, North Carolina 27504. All correspondence to him should be directed to the new address. Thank you.

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The Mansion

I know not the form of my mansion fair
I know not the crown that I then shall wear;
But I know that my Saviour will welcome me there,
And that will be heaven for me.
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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: I have heard and read that evelation of God's love makes the doc- rine of hell incredible. What do you hink of such a view?

Answer: I think that one holding such view would of necessity disqualify the Word of God in some of its most vital laims. In the first place, when it comes o hell we find that like heaven, as por- rayed in the Bible, there is a lot left or us to find out about it not yet re- ealed. However, the Bible tells us nough about both to influence us to pre- are while here on earth to go to heaven nd to warn us of some seriously ill con- equence if we should fail to be so pre- ared and therefore secure for ourselves n eternal place of abode in hell.

We are warned, admonished, and per- uaded in the most simple, tender, and racious language to be found anywhere nat coming to, believing on, and appro- riating Christ as our Lord and Saviour the only way we may get to heaven. he Bible pleads with us to make the reparation before it is too late and herefore shun hell. Christ says: "Come nto me, all ye that labour and are eavy laden, and I will give you rest. ake my yoke upon you, and learn of e; for I am meek and lowly in heart: nd ye shall find rest unto your souls. or my yoke is easy, and my burden is ght" (Matthew 11:28-30); "Jesus an- vered and said unto him, Verily, verily, say unto thee, Except a man be born gain, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say to thee, Except a man be born of ater and of the Spirit, he cannot enter to the kingdom of God. That which born of the flesh is flesh; and that hich is born of the Spirit is spirit. arvel not that I said unto thee, Ye ust be born again. The wind bloweth here it listeth, and thou hearest the und thereof, but canst not tell whence cometh, and whither it goeth: so is ery one that is born of the Spirit. . . . d as Moses lifted up the serpent in e wilderness, even so must the Son of an be lifted up: That whosoever be- lieveth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:3, 5-8, 14-18, 36); "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:37, 38).

The Bible pleads with us to make this all important decision now. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18); "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1); "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: . . . But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil" (Proverbs 1:24-28, 33); "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10: 9-11); ". . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

". . . To day if ye will hear his voice, . . . Harden not your heart, . . ." (Psalm 95:7, 8). The same warning is given in Hebrews 3:7, 8; 4:7. Then also Jesus warns: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. . . . Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:24, 31, 32); "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46); "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 8:12); "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:41, 42); "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly" (2 Peter 2:4-6); "Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 13); "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Revelation 20:10); "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the

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STORIES

for our youth



LED AWAY

NINA WALTER

ALAN was the first one across the street when the signal light changed. The other boys were right behind him. They stopped in front of the vacant building to continue their argument. Alan hoped that the others could not see how shaky he felt as he backed against the wall and faced Barney. Barney stood in front of him with his legs apart, his hands shoved into his pockets, and a sneer on his face.

"Well, make up your mind," Barney demanded. "Are you coming or not?"

Barney was new in school. Before his arrival there were five boys who always walked home together and played together and joined together in the youth activities of their church. Now there were six, because Barney lived in the same apartment building and was in the same class at school. But he was a disrupting influence. He laughed at their ideas, called them names, broke as many rules as he could, and tried to bully them into doing things his way. He refused to have anything to do with the church.

"He wants to be a gang leader, and he wants us to be his gang," Tom had said to Alan.

Alan remembered Tom's words as he faced Barney and answered his question. "No. How many times do I have to tell you? I don't want to break God's commandments by stealing."

"How odd can you get?" Barney sneered. "You know that God didn't really expect you to keep that commandment."

Alan looked at the other boys. Kirk, Bob, and Dick kept their heads down and said nothing. But Tom came to stand beside Alan.

"Stealing is a sin," Tom said.

"That's what they call it to keep us in line," Barney said sharply. "How do you think the rich people in this world got their riches in the first place?"

"Not the way you think," Alan said. "Anyway, two wrongs don't make a right."

"That's another one of those stupid sayings," Barney scoffed. "Do you believe everything they tell you?"

"What do you mean?" Tom wanted to know.

"I mean the Bible and all the Thou-shalt-nots. Well, I'm going to get all I can out of this world, and I'm going to get it any way I can, starting now."

"Let's all go on to the park and practice football, the way we had planned to," Alan insisted.

"Later," Barney said. "I'm going to get some of old Joe's fruit first."

"Joe Small isn't one of those rich people you were talking about," Tom pointed out. "He barely makes a living off that fruit stand. Besides, he's a cripple."

Barney laughed. "Well, he has fruit, and right now I want some. If he's a cripple, he can't chase us. Who wants to go along?"

One by one, Kirk, Bob, and Dick joined Barney. Alan and Tom did not move.

"Chicken!" Barney taunted. "Why don't you good little boys go on to the park and get out the football? We'll be there after we have some real fun."

"What should we do?" Alan asked as he and Tom watched Barney and his followers walk slowly down the street. It was Barney's idea that boys could get away with anything if they walked slowly and didn't call attention to themselves.

"Shall we try to stop them?"

"Two against four?" Tom replied. "We couldn't have a chance. Besides we'll all get into trouble if we have a fight here in the street."

"Then maybe we ought to tell somebody."

"Who? Joe Small doesn't have any family or friends that I know of. And if he did, they couldn't get there in time to warn him."

"Stealing is against the law," Alan said. "We could call the police."

Tom shook his head. "If we do that Kirk and Bob and Dick will get into trouble, too, and they're not bad guys they just got led away by one. Maybe Patrolman Conners will be walking by when they get there."

"And maybe he won't. We can't count on that. We have to do something ourselves, and you have just given me a idea."

"What?"

"If our friends were led away by one bad guy, maybe they can be led back to the right way by two good guys. Barney can't be a gang all by himself."

"We can try it!" Tom exclaimed. "Come on. Let's cut through the alley and get to Joe's fruit stand before they do."

The four boys were not in sight when Alan and Tom reached the fruit stand and began talking to Joe.

"I know that Barney," Joe said with a sigh. "He often steals from me. But what can I do? My friend Patrolman Conners gave me a whistle to blow, but I don't like to blow it for just one boy. Maybe I should blow it for four boys."

"Let us talk to them first," Alan requested.

"All right," Joe agreed. "Persuading is better than arresting."

When the four boys arrived, Joe, with his crutches under his arms, was standing in front of his fruit stand. The whistle was hanging from a cord around his neck. Barney walked boldly up to him.

"We came for some fruit, Mister."

"To buy?" Joe asked.

"No, to take."

Raising his voice, Joe said, "So you came to steal."

Alan and Tom, who had been crouching behind the counter, stepped out and stood beside Joe, one on each side.

"Stealing is also against the law of God's law and man's law. You should be ashamed of yourselves for wanting to break the law," Tom said.

"Don't listen to them," Barney began. But Alan ignored him. "We want you

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INFORMATION ABOUT

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THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

New Liaison-Coordinator Employed

Submitted by the Superintendent



Mrs. Judy Ball

The Children's Home announces the employment of Mrs. Judy Brown Ball of Spring Hope, North Carolina, as liaison-coordinator to head up the tutorial (educational) program on campus. Mrs. Ball studied at Wake Forest University and graduated from Pfeiffer College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. Other related fields of study were Religion and Psychology. Also having graduate credit in guidance she holds a "Class A" (secondary) teaching certificate granted by the state of North Carolina. She comes to the Home with eight and one-half years of teaching experience, ranging from kindergarten to high school. Last year Mrs. Ball worked with our children as a tutor.

Mrs. Ball has many leadership qualities as demonstrated in many of the honors she has won. As a teen-ager she was very active in 4-H Club work. Among her 4-H honors were: state 4-H winner in Leadership and Citizenship; national 4-H winner in Recreation which resulted in a $300 scholarship and a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago; Danforth Delegate to William Danforth Camp, Muskegon, Michigan; and National 4-H Camp, Washington, D. C., where she presented to President Dwight D. Eisenhower the National 4-H Report. Furthermore, she studied one summer in New York at the United Nations, placing among the top ten in the National Essay Contest; auditioned for Otto Priminger for a part in St. Joan of Arc in Atlanta, Georgia; studied one summer with Fred Waring; and is a member of the National Honor Society.

As a very dedicated Christian Mrs. Ball's church comes first. She has directed the church choir for four years, the Little Boys' chorus for one year. She is a most active member of the Spring Hope, North Carolina, Methodist Church.

Her dedication is revealed not only in the fact that she directed the Big Brother-Big Sister program for underprivileged children, but that she spends many hours of her own time working with **our** children beyond the call of duty. In addition to her interest in the educational needs of the boys and girls on our campus, she is especially concerned for their spiritual welfare.

Mrs. Ball's husband, Mr. Jerry Ball, is assistant principal and head football coach at Southern Nash Senior High School. They have two girls.

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Merit System Introduced In Tutorial Program

As liaison coordinator I have tried to work out a program to encourage our children to have a positive attitude toward school, teachers, tutors, and house parents. An answer, I hope, is a merit system. Every six weeks the children who have received a good report from teachers and tutors concerning attitudes and homework have an opportunity to draw a slip of paper from a merit box. The slip of paper will be a personal reward. A list of requests from the students is printed below. We would appreciate your help in supplying these requests. We must follow through and have these requests on hand for those who measure up. All of the children are excited about this program and the teachers, principals, and house parents can already sense a change of attitude concerning school.

Thank you for your help. If you are interested write or call Mrs. Jerry Ball, Liaison Coordinator, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

Girls

Bulletin Board
Lamps (pretty)
Pajama Bags
Throw Rugs (pink, blue, green)
Throw Pillows
Stuffed Animals
Clocks
Radios
Costume Jewelry (rings)
Powder, Perfume, Bath Oil
Jewelry Box
Perfumed Soap
Bubble Bath
Dolls (bar bee)
Tea Sets
Jump Ropes
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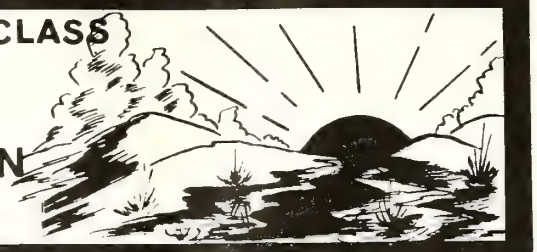
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Baseballs
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Shirts with Cuffs and Cuff Links
Sweaters

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 26



God Gives Meaning to Life

Lesson Text: Psalm 73:1-3, 16, 17, 21-26; Ephesians 1:9, 10

Memory Verse: Ephesians 1:5

I. INTRODUCTION

There are many restless souls in the world today. Many are searching for a meaningful purpose to life. The so-called hippie element is an example of the search. These young people have become dissatisfied with the world of modern conveniences. They can no longer accept the hypocrisy of the established generation—the older ones—who have set a double standard of morals, one for themselves and one for the younger generation. Therefore, many run away from home to join up with other rebels. They often turn to drugs in order to provide them with a kick that life has not afforded them.

In all generations, however, there have been other sources that man has turned to in order to find real meaning to life. The truth of the matter is that real meaning to life can only be found in God. Perhaps it would be better to simply say that God is the meaning to life, rather than saying that He gives meaning to life.

"A mind on wheels knows no rest; it is as a rolling thing before the tempest. Struggle against the desire for novelty, or it will lead you astray as the will-o'-the-wisp deceives the graveller. If you desire to be useful, if you long to honor God, if you wish to be happy, be established in the truth, and be not carried about by every wind of doctrine in these evil days, 'be ye steadfast, unmovable.' " —Spurgeon's Sermon Illustrations.

It is difficult to define life as it relates to mankind. We feel that we know what life is in a plant, or in an animal. But when we think about it as it relates to ourselves, it becomes quite a different matter. We believe that each soul is placed on this earth for a divine purpose, and that, the soul without God cannot find its real meaning to life.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. What is life all about; what is its purpose?
2. The Christian believes that God has a plan for every life.
3. Man can find God's place for his life only "in Christ."

B. Life Without Meaning (Psalm 73:1-3)
1. God had been good to Israel.
2. The psalmist had strayed from Him.
3. He had strayed by becoming envious of the prosperity of the wicked.

C. God Gives Meaning to Life (Psalm 73: 16, 17)
1. The question the psalmist had raised could not be answered by reason.
2. When he went to God, he found the answer.
3. He was then grieved over his attitude—he repented.
4. He turned to God and confessed Him.

D. A New Attitude Toward Life (Psalm 73:21-26)
1. God gave meaning to his life.
2. God gave him assurance for this world and the world to come.
3. God gave him strength for daily living.

E. God Reveals His purpose for Man (Ephesians 1:9, 10)
1. This purpose is predestinated.
2. This purpose is "in Christ."
3. Man can find God's purpose for his life only in Christ.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Let's learn a lesson today from punctuation marks. Periods and commas are the smallest symbols in our printed language, but every one has its meaning. They compare with the jots and tittles Jesus mentions in Matthew 5:18. These too were small, but Jesus said they were not to be changed.

Look first at the question mark. It stands for all the unanswerables to which God alone has the key: Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? When and how will it all end? Who cares about my fate? Such questions puzzle us, and we find answers only in God's Word.

Now take the colon. It means that something important is to follow. Think of God's promise of a future life made possible by Christ's death and resurrection. God has a purpose and a plan for each of us. This gives life aim and meaning.

A much-abused mark of punctuation is the exclamation. It has an important place in the Christian life. We need to show more enthusiasm for our religion. How can we help getting excited about our blessings and prospects? Our memory verse tells us why.

Finally, what would we do without the period? It means the end, and the end can be very dismal for the unsaved. Which mark signifies your future—the period or the exclamation?—Adapted from the Standard Commentary.

B. "Once, in Palestine, we watched a man weaving one of those beautiful oriental rugs that we prize so highly. At first, we did not see the weaver at all; we saw only a horizontal frame set up under an olive tree, with threads running horizontally and vertically across it. Every now and then, we saw a long needle come through to the front of the frame, pushed from behind. We walked around to the back of the frame, and there he was, the creator of the rug. He worked from behind, but on the front of the rug there slowly developed a perfect pattern, woven in all the colors of Joseph's coat. A hidden weaver did it.

"Or look at a weaver working on a loom; notice how this weaver moves his shuttle back and forth among the threads, developing a pattern that exists only in the mind of the weaver. Little by little, the little threads dropped from the shuttle to create in the finished work a pattern that is orderly, colorful, and a thing of ultimate beauty. . . .

"God is the Weaver of our human lives; the basic plan is in His mind, not in ours. And He works from behind the scenes, hidden, yet creating, yet slowly working out something fine and rich in colors dark and bright. His thoughts may not be our thoughts, but His thoughts prevail." —Tarbell's Teacher's Guide, 1969.

C. The storm struck without warning.

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Questions & Answers

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lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8); "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21).

George H. Sandison in his book, "1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered," says on Page 547, 48: "Our duty is to accept the opportunity that is offered now and not to speculate on the possibility of there being another. The terms of the offer read to us like those of a final offer. We cannot conceive of God being inconsistent. The punishment of the impenitent seems to be not so much an infliction by God, as the result of choice on the part of the sufferer. You may have seen a boy at school, in spite of all warnings and all advice, neglect his lessons and give his time to play and idleness. Can he blame his teacher or his parents, if at the end of his school life he is ignorant and unfit for a profession? If a young man voluntarily associates with men of foul life and coarse manners and acquires their habits, do you blame a refined lady if she excludes him from her home? If a child who has been warned against touching a hot stove and has had the consequences explained to him, avails himself of a brief absence of his mother to lay his hand on the glowing metal, he must not blame his mother when he suffers. If he is so badly burned that he loses his hand, he goes through life maimed because of that momentary act. We do not blame the mother, or charge her with being inconsistent. All her love cannot save him from the consequences of his own perversity. When a man deliberately chooses sin after being warned of the consequences, and refuses the offer of pardon and regeneration, what is to be expected as to his future? Still, we are not to judge others, and above all we should not attempt to set limits to the Divine mercy."

May we say in conclusion, God's holiness and the love that emanates from that holiness would of necessity, as we see it, demand the kind of judgment for the disobedient that God describes in His Word as being associated with hell. In otherwords, the judgment should be commensurate or in proportion to the crime and rebellion. God's great love causes Him to offer unusual enticements to persuade the sinner to make the choice that brings to him eternal happiness, pleasure, and glory; and at the same time, tells him of the eternal ill consequence of rejecting Christ and His life as He gave it a ransom from all sins' degradation and judgment. Such rejection would seem to call for severe judgment, and that is what God says in His Word shall befall all Christ-rejecting sinners. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23); "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:13); "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15); "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Romans 1:32); "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46).

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St. Claire Bible Class

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A terrific wind accompanied a blinding rain. Along with others, Mr. Eddie Cantor found shelter in the doorway of a church.

Said Mr. Cantor, "The world today is going through a much worse storm than this. Every one of us needs a refuge of some kind. I know of no better place to go for it than the church. The greatest calamity that can befall any people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen to you. Go to church."—Bible Expositor.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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to come and stand with us if you don't want to be a lawbreaker."

The three boys did not hesitate, and Barney was left standing alone.

"I apologize," Kirk said to Joe.

"I'm sorry," Bob and Dick said together.

"Where does that leave me?" Barney demanded.

Alan took two steps forward and stared into his eyes. "All by yourself, unless you decide to give up being a mean lawbreaker. We don't want one of those on our football team."

"Let's go," Tom said. Then to Barney, "If you change your mind, come over to the park. We'd like to have you play football with us."

"Wait," Joe said. "Everybody take a free apple. You, too," he said to Barney.

"Thanks," Kirk said. "But we ought to pay."

"Next time," Joe replied. "Today it's a present from me because I like you. Now go and play a good game of football."

"We will!" the boys promised as they hurried toward the park, each munching a juicy red apple.—My Pleasure.

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PASHUR OR MAGOR-MISSABIB

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It is possible to be pessimistic after we have done so little and expected so much, to be tempted to take life easy, to float with the tide of the dullard, to live an empty, frail, fearful life, and almost do nothing for God and the souls of men.

(Continued Next Week)

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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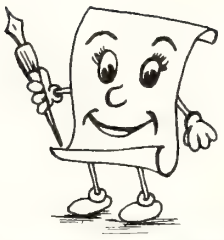
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GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Washing dishes has never been my favorite indoor sport. I've tried the five-minute soak, the thirty-minute soak, the scented suds; but nothing makes it appealing.

It is possible to prop up a book and read and wash simultaneously. Thinking about something else helps.

Do we put too much emphasis on shiny dishes, neat kitchens, and picture-book living rooms?

I can empathize with Martha (Luke 10:38) when she invited Jesus to her home. There was so much to do with all those tired people to feed! (Jesus never traveled alone.) Hardly knowing where to start, she began to flutter about, doing too much.

It irritated her that Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to every word, when she should be helping her in the kitchen! So here comes Martha, fussing:

"Lord, just look at that lazy girl! Don't you even care that she's left me to do all the work alone? Make her help me."

The Beck translation states that Jesus answered her: ". . . you worry and fuss about a lot of things. But there's only one thing you need. Mary has made the right choice . . ."

To sit at Jesus' feet is much more important than excessive housekeeping. Cleaning the house is never as lasting as serving the Lord. Time spent with the family at church leaves a child with happy memories of sharing with his parents. Or a smile from the choir says that you're proud of him sitting there alone, "grown-up."

When the minister comes to dinner, don't make yourself sick preparing food. Save some energy for your friends and family. Good conversation is more interesting than an elaborate menu, and remembered much longer.

The house must be cleaned, clothes washed, dishes done, and furniture polished occasionally for good health practices. But we mothers need to sit at Jesus' feet before doing anything else. We need our daily Bible reading and prayer. The time spent with Him will make us cheerful, relaxed, and loving. Which is what I want to be; don't you?

OBITUARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Hill

(In Memoriam)

I am writing this in memory of my late sister-in-law, Julia Willis Hill, and her husband, the late Clarence R. Hill. Clarence passed away on the thirteenth day of July, 1970, at the age of 80; and Julia passed away on the thirteenth day of June, 1971, at the age of 78.

Julia was the last member of the large family of the late Alonzo and Artie Paul Willis, whose homeplace is now the site of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist parsonage. I first knew her when she was just a young girl and played the organ for the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. She was a lovely and generous person, and her husband was a very devoted man and was a truly Christian man.

They lived in Raleigh, North Carolina, for a few years after their marriage, then moved to New Jersey, and later to Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, where they lived for many years and he worked at his trade as a printer. They came back to North Carolina in 1969 where she lived in a nursing home and he in a rest home until their deaths. They are buried side-by-side in the Paul Cemetery in Arapahoe, North Carolina.

They are survived by one daughter, Mrs. Harold Willey of Creswell, North Carolina, and five grandchildren. They are both greatly missed by the ones who loved them.

Respectfully submitted,
Marietta Dunn Willis

Mrs. Mary Beddard

On August 7, 1971, God, in His infi nite wisdom, saw fit to call to her etern al reward our sister in Christ, Mrs Mary Beddard, age 67. Mrs. Beddarc had been an active member of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church nea Greenville, North Carolina, for the pas 35 years.

She leaves to mourn their loss he husband, Grover Beddard; two sons, Al ton and Walter Beddard; one daughter Mrs. Lawrence Tyson; nine grandchil dren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in th Wilkerson Funeral Home by her pastor the Rev. Adrian Grubbs; assisted by th Rev. Joseph Hampton, pastor of th Church of God in Farmville, North Carc lina. Interment followed in the Pine wood Memorial Park near Greenville.

Therefore be it resolved:

First, that we extend to the bereave family our deepest sympathy;

Second, that we express our deepes appreciation for her devotions to th church for this long period of time; an

Third, that a copy of these resolutior be sent to the family, a copy be publisl ed in "The Free Will Baptist," and a cop retained in the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Hart
Elene Nichols
Willette Darden

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"Say and Do"

Two brothers once lived down this wa
And one was Do and the other Say.
If streets were dirty, taxes high,
Or school were crowded, Say wou
cry:
"My, what a town!" But brother Do
Would set to work and make thin
new.
And while Do worked, Say still wou
cry:
"He does it wrong, I know that I
Could do it right." So, all the day
Was heard the clank of brother Say
But this one fact from none was hid,
Say always talked, Do always did.
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PEOPLE DON'T SEEM TO APPRECIATE . . .

People don't seem to appreciate
Laughing, until they've learned to cry;
Getting, until they've learned to give;
Playing, until they've learned to work;
Living, until they've learned to die.

People don't seem to appreciate
Hoping, until they've known despair;
Believing, until they've had some doubt;
Succeeding, until they've set to fail;
Joy, until they've known some sorrow.

People don't seem to appreciate
Peace, until they've heard of war;
Pleasure, until they've felt some pain;
Fullness, until they've known some void;
Gain, until they've felt the loss.

People don't seem to appreciate
Strength, until they've been a little weak;
Goodness, until they've seen some ill;
Straightness, until they've known some bends;
Daylight, until they've braved the dark.

People don't seem to appreciate
Loving, until they've known some hate;
Food, until they've seen how it is to starve;
Water, until they've suffered thirst;
Wealth, until they've seen some want.

People don't seem to appreciate
Knowledge, until they've been a little ignorant;
Sight, until they've seen the blind;
Hearing, until they've met the deaf;
Warmth, until they've felt the cold.

People don't seem to appreciate God and all of His good things, until there is the possibility of having to do without them.

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PASHUR OR MAGOR-MISSABIB

(JEREMIAH 20:1-11)

by the Rev. A. B. Bryan

(Continued from Last Issue)

While Jeremiah hit the bottom spiritually, he could not stay there; he still had convictions that would not let him stay. He could not remain silent while the inward man spoke. ". . . But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jeremiah 20:9). He felt stings of conscience for the hasty decisions he had formed in weakness. He was ashamed of his weakness of not being content with the promise of strength for the assigned task.

Jeremiah made a wonderful recovery. He was obliged to deliver God's message to get rid of the tortures which suppressed his soul. Just as Jeremiah overflowed with desire to get hold of the hearts of his people and turn them from error to truth, the true prophet of God today carries the same desire. Oh, how it grieves the Spirit of God and wounds the lives of God's servants to see the lax, lazy attitude of so many professing Christians who will not become involved with Christian witnessing; yet, they claim discipleship.

There is a reason for laxity. One never sees the spiritual condition of man until he looks through the eyes of the true prophet of God. We see man's need of an education, a shirt on his back, food in his stomach, a vacation, a beach trip, and a thousand other needs. We try by man-devised plans to socialize him to a position of good morals, higher standards of living, neighborly living, and love; but it seems that much of our efforts fail and we become more dissatisfied all the time.

Jeremiah said, "For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. . . ." (Jeremiah 20:10). All of us should see conditions as they are. They are getting worse fast! The world and the systems of men are seeking to suppress the need for righteousness as we have seen through the years in the Word of God.

The church in many respects has become lax in its concern with disciplined living. God only knows the future, but His servants can see the way we are healed. The Word of God seems to be applicable to most of us today. "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13).

The most dangerous and deadly thing the church or a single Christian can do is to remain silent, be intimidated, and not stand against evil of every form. Is it true that we are afraid we will lose face and be incriminated? Where is our righteous concern?

Victory will come for God's people if they really want to win the battle. What kind of people do we want to be in the Free Will Baptist Church? Are we striving to retain the call of Pashur, which means being steadfast, ready to declare our stand in righteousness, and ready to break fellowship with that which is sinful? Are we ready to stand secure, ". . . stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58)?

The name "Pashur" was given by divine appointment and is equivalent to the words "Christian" or "disciple." ". . . And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

The name "Magor-Missabib" was given by Jeremiah signifying "fear round about and afraid to be exposed to righteousness." How could it be that the appointed religious leader was willing to identify himself as being in opposition to biblical righteousness, stability, and disciplined living? He simply did not want to stand when it was not popular to do so. But, it did not affect him only "For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: . . . Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone. Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: . . ." (Hosea 4:16-18). Magor-Missabib was waging a losing battle because of fear, all the time falling more and more under the snares of Satan—lost position and waiting judgment!

Where do we stand today? Our own state legislature can get by with the wettest bill our state has ever witnessed. In our own circle of educators a university church, organized by associates of the University of North Carolina, has been formed on the belief that "the future of the church does not lie in the area of narrow denominational tones." Said a letter written to prospective members: "Instead of attempting to tell an individual what he must believe, the university church will serve as a marketplace of ideas in order to enable each person to hammer out a set of beliefs on his own." — Christian Herald, August, 1971, Page 8.

The Miss World beauty queen can publicly take a stand that she believes in premarital sex as a way of life and continue to be the beauty of the world. Also in a recent newspaper article was found, "A pretty blue-eyed blonde from Montreal was crowned Miss Nude World Sunday following a day-long beauty pageant at a nudist camp here. . . . Mrs. Hess said she didn't feel embarrassed appearing at the pageant held at the Four Seasons Nature Park which was open to the public."

God help our world today! Many more lewd moral acts are showing up in the public unashamed. So-called trustworthy leaders are showing that concern for the total man is a sham and are prophets of deceit. They are rebelling more and more against divine authority. When we should learn our lessons from the rising crime rate, the uncontrollable masses of delinquents and rising untrustworthiness of those in command, we are continuing to revel as Magor-Missabib. We stand in fear and it is time to repent and listen to the prophets of truth! Will we do it or destroy ourselves?



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

AND GOD MADE THE BEES!

Scripture Reading—Psalm 31:3

Here is a little bee that organizes a city, that builds ten thousand cells for larvae, a holy of holies for the mother queen; a little bee that observes the increasing heat, and, when the wax may melt and the honey be lost, organizes the swarm into squads, puts sentinels at the entrances, glues the feet down, and then, with flying wings, creates a system of ventilation to cool the honey, that makes an electric fan look tawdry—a little honey bee that will include twenty square miles in the field over whose flowers it has oversight. But if a tiny brain in a bee performs such wonders, who are you, that you should question the guidance of God? Lift up your eyes and behold the hand that supports these stars, without pillars, the God who guides the planets without collision!—*Beams of Light.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God is great! More than ever, we realize this when we observe His wonders of nature, the complete order of His universe!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

TWO DRUNKARDS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 26:6

Two drunkards were converted. The one said the inclination of drink was taken completely from him. He could do business in a barroom and not desire a drink. The other converted drunkard said, "Not a day has passed since my conversion that I have not wanted a drink; but God has kept me from yielding." God deals differently with His children. In one case He may remove the temptation, in another He may leave the temptation, and give grace to overcome it. Where there is daily trusting Christ to keep you out of sin, there is daily victory, no matter what your particular besetting sin may be.—*The Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God deals with us as individuals, as is depicted in the devotional above. Complete victory in Christ can be found by those who avail themselves of it, whether temptations are removed or grace enlarged!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

THE UNFAILING FRIEND

Scripture Reading—John 15:14, 15

The friendship of Jesus is lasting. Other friends may grow old and cold. It is not so with the friendship of our Saviour. Other friends may possibly misunderstand us. Jesus never. His love is the same in youth as in old age. The friendship will rather grow stronger in old age. If you have lost what to you seemed everything, if you find yourself friendless and alone, despised and forsaken, seek to get acquainted with this most lovely, dear, and precious Friend.—*M.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Christ is the best friend—the most understanding and forgiving. Come to Him today and make a lasting friendship.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

BEARING THE LOSS

Scripture Reading—Genesis 14:20

A benevolent man was planning $100 to the Lord's work, but before it was paid he suffered a disaster by a destructive hailstorm. "I met him," says the narrator, "and was again invited to call and receive his donation. While walking toward the house he said: 'I had intended to give this time $100, but in view of this calamity I shall be obliged to reduce it to $60.' I said nothing, but followed him into his dwelling. He gave me a seat and then called his wife out; and after an absence so long as to excite my wonder he returned and handed me his check for $100. Thinking it possible that it was so written by a slip of the thought, I said: 'So you meant this for $100?' 'Yes,' he replied, 'my wife and I have talked it over a little and we have concluded it best to bear the loss ourselves, and not charge it to the Lord.' "—*The Illustrator.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Man can never outgive God. The man in the story above is sure to have gained many blessings as a result of his decision.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

"NO GOOD TO ANYBODY"

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:1

A certain minister is said to have been unable to say, "No," to any request that came to him. He was invited to speak for other ministers and at clubs and banquets and other gatherings, until his own church had but a small fraction of his time, and his home was neglected. One day, while walking alone by a lake, he met a man who was about to drown a small dog. "What's wrong with the dog?" he inquired. "Well, you see," said the man, "when Gipsy was a pup, he was all right. But he has grown to be a regular nuisance. We are always losing him. He follows everyone. And a dog that follows everybody is no good to anybody." The last sentence struck the minister like a blow. He begged for the dog and took him home, saying, "Gyp, you and I will learn faithfulness together And then and there began a new era in h life and usefulness.—*Sunday School Time*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Following everyone or doing everythir for everybody will have damaging effect Spreading butter too thinly destroys t flavor!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

THE JUDGE PAID

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:7

In the town of Wishaw there lived a earnest Christian man who became a ma istrate. One morning there appeared b fore him in the court a friend of his yout who had strayed from the paths of righ eousness and had committed an offen against the law of the land. Those wl knew the relationship between the two m expected the magistrate to deal with t man mercifully, and they were very muc surprised when they heard that the senten was a heavy fine. But they were mo surprised when the magistrate went to t officer of the court, and took from his ov pocket the money to pay the fine. He d his duty as a magistrate, and upheld t law, but he also showed something of t mercy of God for his friend when he pa the penalty for his friend. There is litt wonder that the lawbreaker was broke hearted in his repentance. Jesus gave Hi self for you. Have you given yourself Him?—*Peniel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus paid the full price of our redem tion. Salvation costs us nothing. It is fr for our taking and assures for us etern bliss.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

HOPE HANGS A STAR

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:20

Hope hands a star over every cradle. is given to mothers to plant the angel men.

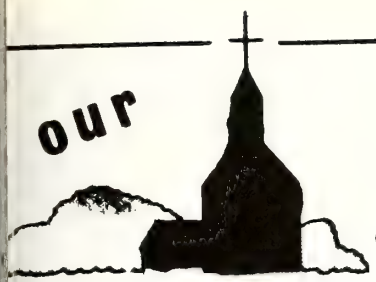
When Richard Cecil was a youth, he tri his utmost to be an infidel; but there w one argument he could never answer; it w the beautiful, eloquent Christian life of h mother. That held him fast.

Dr. Newman Hall had a similar expe ence. Against all the solicitations and s ductions of infidelity there stood the ho life of his mother. He could not get aw from that.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Mother's influence! Greater than a other—be it good or bad! Let us thank G for the blessing of a good mother. Sh better than gold!

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our Church Auxiliaries

Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference will convene with Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, Wednesday, September 29. The convention theme will be "Worship and Serve." The scripture text is taken from Matthew 4:10, ". . . Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Mrs. Leon Dunn, president, will preside with Mrs. Vance Link as music director and Mrs. Rose Proctor Beaman as pianist. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Serve the Lord with Gladness"
—Devotions, Mrs. Frank L. Walston Jr.
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Thomas Strickland
—Response, Mrs. L. B. Woodall
10:20—President's Message, Mrs. Leon Dunn
—Recognition Time
—"Worship and Serve Through Spreading the Gospel," Mrs. Raymond Sasser
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Reading of Minutes
—"Worship and Serve Through Educating Our Youth," Mrs. Bill Taylor
—Worship and Serve Through Caring for Children," Mrs. Bruce Barrow
—"Worship and Serve Through Special Music," Community Church Woman's Auxiliary
11:30—"Worship and Serve Through Preaching the Word," Mrs. Joyce Proctor Beaman
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Hymn, "O Worship the King"
—"Worship and Serve Through Reading," Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
—"Worship and Serve Through Studying," Mrs. Albert Proctor
—"Worship and Serve Through Retreat"
1:45—"Worship and Serve Through Business"
—Memorial Service, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks
—Adjournment

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My hope of success in this great and terrible struggle rests on that immutable foundation, the justice and goodness of God. And when events are very threatening and prospects very dark, I still hope in some way, which man cannot see, all will be well in the end, because our cause is just, and God is on our side.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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The prospective bride was discussing wedding plans with her mother. "Now, Mother," she said anxiously, "we mustn't overlook even the most insignificant detail."

"Don't worry, dear; he'll be here."—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

Churches and Ministers Available

(Note: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Jesse R. Matthis, an ordained minister of the Eastern Conference, announces that he is available to serve any church as pastor on the first and third Sundays of the month. Any church desiring his services may contact him at 600 Cutchin Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28328; telephone 592-5436.

OPEN LETTER TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS of Second Union, Central Conference

The Rev. Harold Jones and family are preparing for God's work in a new location in the Philippines. When they reach their destination they will need living facilities which can be built for $3,500. At the regular meeting of the Second Union Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference, on August 29, the convention voted to give $300 toward this project. Also each Sunday school in the union was challenged to give $100 to help build a home for the Joneses.

Your gift should be brought to the next meeting of the convention, which will meet October 29, at the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Everett, North Carolina (in the Williamston area); or your gift may be sent to the secretary of the convention before October 29.

Respectfully,

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The Free Will Baptist Press has recently printed a marriage certificate that has been in demand for sometime.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Johnnie Bullman Appointed Director of Missions

In a meeting of the Executive Board of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists August 10, the Rev.



Johnnie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, was appointed director of missions in the United States. Mr. Bullman's duties will include seeking places to establish home missions points and advising the board of these locations and the efforts needed to establish these works. He will be at liberty to select someone in each of the states to help promote home missions under the direction of the conference.

Mr. Bullman states, "If there is anyone in any conference who can give me information such as the churches in the conference and their clerks, and whether or not the church supports home missions, it will be greatly appreciated. We all know there are many towns in the United States that do not have a Free Will Baptist church, and there is a great need for such a church there.

"If you do not already have home missions in your church budget please do so. If there is any church that will give me the time, I will be glad to visit with you and present the program and need of home mission work in the United States.

"Send all information to me at P. O. Box 4203, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303."

Mr. Bullman also states that the new Palmetto Conference in South Carolina has bought a specially built 12 by 60 feet mobile home for over $4,000, and is now starting a church in the city of Gaffney, South Carolina.

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Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for August, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of August, 1971:

Balance August 1, 1971		$6,796.52
Receipts		
Churches	$ 530.00	
Sunday Schools	17.00	
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention	396.69	
Unions	10.00	
Burress Insurance Agency	15.00	
Total Receipts		968.69
Total to Account For		$7,765.21
Disbursements		
Operating Expenses	$ 25.00	
Insurance	202.00	
Interest on Loan at North Western Bank	1,000.02	
Debt Retirement	5,000.00	
Total Disbursements		6,227.02
Balance September 1, 1971 (Checking Account)		$1,538.19
In Savings Account		2,236.71
Grand Total		$3,774.90

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Homecoming Services at Riverside Church

The annual homecoming services will be held at the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Princeton, North Carolina, Sunday, September 26. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the Rev. Royster Martin of Micro, North Carolina. A picnic lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. In the afternoon a singspiration has been planned featuring several singing groups.

The pastor, the Rev. C. M. Coats, and the church members extend a hearty invitation to former pastors, former members, and friends (especially singing groups) to attend and enjoy a day of worship and fellowship.

Revival, Homecoming, and Cantata at Goldsboro Church

Revival services will be held at th First Free Will Baptist Church of Gold boro, North Carolina, the week of Se tember 26—October 1, with the Rev. B. Starnes of Newport, North Carolin as the visiting evangelist. Services wi begin each evening at 7:30 with the pa tor, the Rev. Earl Glenn, assisting M Starnes. The pastor and the churc congregation invite all friends of th church to attend and to pray for a spiri filled revival.

On Sunday, October 3, the First churc of Goldsboro will observe its annu homecoming. The Rev. C. H. Overma a former pastor, will bring the homecom ing message. Following the message, brief mortgage-burning service for th additional lot the church has purchase will be held. Lunch will be served on th grounds at 12:45. All former pastor former members, and friends are invite to attend.

The Sunday evening service will b held at 7:30 and will consist of a cantat presented by the church choir. Everyon is also invited to attend this service.

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Homecoming and Harvest Day At Robert's Grove Church

Homecoming and harvest day service will be observed at Robert's Grove Origi nal Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1 Dunn, North Carolina, Sunday, October 3 The day will begin with Sunday schoo at 10 a.m., followed with the mornin message by the pastor, the Rev. Franci Garner. During the worship service th harvest day offering will be taken. Th goal for the day is $4,000. Lunch wil be served at the noon hour. An afternoo program of singing has been planned fo everyone's enjoyment.

The pastor and the church member ship extend to all former pastors, forme members, and friends a cordial welcom to attend and enjoy a day of worship an Christian fellowship.

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Gum Neck Church to Host Albemarle Conference

The Albemarle Conference of Origina Free Will Baptists will meet with Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia North Carolina, Wednesday, October 6 beginning at 9:30 a.m. (Please note th change from Thursday to Wednesday. There will be a morning and afternoo session with the Rev. Robert May, moder ator, Route 4, Ahoskie, North Carolina presiding. All ministers and churches o the conference are urged to be present Visitors are also welcome.

rmondsville Church to bserve Homecoming

The Ormondsville Free Will Baptist hurch, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, ill observe its annual homecoming on unday, September 26. The day's ser- ices will begin wtih Sunday school at 0 a.m., conducted by the superintendent, Ir. Jesse L. Tripp. The homecoming mes- age will be delivered by the pastor, the ev. Clifton Rice, at the morning wor- hip hour. Following the message a me- orial service, conducted by Mr. Danny owen, will be held for the members who ave departed from this earth since the st homecoming, one year ago. At the nd of the service the members will be ven the opportunity to make their of- ering to the church toward the church udget for the church year. The service ill close with a picnic lunch served on e church grounds.

The pastor and the church member- ip extend to former pastors, former embers, and friends a cordial invitation worship with them on this occasion nd enjoy a day of Christian fellowship nd worship.

Coming Events . . .

ptember 23—Eastern Conference Wom- an's Auxiliary Convention, Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church, Folkstone, North Carolina

ptember 29—Central Conference Wom- an's Auxiliary Convention, Spring Branch Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

tober 6—Albemarle Conference, Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina

tober 13—Cape Fear Woman's Auxil- iary Convention, Palmer Memorial Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

tober 13, 14—Western Conference, El- wood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina

tober 16—Pee Dee Association, Thomas- boro Free Will Baptist Church, Bruns- wick County, North Carolina

tober 20, 21—Eastern Conference, Beu- laville Free Will Baptist Church, Beula- ville, North Carolina

vember 3, 4—Central Conference, Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina

vember 4, 5—Cape Fear Conference, Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina

Lloyd Vernon Conducting White Oak Revival

The Rev. Lloyd Vernon is the guest evangelist for revival services in progress at the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Maysville, North Carolina. Services began Monday evening, September 20, and will continue through Friday evening, September 24. The pastor, the Rev. Earl Victor Riggs, is assisting in the services which begin each evening at eight o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Piney Grove Church Announces Fall Revival

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Albertson, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 4-9, beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, will be bringing the messages each evening. Beside good gospel preaching each evening, special music will be rendered. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Cabin Sunday School Awards Perfect Attendance

Sunday, August 1, the Sunday school of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beulaville, North Carolina, presented perfect attendance awards as follows: First year: Tracy Huffman and Star Mercer; second year: Anthony Williams; fourth year: Jody Houston, Sonya Rhodes, and Lesa Huffman; seventh year: Willa Ruth Mercer; tenth year: Steve Rhodes; eleventh year: Susan Rhodes and Rex Mercer; fourteenth year: Mrs. Angie Rhodes; seventeenth year: Myra L. Rhodes; nineteenth year: Mrs. Vevie Thomas; twenty-second year: Calvin Mercer Sr.; twenty-seventh year: Mrs. Pannie Rhodes. Also recognized for perfect attendance were the superintendent, Mr. Lawrence Houston, and the pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson.

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Homecoming and Revival At Ayden Church

The annual homecoming of the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church will be held Sunday, September 26. The day's services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the worship hour at eleven. The pastor, the Rev. C. H. Overman, will bring the homecoming message. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

The Sunday evening service at 7:30 will begin the fall revival at the Ayden church which will continue through Sunday, October 3. The pastor will also be bringing the messages for the revival. In additional to good preaching each evening, special music will be rendered by the church choir and visiting singers.

The pastor and the church membership invite everyone who possibly can to attend all of these services and pray that they may be a blessing to all.

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Revival, Homecoming, and Harvest Festival at Howell Swamp Church

The annual homecoming and harvest festival will be observed at the Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church located one mile south of Walstonburg, North Carolina, Sunday, October 10. This annual occasion will be preceded by a series of revival services beginning Monday evening, October 4, and continuing through Friday evening, October 8. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Harry Jones, pastor of the Black Jack church near Greenville, North Carolina, doing the preaching. Good singing and old-time gospel preaching will be featured each service. The pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, will assist in the services; and he and the church membership invite the public to attend these services and enjoy the Christian worship and fellowship.

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Revival in Progress At Trinity Church

Revival services are in progress this week at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pantego, North Carolina. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. C. L. Patrick as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan, is assisting in the services. He and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial welcome to attend the remainder of these services.

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Everett Chapel Church Announces Homecoming and Revival

Homecoming services will be held at Everett Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Everett Avenue, Clayton, North Carolina, Sunday, September 26. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the homecoming message, by the Rev. W. O. Lassiter, a former pastor. At 12:30 p.m. a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

A singspiration has been planned for the afternoon service with a special invitation extended to all singers to attend and participate in this service.

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Trip to Europe at 79 Years of Age Taken in Her Stride

by Mrs. Lizzie Britt

Since childhood, and more especially after studying ancient and medieval history at Pineland School for Girls, I had had a yearning to tour Western Europe to see many of the great monuments of western civilization. Last spring, when I learned that Mount Olive College was sponsoring a tour to Europe to be directed by Mr. Claude H. Moore, I decided to make the trip. Some of my friends were surprised that I should undertake such a venture at my age, but I felt physically and mentally fit. I was still able to drive a car, take long walks, do my own housework, look after my own business affairs, live alone, go to church regularly, and to attend my club meetings.



Mr. Claude H. Moore and Mrs. Lizzie Britt boarding a canal boat in Amsterdam.

Getting Ready—My first move was to get a birth certificate, and since I was born in Virginia, it was necessary to get a delayed birth certificate in that state. My only birth record was in the family Bible, and since my parents were not named, the "office for complicating simple matters" in Richmond, would not issue a certificate. Later, I sent my marriage record, and the certificate was granted.

During the meantime, I borrowed several beautiful books from the Mount Olive College Library on the countries which I was to visit. The stories of the great castles, cathedrals, art galleries, and museums gave me a thrill of the pageant which I was soon to experience.

The idea of flying did not bother me since I had flown once to and from Indiana. Getting clothes was no problem because I knew that few clothes would be needed, and too, I would be allowed only 44 pounds of luggage.

Congenial Group—On July 26, I started with nine others on our pilgrimage from Mount Olive College. We flew from the Raleigh-Durham Airport to New York, where we met 31 others who joined our group. The composition of the group was as varied as the pilgrims of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, but it turned out to be a congenial group. Among them were a doctor, two nurses, a college professor, a college librarian, a city manager, several college students, and housewives. It was a group typically American, and with a great love for adventure.

Old England—I was excited beyond words when I was informed that we would fly to London in one of the Boeing 747 planes. It was almost unbelievable when 368 passengers boarded with a crew of 20. The plane weighed 700,000 pounds and we made the 3,400 mile flight to London in six hours. It took our pioneer English forefathers two and one-half months to make the same trip in sailing ships. Supper and breakfast were both served aboard the plane, and a movie was shown. I saw the sun rise above the clouds, and such a sight to behold, knowing full well that all of this was a part of the handiwork of the great Architect behind all creation.

No layman can describe the sprawling London metropolis of more than eight million people. When I visited Saint Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and Saint George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, as an Episcopalian, I knew that this was sacred ground; and I felt at home. Every period in history since Roman times has left its architectural imprint on London. As I toured the city of London, I remembered that it was from this country that America got its language, literary heritage, our form of representative government, and our Protestant religion. I had hardly learned to count the British money when our group flew on from London to Amsterdam in a Dutch plane. Our English guide accompanied us through Europe and we had English speaking guides in each country.



Four of Mount Olive College group, from left to right: Mrs. Grace Davis, Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mrs. Lizzie Britt, and Mr. Claude H. Moore.

The Dutch—In Amsterdam, we were met by a bus which took us on a 2,50 mile tour, with an English-speaking Dutch driver. The Dutch were just as expected—energetic, polite, clean, honest; and their towns were so immaculate that they smelled like supersuds! We were all amazed at the great engineering feats of the Dutch people in reclaiming so much land from the seas and distributing the waters of the Rhine River to the North Sea.

From Arnhem, Netherlands, we journeyed on to the German city of Cologne which is not only an old city filled with history, but is a booming industrial area. Then a boat trip on the romantic Rhine River, which is bounded by high picturesque mountains, ancient fortifications, old castles, vineyards, and charming villages, with every nook and corner filled with blooming flowers. An overnight stay in the little city of Rudesheim gave us an opportunity to see the local people in their gay atmosphere of sing

ing and dancing in their own places of entertainment.

Beautiful Germany—As we passed through Bonn, the birthplace of Beethoven, I could almost hear the strains from his beautiful compositions in my imagination. Then on to Munich, the old capital of the Kingdom of Bavaria, with its palaces, museums, modern subways, flourishing industries, and unrestrained traffic. Across the Bavarian Alps, through the little town of Oberammergau, the site of the famed passion play, we crossed the border into Austrian Tyrol. The drive through the historic Brenner Pass and the Dolomite Mountains was breathtaking.

Sunny Italy—Our next major stop was Venice, sometimes called the Queen of the Adriatic. There is no city like it, and one must go in order to catch the spirit of this metropolis, devoid of automobiles, trucks, and with boats as the only means of transportation. Saint Mark's Cathedral, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, the Grand Canal, Marco Polo's burial place, are all a must for one going to Venice; as well as an evening in Saint Mary's Square with the pigeons, the hawkers, the music, and the multitudes.

The bus trip from Venice to Rome across the Apennine Mountains gives one a cross section of the countryside of Italy, the farms, the quarries, the pastures, the vineyards, the olive groves, the quaint little villages, and the churches. The modern motor ways are very similar to the four lane throughways in the United States.

The Eternal City—When I arrived in the city of Rome, I really felt like a pilgrim coming back to see the true mother of western civilization, this old capital of ancient Rome, this age old headquarters of Christendom, and also the capital of modern Italy. We were accompanied by a competent guide to the Colosseum, the Vatican Museum, Saint Peter's Church, the Pantheon, Hadrian's Tomb, Saint John's Latern, the Catacombs, the historic fountains, to the Forum, and numerous other places of historic and cultural interest. There is no speed limit in Rome, and the traffic is a nerve-wracking experience.

From Rome to Florence, the great Renaissance City, and the old capital of Tuscany, on the Arno River. Florence takes great pride in its churches, museums, art galleries, and public buildings. This city contains many of the creations of Michelangelo, Ghiberti Leonardo do Vinci, Raphael, and Brunelleschi. We had the pleasure of touring the city which included the cathedral, the public square, the De Medici Palace, and the De Medici Chapel. Early one morning as I took a walk before breakfast, I went into an old church where I saw the burial vaults of Galileo, Michelangelo, and Michavelli.

From Florence to Milan, the most highly industrialized city in Italy. It is worth a trip to Milan to see the magnificent cathedral and Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

Colorful Alps—Our tour was almost like a storybook: from Milan up through the gorgeous Alps; crossing into Switzerland at the Simplon Pass; on the Bern, the ancient capital city; to the Apline resort of Interlaken, from which the snow-capped Mount Jungfrau could be seen; across the province of Burdundy in France to the gay and colorful city of Paris.

Gay Paris—When the Creator made Paris, he saved a few leftovers to flavor Quebec and New Orleans, but there is no other like it. Our first introduction was a thrilling drive among the glittering illuminations, seeing fountains, statues, and historic buildings in brilliantly lit array. Before leaving, I had seen the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Elysee, the Arc de Triomple, Napoleon's Tomb, the Artists' quarters, the Place de la Concorde, the Luxembourg Gardens, the Opera House, and Montmartre. Paris was built for pedestrians with its 86,000 trees and broad sidewalks.



Mount Olive College group in Lisbon, Portugal.

Hospitable Spain—On the eighteenth day we flew in a Spanish jet from Paris to Madrid, Spain. The highlights of Madrid are: a tour through the royal palace and the world famous Prado Museum. Then a tour to the ancient and walled city of Toledo. Then a jet flight to Lisbon, Portugal, which turned out to be my favorite country. From Lisbon, Portugal, we flew to New York in the afternoon of the twenty-second day, ending my travels of more than ten thousand miles.

Homeward Bound—The food was wonderful all the way. A continental breakfast is not exactly old ham, grits with ham gravy, and corn fritters, but it included a variety of buns, hard rolls, pure butter, jam and jelly, and plenty of coffee. The lunches and suppers usually consisted of four or five courses. I ate some of everything, ranging from snail in the shell, to steak, veal, chicken, fish, a variety of fruits—and I enjoyed it. I did lose weight, but that was from walking so much.

My trip was really one glory after another, but I was glad to get back to my homeland, Turkey, North Carolina.

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Mount Olive College Day

Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, September 26, as Mount Olive College Day. The Rev. Norman Ard, pastor of the church, has announced that Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service. President Raper will also teach a Sunday school class at 10 a.m.

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Mount Olive College Dinners for 1971

Listed below is the schedule of organizational meetings for the 1971 dinners for Mount Olive College. Each church is requested to appoint a Mount Olive College Committee to attend the meeting in its county at which time they will receive information on the College and decide upon the date and place for the dinner.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, September 23, 8 p.m., Shady Grove church, Bobby G. Bazen, host pastor.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties, Friday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will

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NEWS NOTES

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The pastor, the Rev. Billy R. Yawn, and the church membership extend to all former pastors, former members, and friends a cordial welcome to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

On Monday evening, September 27, revival services will begin at Everett Chapel and continue through Sunday, October 3. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. James Joyner, pastor of the Kenly, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, bringing the messages, assisted by the pastor. Along with good preaching, special music will be featured each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services possible.

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St. Paul Church to Observe Homecoming, Followed with Revival

The St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Cedar Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming on Sunday, October 3, with all former pastors, former members, and friends cordially invited to attend and enjoy the worship service and a picnic lunch served on the church grounds.

Beginning with the morning worship service on Sunday, October 3, the Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, will begin the fall revival at St. Paul church. The services will continue through Friday evening, October 8. The pastor, the Rev. John Owens, will assist in the services. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend all of these services possible.

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James B. Hardee to Host Bible Lands Pilgrimage

The Rev. James B. Hardee of Elizabethtown, North Carolina, will host a ten-day Bible Lands Pilgrimage which will depart JFK International Airport, New York, March 7, 1972. The total cost of the tour is $649. A down payment of $65 is required, but the balance may be paid on a twenty-four-month plan, at about $28 per month.

Points of interest and the days involved are as follows: First day: New York; evening departure from JFK International Airport on jet to Tel Aviv-Jaffa; hearty dinner and breakfast are served aloft.

Second day: Jerusalem; arrive in Tel Aviv-Jaffa in the evening local time and will be met, assisted, and transferred to hotel in Jerusalem to spend the night.

Third day: Jerusalem; tour important places rich in Bible history.

Fourth day: Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Jericho, Jordan River, Dead Sea; tour important places which are spoken of frequently in the Scriptures.

Fifth day: Samaria, Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth; others places of particular interest to the layman and minister alike.

Sixth day: the Coastal Area to Haifa; Solomon's stables will be seen on this leg of the journey as well as the place where Paul was imprisoned.

Seventh day: in the Holy City; free day here; at a small additional cost of $15, one may participate in the optional tour to Beersheba/Askhelon.

Eight day: Tel Aviv-Jaffa/Athens; well-known Acropolis, with the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum, and Propylaea will be seen.

Ninth day: Corinth; where Paul spoke so eloquently; temple of Apollo and the Roman ruins containing platform from which Paul preached will be seen.

Tenth day: Athens/New York; proceed to the airport for flight back home; arrival in the afternoon of the same day.

Anyone interested in taking this tour should contact the Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337; telephone (919) 862-3940.

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Pleasant Grove Church To Observe Homecoming

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming on Sunday, October 3. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m., with Mr. Rudolph Jones of Pine Level, North Carolina, teaching the lesson. The morning message will be brought by the pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald.

A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour, and an afternoon musical program has been planned. The pastor and church membership invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

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Homecoming and Dedication At Union Grove Church

On Sunday, September 26, the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church in the Nahunta-Pinkney Community of Wayne County, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming service. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by a former member, James S. Morris of Newport News, Virginia. Mr. Morris is the son of Mr. an Mrs. Patrick Morris who are members c this church. Lunch will be served on th church grounds at 12:30 p.m.

In the afternoon a memorial servic and a songfest will be held with severa singing groups invited to participate.

A highlight of the homecoming servic will be the dedication of a Schulmeric "Coronation" Carillon. The 25 Englis Bell Carillon with electronic amplifica tion for outdoor as well as indoor us will be presented to the church by D Thomas R. Morris of Goldsboro, Nort Carolina, in memory of his mother, Mr Sallie Pittman Morris, who died July 1 1970. Mrs. Morris was an active mem ber of the Union Grove church all of he life.

The church pastor, the Rev. R. P. Ha ris, and the church membership exten an invitation to all former pastors, fo mer members, and friends to attend an enjoy a day of worship and Christia fellowship.

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People's Chapel to Observe Revival and Homecoming

The People's Chapel Free Will Bapti Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Car lina, has slated a series of revival se vices, beginning September 27 and co tinuing through October 2, with the Re John Swain of Nashville, North Carolin serving as guest evangelist. Servic will begin each evening at 7:45 and wi feature special music and good gosp preaching. The pastor of the chruc the Rev. Carey Cheshire, will assist the services.

Homecoming at the People's Chap church will be observed Sunday, Octob 3. The day's activities will begin wi Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed b the morning worship service at eleve with the Rev. Homer Butler of Clinto North Carolina, delivering the homecor ing message. A picnic lunch will b served on the church grounds at noo and a singspiration will follow in the a ternoon.

The public is cordially invited to a tend the revival services; and friend former pastors, and former members the church are invited to attend t homecoming observance and participa in the day of fellowship.

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A fellow mentioned that his teen-a son was developing a cauliflower ea Not from boxing—but from using t phone.—1010 Illustrations, Poems a Quotes.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Is it literally true that the itch of Endor raised the spirit of muel?

Answer: I have been inclined to so be- ve this in most cases when this sub- ct comes before me. However, there e good authorities that have written the subject that do not believe this, d these have had a tendency to influ- ce my thinking more in the later years hen I read the story in the Bible or am ought face to face with the question some way. When I read 1 Samuel, apters 28 and 29, as I have just done, m persuaded that it was a supernatural wer that caused "the witch of Endor" respond to Saul's request, and which ought the likeness or form of Samuel d caused the communication that they ered into that night. We may be sure one certain thing and that is that God used Saul to get the message He want- him to have.

Knowing what the Bible teaches about woman it speaks of as having a miliar spirit," I know that the spirit trolling her was from the realm of kness and that no one who fears God uld in any way have anything to do h such women, nor should they have thing to do with wizards or men pos- sed by these spirits. There is this to consider, however, and that is t God uses all creatures to in some bring glory to Himself and good to His obedient children. "God works mysterious ways His wonders to per- n" and this is one of those ways by ch He accomplishes this very thing. ven though the devil without question owered this wicked woman to do t she did in this case. God allowed brought to bear the influence to pro- e every feature of the unusual dra- ic scene as it occurred and caused it e written, every word as He chose, the greatest benefit to all of us who it. "It is God's doings and it is velous in our sight."

would occur to me that Saul, once a ant and a prophet of God (see 1 uel 10:9-13), has at the time of the event turned from and against God to such an extent that God had given him up to the destruction of his own ways, and that He choses this incident which symbolizes the state of disobedience of Saul's hardened heart.

George H. Sandison in, "1,000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered," on Page 109, puts it like this:

"Much has been written on the question whether, in the scene at Endor, an imposture or a real apparition appeared. Eustathius and a majority of the early Christian fathers held the former opinion, and represent it as a deception of the evil one; Origen held the latter view. It should be remembered that Saul, at the time was forsaken of God and that, rendered desperate by his sins, he had recourse to this woman, who in the Hebrew writings is described as 'a mistress of Ob' or a necromancist (not a 'witch') who obtained a living by pretending to have intercourse with spirits, while the Greek writers describe her as a ventriloquest. Josephus, the Jewish historian, describes her as one of a class of fortune-tellers who had been banished by the king. Saul's highly wrought nervous condition at the time, combined with the fact that he himself saw no vision or spirit, but simply listened to and accepted the necromancer's description of an aged man of godlike appearance, should be taken into consideration, and these facts doubtless influence the early fathers in reaching the conclusion that the wretched king had been the victim of an imposition."

God also says, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:26-30); "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon. . . . And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:11, 15-17). (Read Revelation 12; 13; 17; 18.) "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2); "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

When the people in general that belong to a nation obey God, He gives them power over evil spirits to the end that these demons may not manifest themselves through the lives of the people in that group like it was common among the Canaanites of Saul's day, and was in the days when Israel began to occupy the land. Israel drifted away from God in the days of John the Baptist's and Christ's ministries, hence we have the account on several occasions given when Christ and then later His apostles cast out these evil spirits as they found people possessed of them. Evil angels and evil spirits in various times have been allowed to control people when that group of people refused to be obedient to God and thereby allow Him to possess their bodies. Every person's body is either influenced or controlled by the Holy Spirit or by the devil and his angels or evil spirits.

God's little ones' angels always behold God's face. (See Matthew 18:10; Psalm 34:7.) The angel of the Lord camps near the saints of God to keep them delivered from evil spirits as well as from the evil influences of people that are evil because they do not obey God. There is to be seen one example in the Bible of God's using an evil spirit to carry out His punishment of a king of His chosen

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STORIES

for our youth



TIM'S PROBLEM

JOHN V. MATTHEWS

HEY, Tim," called Pete, "let's play basketball."

Tim Dooley grinned. "Sure, Pete, as soon as I change my clothes."

Tim lived in the same block as Pete, so it didn't take long to put on his play clothes.

"Let's go," called Tim as he dashed toward the basket.

Pete faked a pass to his left, then bounced the ball to Tim as he ran by. Tim took three quick jump shots before the ball went through the net.

Tim dribbled the ball away from the basket and passed it to Pete. "Now it's your turn."

Pete took the pass, made a leap toward the basket, and shot for it while he was still in the air.

"That was a good shot!" said Tim.

Pete grinned. "Let's see what you can do."

Tim tried, but he didn't have a good grip on the ball, so he missed.

"Maybe you can do it when you are older," said Pete.

"I'll be ten years old next week," said Tim. "I sure hope I get a basketball for my birthday."

When Tim got home he went to the kitchen where his mother was working. "Mom, do you think I might get a basketball for my birthday? You know it's next Saturday."

"Oh, I hadn't forgotten." But Mrs. Dooley didn't answer his question. She looked out of the window.

Tim put his arm around his mother. "I was playing with Pete this afternoon, and I sure would like to have a basketball."

Mrs. Dooley had a serious look on her face. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Every night Tim said his prayers before he climbed into bed. At the end he always said, "And please, God, I would like to have a basketball for my birthday. Amen."

When the Saturday of his birthday arrived, Tim got out of bed and dressed in a hurry. At his place at the breakfast table, he saw a square box.

"Oh, my basketball!" Tim cried, his eyes glowing.

Mrs. Dooley was silent, then she said, "Open your present."

Tim tore off the wrapping paper and opened the box. His smile vanished. "Nothing but an old sweater." Tim was almost crying.

Mrs. Dooley put her arm around Tim. "I'm sorry it's not what you wanted. I had made this sweater before you mentioned wanting a basketball. I couldn't afford to buy you a basketball, Tim. Maybe if your father were still alive, it would be a different story."

Tim looked at his mother. Tears were in his eyes. "I'm sorry, Mom. I just wasn't thinking." He held up the sweater. "It's a real nice sweater, Mom. I'll try it on." Tim put his arms in the sleeves and pulled it over his head. "It's green and white, our school's colors."

Mrs. Dooley smiled through her tears. "It's a good fit."

Tim looked at himself in front of the mirror. "Yes, it does fit nicely. Thank you, Mom."

"You know, I overheard your prayers last night. I went to bed, but it was a long time before I fell asleep." His mother bowed her head. "Don't lose your faith in God, Tim. He can still help you with your wish about the basketball. You know, God helps us to answer our own prayers sometimes."

Tim frowned. "How?"

"Well, maybe you can find some wa to earn the money," suggested Mrs Dooley.

"Maybe I could run errands," answe ed Tim.

"Yes," said his mother. "It may tak a little longer than you expect, but I'm sure God will help you."

Tim went outside. He went to th tool shed and got out the lawn mowe He mowed the back yard first. Then h mowed the front yard. Tim was takin the mower back to the tool shed whe he heard Mrs. McCauley calling his nam

"Did you call me, Mrs. McCauley? asked Tim.

"Yes," said Mrs. McCauley. "Whe you have a chance to catch your breat would you mind mowing my lawn?"

"No, I wouldn't," smiled Tim. "I' be glad to."

When he was through with Mrs. M Cauley's lawn, he was richer by $1.25.

Tim showed the money to his mothe "You know what? I'm going to t other neighbors to see if I can mow the lawns."

Mrs. Dooley smiled. "A good ide Why don't you take this small noteboo and write down their names?"

"Do you think I need to do that?" gri ned Tim.

"It's more businesslike. Every goo lawn mower should have a record of h appointments."

Tim made appointments with Mr Johnson, Mr. McGhee, and Mr. W liams.

After lunch, Tim took his lawn mo er and mowed Mrs. Johnson's lawn, re ed for thirty minutes, and then mow Mr. McGhee's lawn. When he had co pleted Mr. McGhee's lawn, he rested f an hour, then he mowed Mr. Willian lawn.

At the end of the day, Tim count the money he had earned. He had fo quarters and four dollar bills. "Five d lars," he said. "It won't take too lo to earn enough money to buy the b ketball."

When Tim went to bed that night, ended his prayers with "And thank y God, for helping me earn $5. Ple continue helping me. Amen."

But business was very slow the n few days. His record showed he earn fifty cents on an errand for Mr. How on one day, seventy-five cents by ca ing groceries for Mrs. James anot day, and fifty cents for returning Young's books to the public library day.

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INFORMATION ABOUT

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THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

NEW DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS LIFE

Mr. James Thomas Pully of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, has been named as director of campus life (formerly called assistant superintendent) at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. A native of Vance County, North Carolina, Mr. Pully attended school in the Rocky Mount City School system, as his family moved there when he was six years old.

His professional training includes studies with the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Juvenile Correction, and the Sociology and Psychology Department of North Carolina Wesleyan College. He has studied intensely in the areas of behavior modification, recreation in cottage life, interpersonal relations as a cottage counselor, and rehabilitation of the emotionally disturbed child. Mr. Pully also holds several certificates for having attended and completed various workshops in the area of child care.

Mr. Pully comes to the Children's Home from the Richard T. Fountain School for Boys in Rocky Mount where he has served as counselor for the past five years. His previous experience includes working with the mentally retarded children at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, for four years; in a similar capacity at the John Umstead Hospital in Butner, North Carolina, for one and a half years; and for more than one year with the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center.

He is married to the former Jackie Bronce of Wallace, North Carolina, and from this union they have two sons: Jimmy, age 6; and Scotty, age 5. A member of the North Rocky Mount Baptist Church, he is a very dedicated Christian who is extremely interested in the spiritual welfare of our children.

The new director of campus life began his duties on September 15, 1971.

Superintendent Pierce Named to Committee

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, has been named to serve as a member of the Resolutions Committee for the North Carolina Child Care Association which will meet on Tuesday, September 21, 1971, at Boys' Home, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. The appointment was made by the Rev. J. W. Lineberger, president of the Association and superintendent of the Methodist Home for Children, Raleigh, North Carolina. Other members of the committee are Dr. Walstein W. Snyder, executive director of the Elon Home for Children, Elon College, North Carolina (serving as chairman); and Mr. Robert D. Noble, superintendent of the Episcopal Child Care Services, Charlotte, North Carolina. Among the committee's presentations to the association will be resolutions of respect and appreciation.

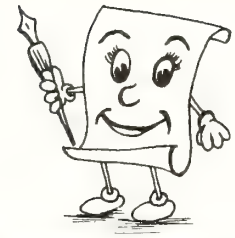
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Award Given to Children's Home

Mrs. B. S. Watson of Kenly, North Carolina, has recently been named recipient of a $100 award for being the top producer in the Rocky Mount Division of Field Enterprises Educational Corporation. This is the first time such an award has been given through the representatives of the corporation. As a benevolent gesture, Mrs. Watson chose to give her $100 award money to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home to assist in its ministry of child care. She expressed in so doing her love for children and her desire to fulfill the promise of Jesus who said, ". . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

Mrs. Watson is an active member of Kenly Free Will Baptist Church where the Rev. James V. Joyner is pastor. Her husband is a local insurance agent in Kenly.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Maribel was talking with Nancy after church one Sunday morning.

"The auxiliary meets tomorrow night, and I've been wanting you to come join us. How about letting me pick you up?" asked Maribel.

"Oh, I don't know. All you do is read some reports and have a program, isn't it? And at your circle meetings, you just have another program, then sit around eating and talking about your children and your jobs. I don't see any point in it," answered Nancy.

Well, the point is "missions," home and foreign. Nancy, not being a member, didn't know that; and Maribel, caught off guard, wasn't sure how to answer her.

The woman's auxiliary was founded to support the cause of missions in our churches. Women have had a special interest in spreading the gospel story ever since Jesus gave Mary Magdalene and the other women the privilege of carrying the good news to His disciples.

Our North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has agreed to pay the annual salary of Mrs. Faye Barrow, missionary wife of Joe Barrow in Rhodesia. This $3,000 is divided proportionately among the district conventions, and each church has a certain quota. My auxiliary's part is only $15, so each of the three circles can easily pay its $5 per year. We also send $26 each month to the school in Texas, and occasionally buy some Spanish literature. A few members send private donations to other mission projects, also.

Will you write and tell me what your auxiliary does for missions? Tell me anything, even if you think it's unimportant. It may be new to me, and sharing it through this column could help another auxiliary. Also, it might be just the argument to convince Nancy and others like her that our united efforts for missions make a good point in favor of the woman's auxiliary, and that her membership is important.

Write to me in care of this paper, and let's share our ideas.



GOD CALLS MEN

Lesson Text: Exodus 3:1-14

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 1:8, 9

I. INTRODUCTION

Every Christian is a called out person. He is called out from the world to live a separated life for the glory of God. Some of these Christians are called to do specific tasks in the kingdom of God. We call them pastors, evangelists, teachers, missionaries, and the like. Most of these specially called ones are serving the Lord full time. Others may devote some of their time to secular work.

We believe that God chooses those who will serve in these special positions. The worst mistake a young man can make is to "enter the ministry" when he has no consciousness of God's call to that labor. The ministry is not a profession in the sense that medicine, law, and teaching are. The minister is not a professional person, but a called person. While doctors and lawyers as well as teachers may consider theirs a peculiar "calling," we are of the opinion that this term belongs especially to the work of the ministry or mission field.

Our lesson today takes us back to Exodus where we will consider how God calls men to special service. Last Sunday we studied how God gives meaning to the Christian's life. Today we will take this theme still further and show how God's calling gives special significance to the Christian's experience. Search your own heart today. Make sure that you have not closed your ears to that still, small voice that may be calling you. —The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The experience of Moses on the backside of the desert was useful in teaching him humility and patience (Exodus 3:1).

B. The fact that Moses, a man of the desert, turned aside to see the burning bush would indicate that it is not to be explained by some natural phenomenon (vv. 2, 3).

C. The presence of the Lord in the desert proves that a man cannot escape God anywhere he goes (Exodus 3:4; Psalm 139:7-10; cf. Jonah 1).

D. Christians ought to learn that being in the presence of God is a privilege and requires the proper attitude (Exodus 3:5, 6; cf. John 4:24).

E. God's knowledge of the afflictions of Israel shows that He is also aware of the problems of the believer (Exodus 3:7-10; cf. Acts 9:4; 1 Corinthians 10:13).

F. God's commands also have the promise of the power to fulfill them (Exodus 3:11-14; Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 1:8).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Many Bible characters received the call of God in dramatic ways. God spoke to Moses in a burning bush. Because of this there are those who feel that they cannot enter God's service unless they receive a divine summons accompanied by some miraculous manifestation. They expect to hear an audible voice or at least experience some emotional upheaval.

These people should carefully read in the sixteenth chapter of Acts about the calling of Timothy. When Paul was looking for an assistant, he chose Timothy. The Scripture indicates that he made this choice because of Timothy's good character. This character had been developed in part by the Bible training received from his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15). Timothy became a great preacher of the gospel. His case record is one that churches should study, and then they should seek out young men who have the qualifications of Timothy.

How many Timothys has your church sent into the ministry? What does your class or your congregation do to encourage young men to enter Bible college? Ask your minister, or a ministerial recruit, to tell the class about his decision to enter the ministry.—Standard Commentary.

B. Most of us are well aware that God calls men to such fields as the ministry, as deacons, teachers, song leaders, and missionary workers; but we are likely to lose sight of the fact that God also calls men to positions in secular fields of labor.

There is a general call of God to all Christians to witness to the saving grace of God as it is made known through the gospel; but in addition to this general call there are also specific calls to definite fields of labor both in an out of the church.

The thing that is of importance to us is that we make sure that we recognize God's call for our lives, whether it be a call to full-time service through the church or a call to labor in some secular field of endeavor. We must answer the call and with God's help and guidance do our very best to perform the work in a right and acceptable manner.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. The Bible speaks of angels. Yet some people refuse to believe in angels. Jesus talked about "legions of angels" (Matthew 26:53). Good angels are heavenly messengers. Angels appeared to Abraham, and the promise of a son to Sarah was renewed. In helping those we do not know, we may well be entertaining "angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

When asked why he closed his eyes in prayer, someone replied, "I want to see God." His friend said, "Why don't you open your eyes and see God in the faces of little children or people who are hungry?"

Let us open our eyes and take advantage of opportunities to serve, and no doubt we will be serving angels unawares.

God notes even the falling of a sparrow to the ground (Matthew 10:29). Surely He is aware of the affliction through which we pass. An elderly woman lay ill for many years in a nursing home. Few people came by to see her. In spite of this, she remained cheerful and optimistic. Those around her marveled at her radiance. She had ever reason to be bitter and resentful. One day a friend asked her how she could remain so trustful and confident. The woman replied, "The Lord sees." How true this is! Our Lord Jesus saw the sick, the lepers, the blind. He truly saw them. Let us remember that He sees the affliction of His people.—Bible Expositor

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In Christ we find sufficiency for our own insufficiency. — 1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

Mount Olive News

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Baptist Church of Tarboro, Raymond T. Sasser, host pastor.

ones County, Sunday, September 26, 3:30 p.m., Whaley's Chapel church, Lloyd Vernon, host pastor.

enoir County, Monday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, James A. Evans, host pastor.

ash County, Tuesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., Free Union church, Lester Duncan, host pastor.

nslow-New Hanover Counties, Friday, October 1, 7:30 p.m., Folkstone church, L. L. Parker, host pastor.

ashington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Monday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., Mount Tabor church, Larry Barbour, host pastor.

eaufort County, Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., Memorial church, Roy Cauley, host pastor.

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Questions & Answers

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ople in the twenty-second chapter of 1 ngs, Verses 19-37. In this He influces a "lying spirit" to be in the mouths false prophets who encouraged Ahab Israel and Jehoshaphat of Judah to up against Syria where Ahab was in. "And there came forth a spirit, d stood before the LORD, and said, I ll persuade him. And the LORD said to him, Wherewith? And he said, I ll go forth, and I will be a lying spirit the mouth of all his prophets. And said, Thou shalt persuade him, and evail also; go forth, and do so" (1 ngs 22:21, 22); "And for this cause d shall send them strong delusion, that ey should believe a lie: That they all ght be damned who believed not the th, but had pleasure in unrighteousss" (2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12); "And the prophet be deceived when he hath oken a thing, I the LORD have deceived t prophet, and I will stretch out my nd upon him, and will destroy him m the midst of my people Israel" kiel 14:9).

Let us who are Christians not forget t this, the church age, will be brought its conclusion in a similar way to that other ages, even though it is still and been from its inception the most ious of any of its predecessors. The age before the universal flood of water that God brought upon the whole human race of that day except Noah and his family produced such godly men as Abel of whom it is said, ". . . he was righteous, . . ." (Hebrews 11:4); Enoch of whom it is said, ". . . Enoch walked with God: . . . for God took him" (Genesis 5: 24), and "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; . . . he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5); Noah the preacher of righteousness ". . . moved with fear, prepared an ark . . . by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness . . ." (Hebrews 11:7). These righteous men that are so mentioned in God's Word lived in the age when some of the most atrocious sins were committed against God and against society. God says of them: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"How's my businessman doing?" asked Mrs. Dooley.

Tim showed her his appointment book. "Not so good. All together, I've earned $6.75. That's just about half of what I need."

"Keep your chin up," advised his mother. "And keep working."

During the next two weeks, Tim didn't have much success in increasing his funds. He was fortunate in mowing Mrs. Johnson's lawn again.

That night Tim lay in his bed, thinking. In his prayers he had thanked God for all His blessings and had asked Him for help in earning more money to add to his basketball fund. But why was God's help so slow? For more than a month he had been trying to raise the $12 needed for the ball. Tim was becoming disgusted with everything. Why couldn't he find a quicker way to earn the money?

Then an evil thought crossed his mind. He could sneak into Mr. Lusteen's apple orchard, pick up a bushel or two, and sell them.

But that would be stealing, his conscience reminded him.

Mr. Lusteen wouldn't miss just two bushels, spoke the evil voice.

Tim turned over in his bed. He looked out of his window and saw the full moon. Suddenly he remembered, the leaves were beginning to fall and someone would be needed to rake them.

Tim turned over in his bed. He looked back at the moon. Was the moon smiling down on him?

"Thank you, God, for bringing about a change of seasons," said Tim.

Tim smiled as he thought about all the people he would be asking about raking their leaves.—My Pleasure.

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THE LORD'S DAY

We thank Thee, heavenly Father, for
  This sweet day of remembrance,
Of all who journeyed here on earth,
  And left us an inheritance.

Of treasures, of activities,
  Of songs of glory and of praise,
Of monuments of works to serve
  Eternally in countless ways.

To prove that life is lord of death,
  Souls that were here for a brief loan
Are here eternally to say
  That "love can never lose its own."

—Laura Emily Mau,
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When asked why he attended church, a deaf and dumb man answered, "To show which side I am on."—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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Death is just a swinging door; that same God is on both sides.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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World Vision Baby Home Wars Against Mysterious Killer

Saigon — The battle being waged at World Vision's New Life Babies Home here against a mysterious killer of infants—anticlitic depression—was described in a recent issue of PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES.

"These malnourished and premature babies in Saigon are dying like flies. Adequate care is not available," explains Dr. Wayne McKinney who spearheaded the New Life Babies Home which opened late in 1970. The infant death rate in Vietnam from this killer runs as high as 40 to 60 percent, the paper reported.

When a baby is not fondled and loved, infant physchologists have found he begins to withdraw and loses his appetite. Often the baby will die of malnutrition. If he lives, but proper care is not given by the time he is three years old, the child will be abnormal for the rest of his life.

Dr. McKinney could not stand by and see these babies die. He started bringing the most desperately ill home to his wife. At one time, they had nine of these emaciated little ones in their home.

His driving force teamed with a Vietnamese government appeal for help got ethers involved.

Dr. McKinney, an American volunteer physician, during his two years in Vietnam, served as medical advisor to the 20,000 children in the World Vision of Vietnam's childcare program. Through this relationship, World Vision came to share Dr. McKinney's concern for Vietnam's dying infants and assumed responsibility for administering and funding what is now known as the New Life Babies Home.

The home is an example of many hands joining together to save lives. The Vietnamese Ministry of Social Welfare supplied the building, electricity, and telephone. The American-owned Pacific Architects and Engineers Incorporated company funds provided funds for transforming the former warehouse into a lifesaving center. The Third Field Hospital (U. S.) provided beds, mattresses, and other equipment. Additional help came from interested parties in Europe and America. And World Vision of Australia accepted responsibility of providing operating funds for the 75-bed home.

Thomas E. Spicknall of PAE describes the home as a place for infants halfway between life and death. Most hospitals and orphanages are not equipped to provide the around-the-clock care needed by these malnourished and premature babies. So they die. New Life Babies Home, supervised by American nurse, Mrs. Sharon Spillane, provides this 24-hour care.

When the babies are strong enough, they are adopted or placed in an orphanage. Average stay at the home is three months.

In a country where 40 percent of the people are displaced persons, many move to the more secure areas of the cities. Saigon population has mushroomed to three million. Health facilities, already inadequate to meet military needs, have been unable to cope with the civilian need. One doctor exists for every one hundred thousand Vietnamese.

Dr. Stan Mooneyham, president of World Vision, a Protestant service agency with childcare work in 19 countries besides Vietnam, pointed out that the New Life Babies Home does not come near meeting the need of all the malnourished premature babies in Saigon; but it is a hopeful beginning.

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Children now love luxury, have bad manners, have contempt for authority, show disrespect for their elders, and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their household. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, and tyrannize over their teachers —Socrates, 1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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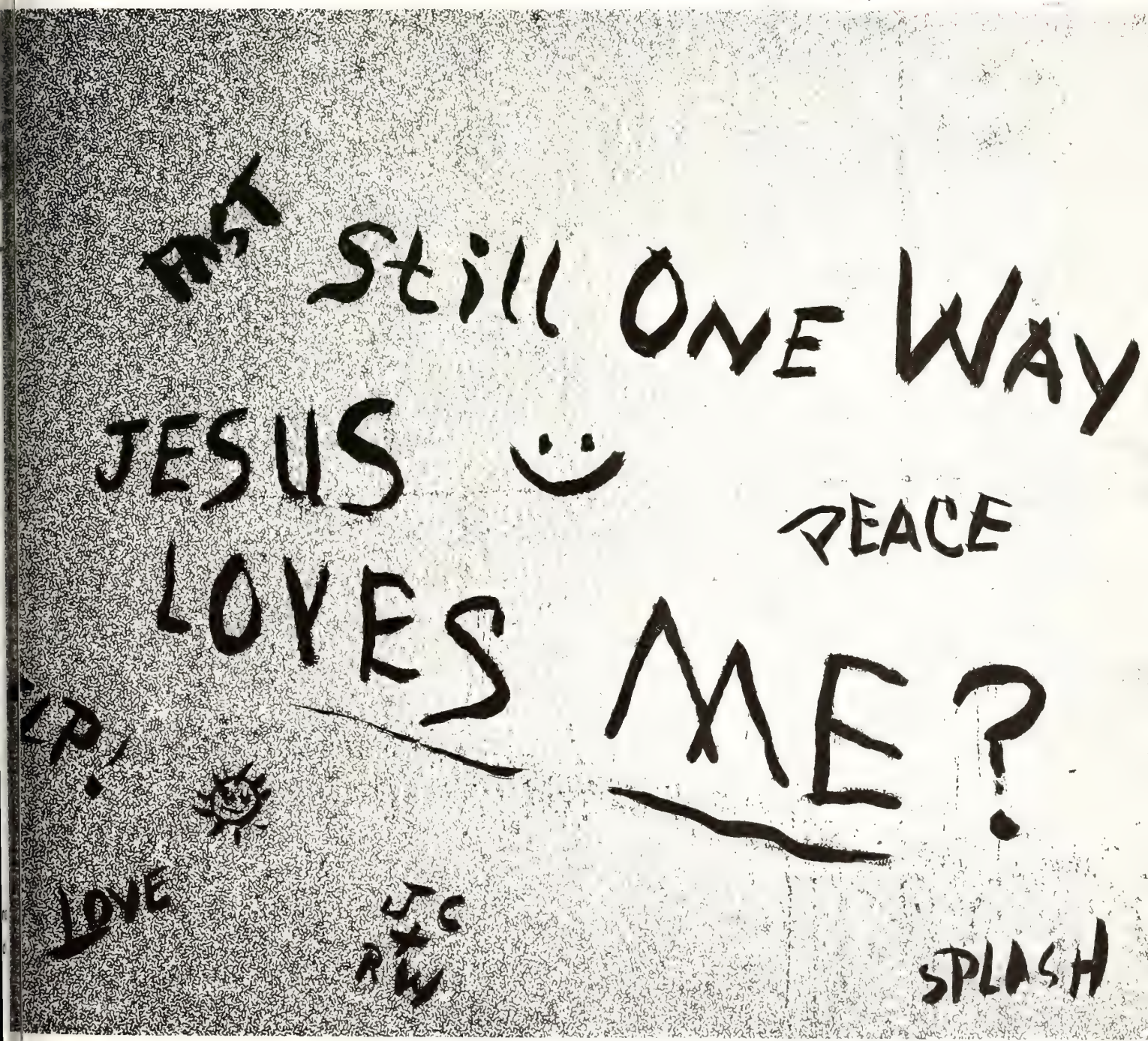
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STILL ONE WAY

One can feed a thousand people;
One can dry a million tears;
One can lift a hundred fallen
And chase away their fears.

One can light so many candles;
One can brighten up the dark;
One can show the way for others
And help them find the mark.

One can pray for the afflicted;
One can show some kindness too;
One can care for countless orphans
And tell them what to do.

One can visit those in prison;
One can give them words of cheer;
One can tell them of the Saviour
And let them know He's near.

One can spend his every penny;
One can give his wealth away;
One can know this cause or that one
Will need support today.

One can make his joy in living
Life—a sacrificial thing;
One can serve with might and vigor;
Still all would be in vain.

One can work his way to glory;
One can strive to reach his goal,
But can't find his way to heaven
Still lost in heart and soul.

There is still one way to heaven. "Jesus said . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6); ". . . there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12); ". . . ye (are) saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

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FULL PROOF OF THY MINISTRY

A Tribute to the Life Lived and the Legacy Left by Henry Melvin

by JOAN A. HOOKS

". . . make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Timothy 4:5).

HO could inherit a richer legacy than that left by Henry Melvin to those o knew and loved him during the 46 ars that he "made full proof" of his nistry? Though saved at the age of in Kynesville, Florida, and ordained 1925, the hand of God must have been on him from the cradle and was a nstant guide until his departure from s life Wednesday, June 9, 1971, in shville, Tennessee. His life was a autiful picture of the faithful servant scribed in 2 Timothy 4:2, 5: "Preach word; be instant in season, out of son; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all gsuffering and doctrine. . . . watch u in all things, endure afflictions, do work of an evangelist, make full of of thy ministry."

How did Henry Melvin make full proof his ministry?

He Preached the Word—Henry Melvin not only a wonderful pastor, he was rue evangelist. His dynamic preach- won many souls to Christ; only nity will tell how many. Many of se new Christians became his "sons he ministry," and went forth also to ach the Word.

Mr. Melvin's preaching caused those listened to search their inner being, king minds which had long lain dor- t. Christians who listened to his aching were challenged and inspired fuller, richer service to God. Those had not accepted Christ as their our sensed a longing for salvation many of these people walked the s of the churches he pastored and ched in making their profession in Lord Jesus Christ.

He Was Instant in Season and Out of on—There was no special time for y Melvin to preach and witness. His life was a witness of the saving er of our Lord. There was never a time of rest from serving God. His was truly full-time service.

He Reproved, He Rebuked—Yes, Henry Melvin reproved many Christians for failing to come up to full measure. Even his fellow ministers were led to fuller service by his definite stands on Christian issues.

Henry Melvin rebuked his church members for having absented themselves from God's house. He rebuked them much like God chastizes those He loves. Through love and compassion Mr. Melvin led those under his guidance to the foot of the Cross where they could look ardently into the face of their crucified Lord. Mr. Melvin did not forsake these followers when they reached this point in their Christian experience. He continued to guide them to channel their devotion to the Lord by serving through the church. He led them to be **active** Christians—not just members in name only.

He Exhorted with All Long-Suffering and Doctrine—Never once did Henry Melvin's faith waver. His was a strong enduring faith founded firmly in Christian conviction and doctrine. Mr. Melvin unceasingly taught this doctrine to those under his guidance. Such faith could not go unrewarded. Henry Melvin is today wearing his crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, placed upon his brow as He welcomed him into glory on that Wednesday, June 9, when he departed this life.

He Watched in All Things—Henry Melvin was an ever-watchful witness, looking into the future and making plans in the present to further the kingdom of God. He was ever careful to make a step only when God bidded him to do so.

Mr. Melvin did not seek self-glory or esteem, but rather chose to take a back seat when it came to "pats on the back." However, he found it an incessant joy to praise others when praise was due, and to give that pat on the back as only Henry Melvin's broad hand could do conveying the closeness and love which he experienced with his fellow Christians.

He Endured Afflictions—Surely no one would dare say that Henry Melvin did not endure afflictions in this life. He fought a constant battle with afflictions the last nine years of his life. These afflictions, however, only resulted in an even stronger faith and determination.

One could never have known a more determined man than Henry Melvin—determined to wage his constant warfare against Satan and to emerge victorious for God. He knew when the end of this life was near and he knew that he had been victorious. He could say, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4: 6-8).

He Did the Work of an Evangelist—No one could deny that Henry Melvin was a dedicated evangelist. He was a born leader—one who demanded to be followed into Christian service. His life was a magnet drawing youth and adults into Christianity.

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The picture of Henry Melvin that I shall always cherish is that memory of him as he led the huge choir at the Nationwide Free Will Baptist League Convention held at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, in 1956. Mr. Melvin loved young people and they in turn felt compelled to love not only him but his Lord whom he represented. This dynamic choir, led by Mr. Melvin, sang the theme song of that youth convention. The words rang out in the convention

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

A Parable

Scripture Reading—Genesis 2:2

A parable tells of seven brothers who lived together. Six worked and the seventh cared for the house, having the meals ready and the house bright for his brothers in the evening. But the six said that the seventh must work, too. So in the evening they returned home and found the house dark and no meal prepared. Then they saw how foolish they had been, and quickly restored the old way. Sunday is a day among the seven which provides light, comfort, and good for the others. If it is driven out to work, the other days will miss its blessing.—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Sunday is the day set aside for worship—the day we forget about work and self-interest—the day our thoughts and concerns center on God.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Morbus Sundayitis

Scripture Reading—Psalm 118:24

There is a disease that is worse and more deadly than smallpox. It is diagnosed by the spiritual as "Morbus Sundayitis." It is a disease which afflicts most church people. The symptoms vary but never affect the appetite. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours. No physician is ever called. It always proves fatal to the soul. It is very prevalent and destroys thousands every year. The attack comes upon them suddenly every Sunday morning.

No symptoms are evidenced on Saturday night. The attack comes about nine o'clock Sunday morning. Usually the sufferer has enjoyed a very good night's sleep, eats a hearty breakfast, but about church time the attack comes upon him with sudden severity. It continues until morning services are over and then seems to abate long enough for him to eat a large dinner. In the afternoon the sufferer seems to be much better and often goes out for a motor ride, game of golf, or some other form of exercise.

Morbus Sundayitis never seems to affect the eyes, for the patient seems to be able to thoroughly enjoy the Sunday paper. About supper time he gets another attack that seems to last until church services are over. On Monday he awakes refreshed and does not have another attack until the following Sunday.

Remedy: one large dose, ". . . Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians 5:14).—*Evangelical Christian.*

Prayer Thought

Morbus Sundayitis—a disease that affects too many people. If you have had a case of it lately, consider doing something about it lest it brings about your spiritual death.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

A Plain Question

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:10

Many years ago when Lord Tennyson was Poet Laureate, he was walking one day with a friend in his garden talking on subjects of public interest of that time. The poet's friend was a believer in the Lord Jesus, and sought as opportunities offered themselves to testify for Him. Pausing for a moment in their conversation, he took the poet by the arm and quietly asked, "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" Tennyson pointed to a flower blooming in all its beauty by the pathway and said, "As the sun is to that flower, so Jesus Christ is to me."—*Gospel Herald.*

Prayer Thought

The sun is necessary for the blooming of flowers; Christ is necessary for the blooming of lives. Christ makes for the best "blooms" imaginable.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Eight-Three a Minute

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:2

At a certain mission church (says the Rev. W. W. Martin) I had put over the clock these words: "83 a minute." At last a deputation came to me and said, "Will you kindly take that down? It haunts us." They knew that it meant that eighty-three souls a minute were passing into eternity—into the dark—who had never heard of Jesus Christ. Are you quite happy about it?—*Christian Herald.*

Prayer Thought

When we consider that 83 souls a minute die without the knowledge of Christ, it should behoove us to do more than ever to bring souls out of darkness into His light. What if no one had ever told us?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

"Better Tell Sister"

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 12:2

"Hadn't I better tell sister about Jesus?" abruptly asked a boy of ten of a guest in the home. The sister, some years younger, was in an upper room asleep, and the boy had been telling of his admiration for her. The guest, thinking to draw out the boy, asked why he should tell his sister. T
was the boy's reply: "Father never told
Mother didn't, and my teachers at sch
never said anything, and I wouldn't h
given my heart to Jesus but for what
told us in Sunday school last Sunday. M
be nobody will tell sister; don't you th
I'd better?" The Lord Jesus did
promise to make His disciples eloqu
orators, clever logicians, or effective prea
ers. But He did promise them, if t
would follow Him, that He would m
them "fishers of men."—*Sunday Sch
Times.*

Prayer Thought

*It is every Christian's duty to tell oth
about Christ—no matter how simply! So
times eloquent words keep Him from
and simple words can make Him shine f
in all His beauty.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Off and On

Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:14

Those who bless the Lord only when
goes well with them are much like the
of whom it was said, "He served the L
off and on for forty years." "Off and
thanksgiving is a poor kind.—*Christian H
ald.*

Prayer Thought

*Serving the Lord only when it is
venient is not flattering to Him nor b
ficial to the server. "Off and on" oxy
makes breathing frantic; "off and on"
ing of Christ makes living the same—
dangerous also.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Greater Honor

Scripture Reading—Exodus 15:2

The story is told of Dean Stanley,
offered to take two soldiers around W
minster Abbey, seeing they had come
late for the official guide to conduct
through the historic shrine. Dean Sta
explained all he knew about the noble
ple whose names were inscribed on
walls and tablets, and in brass letter
the floor. As the soldiers were abou
pass out of the gates, the saintly Dean
"Now, lads, you may never do any
great enough for your country to keep
names in remembrance carved her
Westminster, but I can tell you of a gr
honor than that of having your name ir
old Abbey, that is, of having it writte
the Lamb's Book of Life."—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

*Having our name recorded in bra
stone for the remembrance of future g
ations might be of some importance
but having it recorded in the Book of
is the most important thing that could
pen to our name. This affords eternal
piness with our Saviour!*

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE BEGINNING OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(Article No. 3 in the Twentieth Anniversary Series)

W. Burkett Raper, President

The founding of Mount Olive College wenty years ago was one of the decisive oments in the history of the Free Will aptists of North Carolina. This event recorded in the first catalogue of the ollege in these words:



Mount Olive College Campus Twenty Years Ago.

"The Original Free Will Baptists of orth Carolina for many years operated seminary in the town of Ayden, North arolina, which later developed into ureka College in the same town. It ontinued operation until the years of he depression which caused many in- viduals, banks, and other institutions close their doors for lack of funds to perate. Since the closing of the college Ayden, North Carolina, it has been in he minds of many of our leading minis- rs and laymen throughout the state, ho have seen the urgent need of an stitution of learning for the youth of ur denomination, to undertake the oper- tion of a college.

"A plan for the establishment of a nior college was recommended by the oard of Christian Education for the tate Convention of Free Will Baptists, the month of September, 1951, while the State Convention was in regular session. The Board of Christian Education, after hearing the many requests and after much prayerful study and consideration for the urgent need of an institution of learning, made the following recommendations:

" 'Due to the increased interest and the demand in the state of North Carolina among Free Will Baptist ministers and laymen for a feasible educational program that will more adequately meet the present and future needs of our people in general, we, the Board of Christian Education, wish to offer the following recommendations to the 1951 session of the North Carolina Original Free Will Baptist State Convention, held with the White Oak church, Bladenboro, North Carolina, September 12 and 13:

" 'That the Board of Christian Education consult and negotiate with the Board of Trustees of Cragmont Assembly and work out feasible plans to establish a junior college during the winter months at Cragmont Assembly, with the view to establish in connection with the junior college a seminary. That the beginning of the school not be later than the school year of 1953.' "

Members of the board included D. W. Hansley of Ayden, R. H. Jackson of Davis, D. B. Sasser of Wilson, and S. A. Smith of Middlesex.

To launch the new college the Board of Christian Education had $35 on hand and the convention approved a goal of $10,000 to be raised during the year, but the response was a total of $800.08 in gifts during the next twelve months. Nevertheless, the Board of Christian Education, under the leadership of the Rev. David W. Hansley, was imbued with courage and conviction and boldly announced at the 1952 session that the college would open at Cragmont Assembly on September 22 under the presidency of the Rev. Lloyd Vernon. It is reported that six students were on hand for the beginning of the term and another six were added during the year.

In the fall of 1953 the college was temporarily transferred to the Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, and with $6.17 in the treasury, the Board of Christian Education recommended to the convention the purchase of an old school building site in Mount Olive at a price of $25,000. After two days of heated debate this recommendation was narrowly approved, and in September, 1954, the college began its first year of operation on the collegiate level with an enrollment of twenty-two students.

Ten years later, in 1961, the college could report that it had an enrollment of 153 students, an operating budget of

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Mount Olive College Campus Today.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Homecoming and Revival At Northeast Church

The Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 3. The homecoming sermon will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor of the church. Special music will be rendered by the adult choir under the direction of Jo Ann Bryan. A picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour.



On Monday night, following the homecoming, revival services will get underway with the Rev. N. B. Barrow Sr., Snow Hill, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 and continue throughout the week. The pastor will be assisting in the services each evening. Along with good gospel preaching each evening, special music will be rendered by the church choir and visiting musicians. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend both the homecoming and revival services.

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Spring Branch Church to Observe Annual Homecoming

Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 3, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a.m. The homecoming message will be delivered by the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, at the worship hour. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds.

An interesting afternoon program has been planned which will include a memorial service, special singing, and reports from the Children's Home.

The pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, and the church membership extend a warm welcome to former pastors, former members, and friends to attend and enjoy the Christian fellowship and worship.

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Woodington Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the Woodington Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Kinston, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday evening, October 2. Services are beginning each evening at eight o'clock with the Rev. Eldon Brock as the guest speaker. Special music is being provided each evening. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of the services.

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Kinston Revival October 4-8

The Rev. R. W. Allman, pastor of the Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, will be

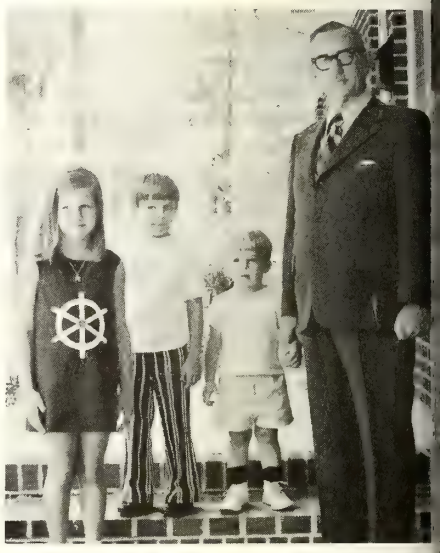


the visiting evangelist for revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Lenoir Avenue and Colle Street, Kinston, North Carolina, the we of October 4-8. Services will begin ea evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the R James A. Evans, assisting Mr. Allma Beside good gospel preaching each eve ing, special music will also be rendere Friends of the church are welcome attend these services.

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Carter Has Same Pastorate For Thirty-Five Years

The Rev. Walter Carter has been t pastor of the East Rockingham Free W Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Ca lina, for the past thirty-five years. began his present pastorate when was twenty-four years old. The chur presented the Carters with a home cated at 108 Homeward Drive in Roc ingham.



The picture above shows Mr. Cart and three grandchildren on the por steps of the home. Mrs. Carter passe away before the picture was taken. Pi tured, left to right are: Marsha, Stev Jeffery, and the Rev. Walter Carter. M Carter has two other grandchildren wh live in the Netherlands, Mark and Gle da Kay. Their father is Glenn. M Carter's other son, Austin, lives in Mou Olive, North Carolina.

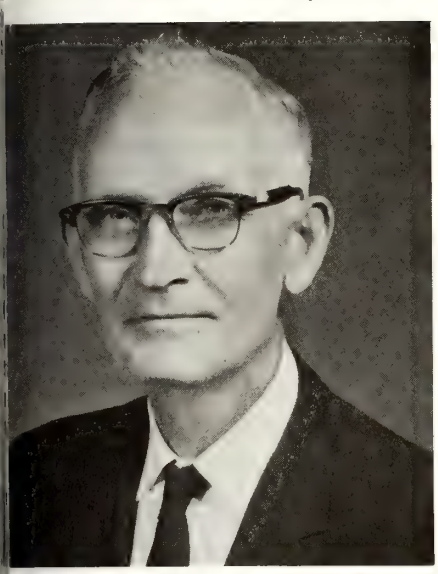
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Fall Revival Announced For Calvary Church

The Calvary Free Will Baptist Churc Wilson, North Carolina, announces i fall revival for the week of October 3- Services will begin each evening at 7:3 with the Rev. Royster Martin as the visi ing evangelist. The pastor, the Re Dewey C. Boling, will assist Mr. Marti The public is invited to attend and pray for the success of the meeting.

rst Church, Kinston,
o Observe Homecoming

Homecoming services will be observed the First Free Will Baptist Church, inston, North Carolina, Sunday, October The Rev. David W. Hansley, a former



stor, will be the featured speaker. rmer members and friends of the urch are invited to participate in this y of fellowship. The pastor of the urch is the Rev. James A. Evans.

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ngspiration, Revival, and
mecoming at Winterville Church

The Winterville Free Will Baptist urch in Winterville, North Carolina, ll host a singspiration on Sunday night, tober 3, at 8 o'clock, to raise money r a home for the Harold Jones family Palawan. This is sponsored by the ung Woman's Auxiliary and will fea- re various local talent.

Revival will begin on Monday night, tober 4, and will continue through tober 9. The Rev. Earl Glenn will be e guest evangelist. Services will be- n each evening at 7:45. There will special music each night.

These services will close with the mecoming service on Sunday, October . The pastor, the Rev. James L. Lup- n, and members invite everyone to at- nd.

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mecoming and Revival at
e's Chapel Church

Homecoming will be observed at Tee's apel Free Will Baptist Church located Brogden Road, seven miles east of ithfield, North Carolina, on Sunday, tober 3. The morning service will ature the annual memorial service, llowed with preaching by the Rev. M. Godwin, a former pastor. This occa- n will mark the eighty-fourth year in the history of the church and the fortieth homecoming service. At this service the church membership and most visitors will bring a special harvest day offering to serve as a materialistic thanksgiving while the heart of each person present will doubtless respond to a spiritualistic thanksgiving.

The afternoon portion of the day's activities will be taken up in singing. On the program will be several local groups, plus two featured semiprofessional groups: "The Peacemakers" of Asheville, North Carolina; and "The Messengers Trio" from Virginia. These two groups will also give a concert on Saturday, October 2, in the Kenly, North Carolina, School. You are cordially invited to attend both of these services.

On Monday evening, October 4, continuing through October 9, revival services will be held at Tee's Chapel church with the Rev. C. F. Bowen of Wilson, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. H. A. Grubbs, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30, and each service will feature good preaching along with special music. Mr. Grubbs states, "It is hoped that the homecoming service will set the stage for this revival. We wish to place great emphasis on the preaching of Mr. Bowen who is president of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches. He is well known for his touching sermons and good rhetoric that proclaims Christ as the answer to the world's problems and especially the spiritual failures in the church. A cordial and warm welcome will be given to all persons attending any of these services.

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Piney Grove Announces
Homecoming and Revival

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe homecoming on Sunday, October 10, beginning with Sunday school at 10 a.m. The homecoming message will be brought at the worship hour. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds. An afternoon program of singing has been planned.

On Monday evening, October 11, the Rev. F. B. Cherry of Wilson, North Carolina, will begin a series of revival sermons which will continue throughout the week, beginning each evening at 7:30.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend both the homecoming and revival services and be much in prayer for their success.

Coming Events . . .

September 29—Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Spring Branch Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina

October 6—Albemarle Conference, Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina

October 6—Western Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Pleasant Home Church, Pikeville, North Carolina

October 13—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Palmer Memorial Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

October 13, 14—Western Conference, Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina

October 16—Pee Dee Association, Thomasboro Free Will Baptist Church, Brunswick County, North Carolina

October 20, 21—Eastern Conference, Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina

November 4, 5—Cape Fear Conference, Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina

November 10, 11—Central Conference, Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina

Selma Revival in Progress
Followed with Homecoming

The fall revival of the Selma, North Carolina, Original Free Will Baptist Church, began Monday evening, September 27, and will continue through Friday evening, October 1. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Dewey C. Boling as the evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Ray Wells, is assisting in the services. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of this revival.

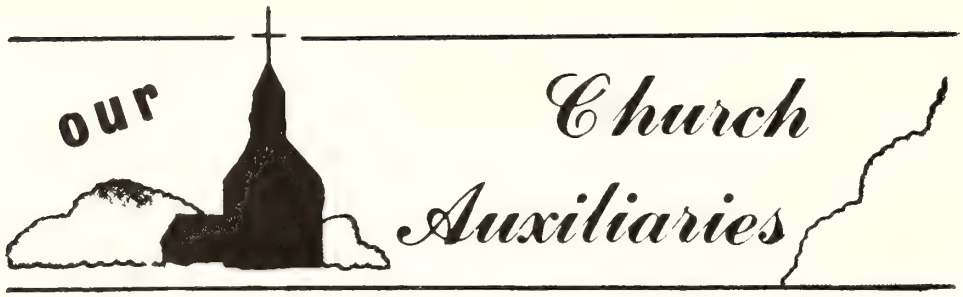
On Sunday, October 3, the annual homecoming service at the Selma church will be held with the Rev. Joseph Ingram of Goldsboro, North Carolina, bringing the homecoming message. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend this occasion which promises to be a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Cape Fear Youth Rally
Palmer Memorial Church

The Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 3707 Old Garner Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, will be host to the Cape Fear District Youth Rally Saturday

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Western Conference Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Conference will convene with Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina, Wednesday, October 6, with registration being held at 9:15 a.m. The president, Miss Frances Boyette, request all auxiliaries of the district to be represented and to bring a special offering for Cragmont Assembly. Visitors are also welcome.

Miss Boyette states, "We will be looking forward to seeing you at the convention."

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Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with the Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, Wednesday, October 13. The theme will be, "Labor For the Master," with Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn, "Jesus Saves"
—Devotions, Mrs. Dennis Powell
10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Lawrence Garrish
—Response, Mrs. James Stanley
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. Carl Dudley
—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Appointment of Committees
—Hymn, "Bring Them In"
11:00—Children's Home Report
11:15—Special Music, Palmer Memorial Church
—Offering
—Convention Message, the Rev. Earl Glenn

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story"
1:05—Life Membership Award, Mrs. J. H. Elmore
1:25—Youth Chairman Report, Mrs. Francis Garner
1:30—Mount Olive College Report
—Cragmont Assembly Report
—Superannuation Report
—Missions Report
2:00—Business Session
—Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You"
—Benediction

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Spring Branch Welcomes Auxiliary Convention

The Rev. E. C. Morris, pastor; church membership; and especially the Woman's Auxiliary of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, cordially welcome all the auxiliaries of the Central Conference and visitors to the Fall Convention of the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Central Conference Wednesday, September 29. Mr. Morris states, "May this convention be filled with many memorial events, and one that will be long remembered."

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Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with the Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina, Saturday, October 2. The theme will be: "The Call to Evangelize." The program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Ava Edwards
—Welcome, Mrs. Mertie Cartrette
—Response, Mrs. Ruby Davis
—President's Message, Mrs. Rachel Duncan
—Special Music
—Business Session
—Children's Home Report
—Mission News
—Mount Olive College Report
—Hymn
11:30—Message, the Rev. Frank R. Harrison
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, Mrs. Huldah Kinlaw
—Cragmont Report
—Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Report
—Committee Reports
—Hymn
—Benediction

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Youth Enjoy Outing At White Lake

On Saturday, September 11, eighte youth group members and leaders fro Friendship Free Will Baptist Churc Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, ar ten from the Children's Home at Middl sex enjoyed a day at White Lake, Nor Carolina. Sally Alford, the Friendsh auxiliary sponsored girl, along with Mr Barnhill, Sally's housemother, and eig other girls from her building were gue for the occasion.

A day of swimming and picnicing the beautiful September weather can to a close too soon with hopes of r turning again next year, as they hav done for the past several years, on th second Saturday in September.

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Pam Temple Guest of Friendship Woman's Auxiliary

On Thursday evening, September the Woman's Auxiliary and youth group of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, hel a joint meeting with Miss Pam Temple missionary in waiting from the First Fre Will Baptist Church in Wilson, Nort Carolina, as guest speaker.

Mrs. Maybelle Strickland, auxiliar president, welcomed the group befor recognizing Mrs. Penina Edwards, yout chairman, serving as program chairma for the evening. "We've a Story to Tell was sung by the group and a YFA mem ber, Bill Allen, gave the devotion. Th offering received at the meeting was giv en to missions. A solo was rendered b

Linda Bass of the First church of Wilson and a duet by Nancy Strickland and Judy Woodall of Friendship church.

Miss Temple gave a wonderful testimony of her calling to be a missionary and showed slides as she talked of her summer visit to Mexico on the mission field. Everyone admired her tenderness, enthusiasm, and the manner in which she had dedicated her life to God's will. She was beautiful in her brightly colored maxi dress she purchased while in Mexico.

A love gift of a travel bag and a $5 gift for the Kim Whitley Mission Fund in her honor were presented to Pam by Mrs. Edwards. After the singing of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" and the benediction, refreshments were served.

Friendship church members were happy to have as guests several auxiliary and youth members from Pleasant Plain church and the First church of Wilson, with Mr. and Mrs. Levi Temple, Pam's parents, and her two brothers, Michael and Danny.

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Western Woman's Auxiliary Convention, October 6

The Western Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville (Wayne County), North Carolina, Wednesday, October 6. The convention theme will be "Cragmont," with theme Scripture taken from Psalm 121:1-8.

The president, Miss Frances Boyette, will preside. Secretary is Mrs. Larry Boyette. Song leader is Mrs. Charles Pender, and serving as pianist will be Miss Bonnie Sasser. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:15—Registration
9:45—Hymn, "We're Marching to Zion," Number 160
—Devotions, Mrs. Wade P. Crocker
—Welcome, Mrs. Charles Pender
—Response, Mrs. Dewey Boling
—President's Remarks, Miss Frances Boyette
10:20—Hymn, "Heavenly Sunlight," Number 288
—Featuring Cragmont:
"Early Days of Cragmont," the Rev. James A. Evans
"A Woman's View of Cragmont," Mrs. L. E. Ballard

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Ray Wilder Ordained As Deacon



Left, Ray Wilder; right, the Rev. Terry Woodard

"On Wednesday night, September 8, 1971, Ray Wilder of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, was ordained into the service of the Lord as a deacon by his pastor, the Rev. Terry Woodard, who spoke on the characteristics of a deacon as emphasized by Paul in 1 Timothy 3. Among the qualifications were sobriety, clean habits, consistent views (being of one accord), solid family relationship, and total devotion to God (being a 24-hour-a-day Christian).

The duties of a deacon, such as helping with all ordinances of the church, promoting the progress of the church, seeing to the spiritual needs of the church, visitation of members, being a counselor, and a businessman were discussed by Mr. Woodard.

A prayer of dedication was offered with the other deacons present kneeling at the altar with newly ordained Wilder.

Ray, only 21 years old, is a 1967 graduate of Corinth-Holders School, having been voted the "Best-All-Around Boy" in his class that year. Not only did he excel scholastically, but athletically as well—receiving the most valuable player award in basketball for the school year 1966-67. He is a 1969 graduate of Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, North Carolina, with a degree in electronics and drafting. Presently he is employed with Troxler Electronic Labs, Inc. in Raleigh, North Carolina.

As Paul has stated in 1 Timothy 3:1, "This is a true saying, If a man desires the office of a bishop (or deacon), he desireth a good work," Ray certainly desireth and does good works in his church; serving as Sunday school superintendent for the past two years, a teacher of the Ambassadors for Christ youth group, member of the choir, and now a deacon. Seldom are the doors of Friendship church open that Ray is not there. He, as well as the rest of his family, are a familiar part of every service on Sundays, Wednesday night prayer meetings, and youth meetings. Any time you pass the church grounds you are apt to see him there also, rendering services such as mowing the grass, cleaning the cemetery, preparing picnic tables, or anything that is needed to improve his church. He is always readily available to offer his time, talent, and tithe.

Ray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Wilton Wilder of Route 1, Middlesex, and has two brothers; Robert and Rex, and one sister; Bonnie Kay.

Ray, his father, and a brother, Rex, will receive their seventeenth year perfect attendance pins from the Sunday school this year which expresses their faithfulness to the Sunday school and church. Robert, the other brother, before entering the armed services had a perfect attendance of 14 years without missing a Sunday in Sunday school. His sister, Bonnie Kay, will receive a 12 year attendance pin this year. Their mother, though just as faithful as the rest, has had to miss a Sunday occasionally.

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Western Ordaining Council to Meet

The ordaining council of the Western Conference will meet at 10 a. m., Saturday, October 9, at the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on U. S. 70 west of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Anyone having business to transact with this board is urged to be present at this time.

William L. Dale
Secretary

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The printed page is deathless; the page can be destroyed, but the press can produce millions more; often as it is martyred, it is raised again; the ripple started by a given tract can widen down the centuries until it reaches the great white throne.—Copied, 1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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To be successful, look for work after you've found a job.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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night, October 2, beginning at 7:30. The Rev. R. W. Allman, pastor; and Mrs. James Burgess, youth chairman; along with the church membership extend to the youth of the district and all others a cordial welcome to attend.

To those who do not know how to reach the church, Mrs. Burgess gives the following directions:

If you are coming in from Smithfield on Highway 70 West, go under two bridges in Garner to the first caution light, turn right, and go to a dead end. Then turn left and the church is about three-fourths of a mile down the road, on the right, in Cloverdale.

If you are coming from Fayetteville on Highway 401 North, turn right on Highway 70 East, go to the first caution light, turn left, and go to a dead end. Then turn left and follow the above directions.

If you are coming in from Benson on Highway 50 North, cross the bridge in Garner, go under the railroad bridge to the first traffic light, turn left and the church is about one and one-half miles down the road, on the right, in Cloverdale.

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Spring Hill Church
To Observe Homecoming

The Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 70 West, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 3. The day's observance will begin at 10 a.m. with Sunday school, followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. William L. Dale. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. An afternoon service of singing has been planned. The pastor and the church membership invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

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Lanier Chapel Church
Announces Revival

The Lanier Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Chinquapin, North Carolina, announces revival services to begin Monday night, October 4, and continue through Friday night, October 8. The time of the services will be 7:30. The Rev. Rudy Shepard will serve as the guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Ray Harrison. The public is cordially invited to attend this series of services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

Stony Hill Church
To Observe Homecoming

The Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 3. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the worship service at eleven. The speaker for this service will be the Rev. Robert Jones, pastor. A picnic lunch will be spread at noon, and an afternoon sing has been scheduled to follow. Former members, members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to take part in this day of Christian fellowship.

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Bridgeton Revival Followed
By Annual Homecoming

The Bridgeton, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church announces its fall revival for the week of October 11-16, with the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, pastor of Hopewell church in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Cecil Rose, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. Each service will feature good preaching and special music. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

On Sunday, October 17, following the revival, the Bridgeton church will observe its annual homecoming with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds. All former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the Christian fellowship.

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Homecoming Announced at
Oak Grove Church

Homecoming services will be conducted at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Vanceboro, North Carolina, Sunday, October 3. Following the Sunday school at 10 a.m., the morning message will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. James E. Howard. The usual picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. Also an afternoon service of special music has been arranged.

The pastor and the church members extend a cordial welcome to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Revival and Homecoming
At Shiloh Church

The Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of October 4-9. The guest minister will be the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Billy R. Jordan, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. Special music has been planned by the church choir for the revival. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

On Sunday, October 17, the Shiloh church will observe its annual homecoming. The services will begin at 10 a. m. with Sunday school, followed with the homecoming message by the pastor. During the worship service there will be special music by the church and visiting singers. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to former pastors, former members, and friends to attend these services of worship and fellowship.

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Elm Grove Church Announces
Revival and Homecoming

The fall revival services will be held at the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, the week of October 4-9, beginning each evening at 7:45. The guest minister will be the Rev. A. Graham Lane of New Bern, North Carolina. Special music will also be featured each evening. The pastor, the Rev. Kemery Ard, will be assisting Mr. Lane.

On Sunday, October 11, the annual homecoming of the church will be observed. The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to former pastors, former members, and friends to attend the revival services and homecoming.

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Virginia Beach Church
To Observe Homecoming

The Virginia Beach, Virginia, Free Will Baptist Church will observe homecoming day, Sunday, October 3, with the Rev. Bobby Bazen, a former pastor, bringing the message. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Kenly Church to Observe
80th Anniversary and Revival

The Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming and harvest day in observance of its eightieth anniversary, to take place October 3. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the homecoming and anniversary message by the pastor, the Rev. James V. Joyner. At the noon hour lunch will be served in the Legion Building on Highway 222, west of Kenly. At 2:30 p. m. there will be

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Does everything that is good come from God?

Answer: Yes. "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust (Matthew 5:45); "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil" (Luke 6:35); "The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. . . . Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:9, 16); "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:17, 18); "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17); "Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:25).

It was God in His goodness toward us as the human race that He created us in His own image and likeness, and I am sure that none of us alive now on earth fully understand this. He made us persons with all the potentiality and possibility that a person might have. He implanted in us the nucleus of parental love and the care and responsibility that accompany such love. He also included in our nature a peculiar love for parents and other relatives the nucleus of the extended family, the ability, and instructions in His word on how to govern ourselves as a tribe or nation.

We find it impossible to determine all the influences proceeding from ourselves and what are the direct influences of God in the unconverted soul that produces these. Some of the influences that lead to kindness that appear to be purely natural are said in the Bible to be fostered by God; such as the instinctive care of mothers for their children, which to some degree is found in animals. This in beasts sometimes seems to match the human kindness shown to one's offspring even though we know that all protective and affectionate behavior exercised toward her young is included in instinct.

Then there is the affection of animals shown to people like the affection of a faithful dog or even a horse or mule to his owner that sometimes seems to take on human proportions. Mules, horses, and dogs have been known to undergo extreme dangers in the protection of their masters. However, while all these noble and desirable characteristics are beautiful and not without merit, there may be a sense in which they do not come directly from the immediate presence of God; that is, such behavior on the part of people and certainly that on the part of animals does not say the creature is personally given over to the person and will of God. A woman may be particularly kind to her children and not be saved. An animal, while protecting his master, has no different destiny so far as eternity is concerned than animals that show less courage in protecting those of whom they are extremely fond.

God has planted instinct in the animals and parental love in the human heart. These may be seen in both the saved and the unsaved; however, they are more perfectly expressed in saved people whose hearts are in tune with the perfect will of God. Jesus, in committing His mother to John for his watch care over her, is the one example in Scripture where the love for Mother is perfectly manifested.

God, beside planting these noble traits in the hearts of man and the life of animals, speaks to the minds and spirits of men by the Word of God. The Word has that quickening, life-giving ability through which He changes hearts through its instrumentality. (See Hebrews 4:12; Romans 1:16.) God has the power of communication with men, speaking to them; that is, to their minds and hearts, conscience and spirits, and in this way causing them to surrender to Him. When they have made this surrender, then and not before, He can give to them all the good things He has in store for them. It is not until this change comes to man that he is able to comprehend the fact that all good things come down from "the Father of light."

Reason is higher than instinct and conscience is higher than either, but even conscience may belong to an individual without God's indwelling his soul. Only when the conscience has been enlightened and quickened by the divine power of the Word of God does it become a safe guide. Conscience is more to be regarded as the human faculty that hears the voice or responds to the voice of God than being that voice.

At the time of conversion, when the Spirit comes into a man's soul, the conscience becomes quickened or made spiritually alive. The Spirit is no longer outside the one who loves Him, but inside of the converted man. The great change then is that man finds himself loving God, eager to get His message, anxious to please Him. The impulse to do right instead of being vague and weak, become definite and intense. The born-again man feels that God is within him, making suggestions, awakening unselfish, beautiful desires in vigorous and successful action.

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You asked me how I gave my heart to Christ,
I do not know;
There came a yearning for Him in my soul
So long ago;
I found earth's flowers would fade and die,
I wept for something that would satisfy
And then, and then, somehow I seemed to dare
To lift my broken heart to God in prayer.
I do not know, I cannot tell you how;
I only know He is My Saviour now.

—Anonymous.

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A GIFT FOR TAKAE

FRANCES SHIEDER

JUDY was in the back yard with her two white kittens, Snowball and Fluffy, when Mother called. "Judy, come here, dear. I want you to meet our new neighbors."

Judy was astonished to find a Japanese couple in the living room with a girl about her own age.

"Judy, this is Mr. and Mrs. Kamoto and Takae," Mother said. "They moved into the old Reynolds' place next door while you were at school this morning."

Judy stared in amazement when the Kamoto family all rose to their feet and three black heads bowed low. I knew Japanese people were polite, she thought, but I can't believe this!

Then, with another bow and a very shy smile, Takae gave Judy a Japanese fan, painted with dainty flowers.

"Oh, how lovely!" Judy exclaimed.

"Mr. and Mrs. Kamoto were wondering whether you could walk to and from school with Takae tomorrow, dear. She doesn't speak much English, and of course she feels strange and misses the friends she left in Japan."

"Why, yes. I'll go by her house every morning," Judy smiled. "I'm so glad you moved next door, Takae. Come." She took her by the hand. "I want you to see my pretty kittens."

Takae's eyes sparkled with delight when Judy placed Fluffy in her arms. She held the kitten to her cheek and stroked its fur while she whispered softly in Japanese.

"I see you love cats as much as I do," laughed Judy. Takae looked at her, a question in her eyes.

"Oh, I forgot you can't speak English." Judy pointed to Fluffy. "Kitty. Pretty kitty."

"Pret-ty kitty," Takae repeated, cuddling Fluffy against her shoulder.

"That's right. You're going to learn very fast," Judy encouraged her.

But she didn't. Days, then weeks passed. At school Takae was a silent onlooker in the classroom and on the playground. Judy and her friends tried hard to include her in games, to teach her words in English, but she would only stand or sit quietly and stare at them with her sad, dark eyes. She walked with Judy to school, nodding her head when Judy would point and say, "House, car, or tree." But she never tried to talk. At school she followed Judy about all the time, staying a step or two behind her in the halls or on the playground.

"It's positively weird," Judy told her friend Paula. "She's like my shadow. I can't get away from her."

The next morning, Mother came to Judy's door as she was dressing for school. "Judy, I want you to return the eggs I borrowed from Mrs. Kamoto when you stop by for Takae."

"I'm not going by for Takae any more, Mother." Judy was very busy tying her shoelace.

"You're not going by for her? Why not?"

"Mother, she's just got to be stupid. She never says a word or even smiles. And I'm so tired of her following me everywhere I go."

Mother was silent for a long moment. Her eyes were very sad as she stood looking at Judy. Then she said quietly, "Judy, do you think Jesus would lose patience with poor little Takae? Would He be unkind to her when she is frightened and lonely?"

Judy could say nothing as she bowed her head. Tears filled her eyes.

"Let's say a prayer together for her," Mother suggested as she also bowed her head.

"Lord Jesus, help our little friend, Takae, to know you and be comforted. Help her to feel at home in this land, so strange to her, and to be assured that she is among friends. Amen."

"Amen," Judy echoed softly. "Mother, I'm going to ask her to go to Sunday school with me."

"Do so by all means," Mother said. "The Kamotos attended a church when they first arrived. But I don't believe they are going anywhere now. We must ask them to come to our church."

"Mother, do you know what?" Judy asked eagerly. "I'm going to give Takae one of the kittens. I know she likes Fluffy, and I'm sure a pet would help a lot when she feels lonely."

Mother smiled. "Why, yes, Judy, that's a wonderful idea. But now you'd better hurry, or you and Takae will be late. Don't forget the eggs."

Judy took the kitten called Fluffy over to Takae's house that afternoon after school. As she placed it in the little girl's arms, she said, "Takae, I'm giving Fluffy to you for your very own because you are my friend, and I love you very much."

Takae's eyes were bright with joy. "Fluffy is my kitty, my very own? Oh, thank you! Thank you, Judy, my friend!" She held the kitten close.

"Why Takae, you're talking! The kitten must be just what you need! Now, will you go to Sunday school with me?"

Takae nodded an eager yes, and Judy ran home with a happy heart.

A few days later Takae knocked on Judy's door, looking very sad.

"Why, what's wrong, Takae?" Judy asked, taking her friend by the hand.

"The kitty! Fluffy is lost! I can't find her anywhere."

"I'll help you look for her," Judy said as she hastily put on her sweater.

They looked all over Takae's yard and Judy's yard. They looked behind bushes and searched the garage, calling, "Kitty! Kitty!" But they did not find Fluffy anywhere.

"Let's ask all the neighbors whether they've seen her," said Judy. They knocked on every door up and down the street, but no one had seen the little kitten. "Oh," said Judy, "I hope nothing has happened to her. She is so little. What if a dog catches her or she gets run over?"

Takae looked so frightened and un-

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song service, reading of the church history, and a memorial service which will be enjoyed by all.

Revival services will be held at the Kenly church October 4-9, beginning at 7:30 nightly, with the Rev. Willis Wilson of Winterville, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. The pastor and the church encourages the public to pray for these services and to attend whenever possible. The services will feature special music and will offer an opportunity for Christian fellowship.

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Homecoming Day at Rose Hill Church

The Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming day on Sunday, October 3. The services for the day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m., with the pastor, the Rev. Dan Beaman, bringing the homecoming message. During the worship service there will be special music rendered by the adult choir and youth groups. There will also be a memorial service for the deceased members during the past year. Following these services lunch will be served on the church grounds. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend and enjoy a day of worship.

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Rudy Shepard Conducting Walnut Creek Revival

Revival services began at the Walnut Creek Free Will Baptist Church, LaGrange, North Carolina, Monday evening, September 27, and will continue through Saturday evening, October 2. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Rudy Shepard, pastor of Wintergreen church, Cove City, North Carolina, doing the preaching. Also special music is being rendered each evening.

The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Harrell, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the remainder of these services.

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Calvary Youth Choir and Youth Take Trip to Wilmington

On September 11 the Youth Choir and "Little Folks" from the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, were treated to a trip to Wilmington, North Carolina, by their pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, and several members of the church. The twenty-nine young singers and eight adults left Wilson by a chartered bus at 10:30 a.m. Upon arrival at the USSNC Battleship Memorial in Wilmington, a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all. Afterwards the group toured the battleship. Next on the agenda was a tour of Greenfield Gardens. Here the group enjoyed several amusement rides and the zoo. Before boarding the bus for home, the weary travelers ate supper. They arrived at home about 7:45 p.m.

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Gray Branch to Observe Homecoming and Revival

The annual homecoming service at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina, will be observed on Sunday, October 10. The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. with Sunday school, followed with the homecoming message at the worship hour. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 p.m. An afternoon service of singing praises to the Lord has been planned. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend.

On Monday evening, October 11, the fall revival at Gray Branch church will begin with the Rev. Norman Ard, pastor of Christian Chapel church, as the visiting minister. The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend all of these services possible.

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Revival in Progress Followed with Homecoming

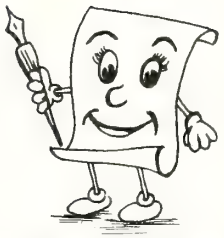
Fall revival services are in progress at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, which will continue throughout the week. The visiting Evangelist is the Rev. Joseph Ingram of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Jones, assisting Mr. Ingram. Along with good preaching, special music is being rendered each evening.

On Sunday, October 3, the First church will observe its forty-eighth homecoming with the pastor bringing the morning message. This will be followed with lunch served on the church grounds.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the revival services and the homecoming; also your prayers are coveted for the success of all these services.

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GRACE NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Have you ever seen a pink mailbox?

I used to pass one every Saturday morning, and each time wondered who painted it? I'm glad someone wanted to be different, for just remembering it lifts my spirits. There are other boxes on that road, but none like that one.

It is tall, straight, and cheerful in good or bad weather. Its pink shows through snow or ice. It isn't gaudy, but you can't ignore it. It is one of God's blessings on a dull highway.

A friend is like that. She stands consistent and reliable, an inspiration to less hardy souls. No matter how you feel, her greeting remains warm and friendly. "Give up" is something she never heard.

She doesn't mind being different. She spreads good news and happiness while some spread gloom and gossip. She smiles when some worry about hard times, and is thankful for food and clothes while we fuss because it isn't better fare.

She loves God and tries to share His love. Frequently she volunteers her services, not caring who gets the credit, just so the work gets done. She knows her reward will come later. She might make a gown for a sick friend, bake a cake for a church supper, or call someone who missed church. She seldom gets tired, and never complains. Rather than criticize, she helps.

Does she sound like a member of your auxiliary? I hope all your members are like her. She is ". . . stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, . . ." for she knows that her "labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

It might embarrass her to tell her name. She won't recognize herself in this, either, because she is so busy working that she doesn't realize how much she does.

May you have a friend like her. She is truly a blessing from God.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 10



GOD CREATES A COMMUNITY

Lesson Text: Exodus 19:1-8; 1 Peter 2:9, 10

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:9

I. INTRODUCTION

When God created man in His image and likeness and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life so that he became a living soul, He created him that he and all who should come after him should serve the Lord and be a witness for Him on the face of the earth.

When the human family showed by its works that it had no intention of living up to God's expectations and made a mockery of the law of conscience which He had given for its guide, God turned it over to its own reprobate mind and called out from their midst an individual who was to be the father of God's chosen people. With these people God established His covenant, and they promised to serve as His witness to all of the nations of the world. The Jewish community, or the Hebrew nation, was not only to serve as model for the other nations of the world, but it was also to serve as the channel through which God's Son would be presented to the world and the people of God could become a world community.

Our lesson text for today deals with the covenant which God established with Israel and with the covenant of grace which God establishes with all who accept His Son as Saviour.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show that God maintains a covenant relationship with those people who labor for His cause.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

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2. The Book of Exodus was written by Moses and is the second book of the Penteuch.
3. The Epistle of 1 Peter was written by the Apostle Peter about A.D. 60.

B. Israel at Sinai (Exodus 19:1, 2)

1. The setting of the call of Moses was by God.
2. The people camped in front of Sinai.

C. God's Covenant with Moses (Exodus 19:3-7)

1. Moses spoke with God for the Children of Israel.
2. God reminded him what had been done with the Egyptians.
3. The Israelites had been under the covenant of grace; henceforth, they were to be under the covenant of the law.
4. Moses relayed the words of the Lord to the Israelites.

D. The Response of the People (Exodus 19:8)

The people agreed to obey the Lord.

E. God's Own People (1 Peter 2:9, 10)

1. Who is the chosen generation?
2. A royal priesthood was a title given to Israel.
3. A holy nation means God's people.
4. A peculiar people are Christians.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. One good method of Bible study is a word study.

The words we shall examine today come from this Latin word "communis." Directly from it we take "common." One of its meanings is "shared." It is so used in Acts 2:44, 45. So is our salvation shared.

To "commune" is another Bible expression. It means to reason together, to share thoughts. Sometimes we use "commune" to mean to partake of the Communion. Christian Communion is a sharing in the body and blood of the Saviour; also a sharing in all His death means to us.

To communicate means to share knowledge with others. "Communication" means conversation in Ephesians 4:29, but sometimes to "communicate" means to share worldly goods with the needy.

Finally, "community" also comes fro our Latin word. It can mean a plac where people live, or name a group wit common interests. Our church, in th latter sense, is a community—God's com munity here in our town. Let's list i our minds a few of the many feeling and beliefs we Christians hold in com mon.—Adapted from Standard Com mentary.

B. In the heat of arguments in 184 the Anti-Slave Society characterized certain compromise measure as "a cove nant with death and an agreement wit hell." No doubt they were reflectin the words of Isaiah: ". . . We have mad a covenant with death, and with hell ar we at agreement; . . ." (Isaiah 28:15) By contrast, the covenant that Go made with His people, as referred to i the current lesson, was a covenant wit life and a covenant in agreement wit the people's eternal welfare:—Broadma Comments, 1964.

C. To serve the Lord of glory on eart is indeed a high and holy privilege. Hov wonderful that God has purposed to us men in carrying out His work. Alon with the wonder of it all there are at tendant responsibilities.

God is not physically present on th earth to accomplish His will. His hol angels are not capable of doing all tha has to be done. It is the responsibilit of those who belong to God to do His work and carry out His will.

For this reason God in His infinite grace chose the nation Israel. The chosen people of God were to carry out His purposes on the earth, shining as lights to the Gentiles about them Though they failed miserably, God did not cease to love them. He provided for their every need.

In the fullness of time God sent His Son into the world. And through His completed work on the Cross He provided salvation from sin and its condemnation. Through that same finished work He also brought into existence a new body called the church. This new body is composed of Jew and Gentile, bond and free. All are made one in Christ. Since members of this new body may fail, God has made ample provision for their forgiveness and cleansing in the benefits which His Son's death secured. —Bible Expositor.

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King Jesus is the elder brother o Christians. Live as a brother of a kin should live.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

FULL PROOF OF THY MINISTRY

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all as many youth were compelled to se to new heights of faith. These ords serve even today to bear testimony f the unwavering faith exercised by enry Melvin:

Encamped along the hills of light,
Ye Christian soldiers, rise,
And press the battle ere the night
Shall veil the glowing skies;
Against the foe in vales below
Let all our strength be hurled;
Faith is the victory, we know,
That overcomes the world.

His banner over us is love,
Our sword the Word of God;
We tread the road the saints above
With shouts of triumph trod.
By faith, they like a whirlwind's breath,
Swept on o'er every field;
The faith by which they conquered death
Is still our shining shield.

To him that overcomes the foe,
White raiment shall be given;
Before the angels he shall know
His name confessed in heaven,
Then onward from the hills of light,
Our hearts with love aflame;
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night,
In Jesus' conquering name.

Faith is the victory!
Faith is the victory!
Oh, glorious victory,
That overcomes the world!"

—*John H. Yates.*

Truly Henry Melvin's faith was vic-rious. He made full proof of his min-try. His was a life becoming to a hristian soldier. We can rest assured hat he has already received his "white iment" and that he is resting in the resence of God and His holy angels.

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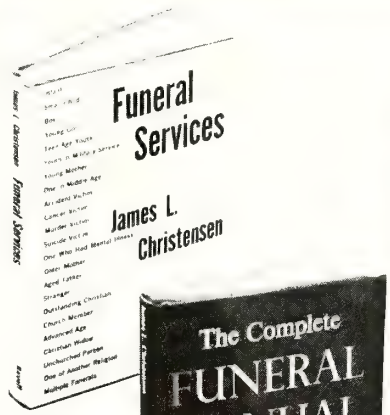
It was in 1952 that Henry Melvin came Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina. e was the first full-time pastor of this urch. During the nine years that Mr. elvin pastored Reedy Branch he led this urch to heights it had not known. His thusiasm caught fire among the young d the old alike. Mr. Melvin and his ife, Lola, became then as now very dear the hearts of all the Reedy Branch ople and comunity. We hope that this ticle can serve as a small tribute of e love and concern which we exer-sed in their life.

Mr. Melvin led Reedy Branch church a building program and church renova-n which is now the pride of all who e members, and also the community d denomination. We can say along th the people of his last pastorate, the st Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, that he, more perhaps than any other minister we have ever known, deserved to be called **pastor.**

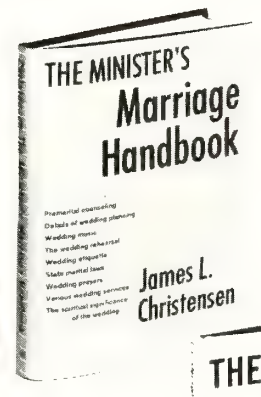
To Mrs. Melvin we express our love and appreciation for having shared "Pop" with Reedy Branch. We also still welcome her into our midst as one of our own, for we know that Reedy Branch is very dear to her heart.

In 1961 Mr. Melvin stated in his resignation of Reedy Branch, "The passing of many years will not bedim my love nor my appreciation for each of you." Certainly we at Reedy Branch could never be thankful enough for the privilege of having shared nine years together with the Melvins. The passing of many years cannot erase the impact which Henry Melvin made upon Reedy Branch. One has only to look at Reedy Branch to see Henry Melvin. His ideas, his creativeness, his love and concern, and his Christian witness will live on through generations to come. Let us go forth to inspire others to Christian service as Mr. Melvin so challenged us!

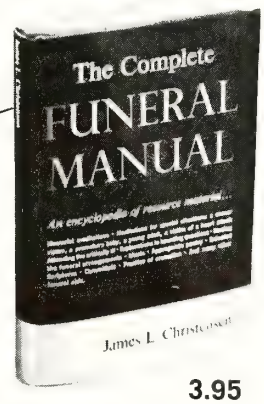
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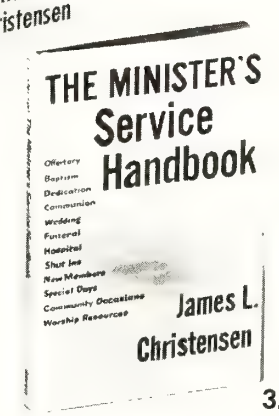
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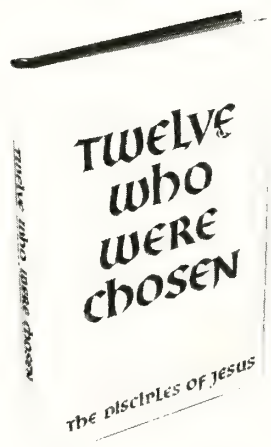
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Mount Olive News

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$167,037, total assets of $243,000, and had attained full accreditation.

Today, after twenty years of living by faith, dedication, and sacrifice, we can report an enrollment of 325 students, an annual budget of $1 million, and total assets of nearly $2,500,000. During these years we have served more than 2,500 students, not to mention hundreds of others who have been reached through special courses both on and off campus. Mount Olive College is rapidly becoming a recognized leader among the church-related junior colleges of America.

The college represents one of the best investments Free Will Baptists have ever made.

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Mount Olive College Dinners for 1971

Listed below is the schedule of organizational meetings for the 1971 dinners for Mount Olive College. Each church is requested to appoint a Mount Olive College Committee to attend the meeting in its county at which time they will receive information on the College and decide upon the date and place for the dinner.

Onslow-New Hanover Counties, Friday, October 1, 7:30 p.m., Folkstone church, L. L. Parker, host pastor.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Monday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., Mount Tabor church, Larry Barbour, host pastor.

Beaufort County, Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., Memorial church, Roy Cauley, host pastor.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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happy that Judy was sorry that she had spoken her fears aloud. "I'm sure that Jesus will take care of her," she said. "He even cares about sparrows like those." She pointed to some birds flying from limb to limb in an elm tree. "And I know He'll watch over Fluffy. I'm going to lend you Snowball until Fluffy comes back, so you won't be so lonely. Just keep her inside and don't let her out of the house."

Two days later, Takae was smiling happily when she brought Snowball home. "Fluffy came back!" she said. "Fluffy is—how you say? Fluffy is all right!"

"I told you that Jesus would keep her safe," said Judy.

"Jesus loves you." Takae pointed to Judy. "Jesus loves me." She pointed to herself. "Jesus loves her." She pointed to Snowball.

"Jesus loves everybody," Judy said happily.—My Pleasure.

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Woman's Auxiliary

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"Present and Future of Cragmont," the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Cragmont Offering
10:50—Special Music, Host Church
—Worship Offering
11:15—Message, Mrs. N. B. Barrow Sr.
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "In the Service of the King," Number 225
—Devotions, Mrs. C. E. Ladd
—Special Music, Mrs. William Dale
1:15—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Through Missions," Mrs. Roland Cherry
1:20—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Through Benevolence," Mrs. Cedric Pierce Jr.
1:25—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Through Youth," Mrs. Earl Bass
1:30—"A Glimpse from the Woman's Conference," Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser
1:40—Business
2:00—Hymn, "God Be with You," Number 11
—Benediction in Unison, Psalm 19: 14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acecptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

CABIN SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS



We regret that the above pictur reached us too late for the Septembe 22 issue of "The Free Will Baptist" which carried the news note about th perfect attendance awards of the Sunda school of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church Route 1, Beulaville, North Carolina. Thos receiving awards are pictured.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, whe needed, for any church that is seeking pastor and for any minister who is seekin a church to serve and would like to giv such notice. Please send the necessary in formation to the editor of "The Free Wi Baptist." Each notice will run for two is sues only.)

The Rev. Jesse R. Matthis, an ordaine minister of the Eastern Conference, an nounces that he is available to serve an church as pastor on the first and thir Sundays of the month. Any church de siring his services may contact him a 600 Cutchin Street, Clinton, North Caro lina 28328; telephone 592-5436.

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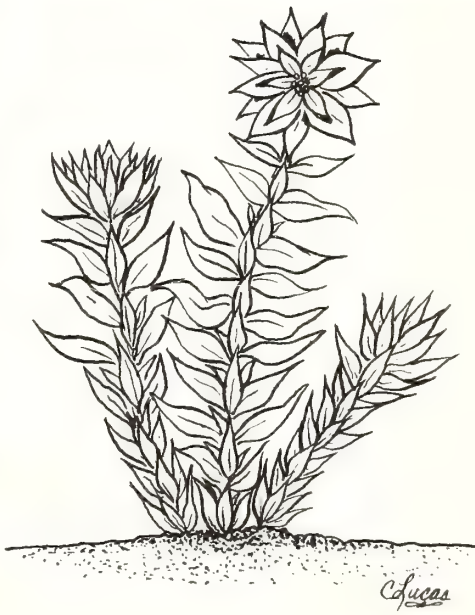
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WATERING THE PLANTS

Cover Photo by Harold M. Lamb

WATERING THE PLANTS

Two plants sit side by side on a shelf. One is a healthy green, and the other is a sickly yellow. One has thick stems and full, well-formed leaves. The other is spindly and ill-shaped with stunted leaves that show neglect, if not abuse. The two plants started out the same. They had received the same sunshine, and in equal amounts. Upon examining the soil, one finds that both pots of dirt have the same chemical composition. The only apparent difference is that one soil is moist and the other is dry.

The lack of water has caused one plant to degenerate, and water given in the proper amounts has caused the other plant to flourish and grow profusely.

Water would not be the only deciding factor in the plants' differences, according to some scientists; for they tell us now that music can affect the growth of plants. Under disciplined laboratory conditions, identical plants, having the same soils and receiving the same amounts of sunshine and water, were found to show marked differences in growth patterns when exposed to music of varying beats. Rock music stunted and finally killed plants after prolonged exposure, while identical plants under the same laboratory conditions, when exposed to hymns and other music of the soothing type, grew at a fast rate of speed and glowed with good health.

The two plants under discussion now—those that sit on the shelf side by side—were not exposed knowingly to music of any type. So it seems, since both plants were free from disease, the only logical explanation to the sick plant's near demise is the fact that it has not been given adequate water.

Like plants, the human body (no matter how healthy and strong) cannot long exist without adequate water. Like plants, two human beings under laboratory conditions can be placed side by side, as it were, on a "shelf," can be given the same amounts of air and food, and still show a distinct difference if one receives little or no water and the other receives required amounts. Water is important.

Where does this lead us—to the water of life, certainly. By now we know that everything must come to the spiritual sooner or later—and better sooner than later!

The soul must have water also. Like the woman at the well to whom Jesus spoke about the "living" water, we must have it too. We must have this "water" so that we shall never thirst or dry up. He told us to drink deeply and to drink as often as we need the "water." That is how we grow spiritually.

If you happen upon two Christian "plants," appearing identical in talent and ability, and seemingly receiving the same food, but one appears to be growing better than the other, could it be that one is not drinking enough "water"?

"Jesus . . . said (of the well water) . . . Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:13, 14).

Question: How are you fixed for water?

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AUTOGRAPH PARTY FOR JOYCE PROCTOR BEAMAN

Free Will Baptist Author to Be Honored at Wilson Bible and Bookstore



Joyce Proctor Beaman, an active member of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, North Carolina, has recently written a book, BROKEN ACRES, which has been published by John F. Blair Publishing Company, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Wilson Bible and Bookstore located at 1106 South Goldsboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina, a branch of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc., will honor Mrs. Beaman with an autograph party, Saturday, October 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p. m.

BROKEN ACRES, a new novel for young readers, is the story of a 12-year-old girl who lives with her family on a tobacco farm in Wilson County. It presents an intimate picture of Eastern North Carolina farm life in the mid-1950's. During the summer Melody helps in the tobacco fields, shares her father's dismay at damage done to the crop by a hailstorm, and learns firsthand of the ever-present danger of fire in a tobacco barn. On market day she goes with her father to sell the leaf and is caught up in the bewildering excitement of a tobacco auction. Throughout she searches for solution to a pressing family problem, which is unexpectedly resolved because of her ingenuity and a black youth's heroic courage in a moment of crisis.

Joyce Proctor Beaman knows firsthand all the experiences related to raising tobacco. She has lived on a farm in Wilson County, North Carolina, all her life—a member of the Jesse Proctor family, recipients of the North Carolina Master Farm Family award in 1954. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from East Carolina University and formerly taught high school English and French. She is now librarian at Saratoga (N. C.) Central High School and teaches creative writing at Wilson Technical Institute. She has had feature articles published in newspapers and in magazines such as NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION, FARM JOURNAL, and PROGRESSIVE FARMER. She and her husband, Robert H. Beaman, live near Walstonburg with their young son, Bobby David, to whom BROKEN ACRES is dedicated.

The book is available at the Press and all of its branch bookstores.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

A Thankful Dedication

Scripture Reading—Numbers 4:19

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

—*Washington Gladden.*

Prayer Thought

How thankful we are that we always have only to ask and it is given—maybe not as we ask it, but as He wills it. It always turns out to be the best way. Our Master alone can give us that. May we strive to be more trusting and live closer to Him.

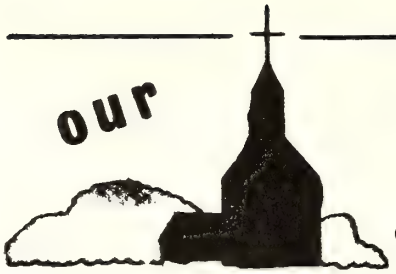
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

A Warning

Scripture Reading—James 5:8

A young girl, who was very anxious about her soul, occupied the same room as a young Christian. As she began to arouse herself at early dawn she looked for her companion, but she was gone. She remembered that they retired together on the previous evening, but now her place was vacant, and she knew not whither her friend had gone. She thought of the words of the preacher on the previous afternoon, "One taken and the other left." She stayed not to dress, but went into the next room to awaken her companions, and as she went from room to room she saw that all who loved the Lord Jesus were missing and the unsaved ones were left. She knew not what to do; some slept on in indifference, but the anxious one searched the house, and at last found the little prayer meeting, and with mingled joy and sorrow she exclaimed, "I will not leave you again until I know that I am safe if the Lord does come."—*Sunday School Times.*

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EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

by Mrs. Nelson T. Simpson

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with the Folksto Free Will Baptist Church, Folkstone, North Carolina, September 23, 1971. The ther for the convention was, "Building on a Sure Foundation," with Scripture taken fr 1 Corinthians 3:11.

The morning session was called to order by the president, Mrs. Norman A This was followed with congregational singing and inspiring devotional remarks "Building on a Sure Foundation," by Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr. Prayer was offered Mrs. James Evans.

Mrs. Virginia Hardison extended a very warm welcome to everyone, with M J. W. Smith responding.

The president recognized five state officers, ten district officers, and around c hundred twenty-five delegates and visitors. Mrs. Ard also urged each local auxili member to exercise her faith in God by Christian service.

The work of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was presented very forcefu by Mrs. Ellen Dixon.

Information concerning denominational enterprises was given as follows:

Missions, the Rev. Joseph Ingram.

Children's Home, Mrs. Cedric Pierce Jr.

Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper.

Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Ralph Sumner.

Cragmont Assembly, Mrs. Bruce Barrow.

An offering of $78.40 was received for Mount Olive College and the Childre Home.

The various committees were appointed at this time.

Special music was rendered by Miss Karen G. Register.

Mrs. Laura Carawan brought the morning message, using the convention the for her subject. She stressed the importance of "Building on a Sure Foundatio for time and eternity. The sermon thought was taken from Luke 6:48, "Dig D on the Rock."

The convention adjourned for lunch with the benediction and grace by the R L. L. Parker.

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "The Church's O Foundation"; followed with prayer by the Rev. Joseph Ingram.

An impressive memorial service for the eleven deceased members was condu ed by Mrs. Thomas McLamb.

Mrs. Adline Gray gave information concerning the North Carolina Prayer Ban

It was announced that the membership cards were available.

During the business session the minutes of the executive meeting were re The following motions were voted on and carried:

1. That Mrs. Velma Lyczkowski serve another two years on the finance comm tee, and that Mrs. Cynthia Smith, who will replace Mrs. J. J. Blizzard, serve for t years.

2. That we continue with "The Woman of the Year" recognition.

3. That Mrs. Clyde Banks serve on the executive committee board as an h orary member with voting privileges for life.

4. That Mrs. Richard Bryan and Mrs. Mamie Kennedy receive life members certificates and life award pins.

5. To send $20 to each of the following enterprises: Children's Home, Cragm Assembly, Camp Vandemere, and on the organ fund for Mount Olive College.

6. The following slate of officers for the ensuing years, 1972-1973: President, Mrs. F. M. Register; vice-president, Mrs. Woodrow McCoy; Secretary, Mrs. Nelson Simpson; assistant secretary, Mrs. Mack Ross; treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard; program-prayer chairman, Mrs. Andrew Hill; missions chairman, Mrs. G. E. Gray; youth chairman, Mrs. Nerry T. Wall; study course chairman, Mrs. Richard Bryan; benevolent chairman, Mrs. Carol Hansley; pin award chairman, Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr.; Woman of the Year chairman, not elected at this time; field worker, Mrs. Rovers Winstead.

The officers were installed by Mrs. James Evans.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Rom Mallard and by motion and vote, it was accepted.

Delegates were appointed to other conventions by the president.

The committee reports were given as follows:

Resolutions: Be it resolved to build local auxiliaries on a surer foundation during the coming year.

Petition: The spring convention will convene with Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, in March, 1972.

Courtesy: A rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for helping make the convention a success.

Music director for the day was Mrs. Nerry Wall, with Burkette Raper Jr. as pianist.

The convention adjourned with prayer by Mrs. F. M. Register.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Convention Money		$ 85.23
Balance Child's Spending Money		92.00
Receipts from Church Auxiliaries		2,547.23
Total to Account For		$2,724.46

Disbursements

Christian Service Fund	$ 400.08	
Alice E. Lupton Scholarship Fund	148.50	
The J. C. Griffin Scholarship Fund	56.00	
Children's Home	375.45	
Van for Children's Home	66.60	
Adopted Widow	24.00	
Mexican Mission	20.00	
Lily Barrow Fund	404.00	
Missions (General)	395.52	
Foreign Missions	113.00	
Home Missions	79.47	
Camp Vandemere (Kitchen)	60.00	
Child's Clothing (Children's Home)	75.00	
Dina Phillips Loan Fund	20.00	
State Convention Dues	5.00	
Mount Olive College Chapel Fund	42.16	
Ridgmont Assembly	82.00	
FWU Fellowship Hall (Greenville)	10.00	
Superannuation	74.00	
Executive Board's Expense	16.61	
Child's Spending Money	35.00	
Mount Olive College (General Fund)	78.45	
Total Disbursements		2,598.84
Balance		$ 125.62
Balance Convention Money		$ 68.62
Balance Child's Spending Money		57.00
Balance		$ 125.62

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance Convention Money	$ 68.62
Adopted Child's Spending Money	57.00
Receipts from Local Auxiliaries	242.50
Lunch Money for Chapel Fund	94.45
Offering for Children's Home and Mount Olive College	78.40
Total Received	$ 540.97

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Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Conference will convene with Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, North Carolina, Thursday, October 14, 1971. The theme will be, "Crown Him Lord of All," with the Scripture taken from Galatians 2:20. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Hymn, "All Hail the Power"
—Devotions, Mrs. Edwin Roper
10:15—Welcome, President of Local Auxiliary
—Response, Mrs. Joseph Maitland
10:20—President's Remarks, Miss Alice Webster
—Recognition Time
—Appointment of Committees
10:30—Reading of Minutes, Mrs. Margaret Woolard
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Mission Offering
10:40—Report of Missions, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
10:50—Report of State Work, Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow Sr.
11:00—Report of Children's Home, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
11:10—Offering for Adopted Child's Clothing
11:20—Special Music
—Message, the Rev. Robert May
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour"
—Devotions, Mrs. Wilson Moore
1:15—Report of Mount Olive College
1:30—Report of Youth Work, Mrs. Matthew Parker
1:40—Reports of Committees
1:50—Report of Treasurer
2:00—Closing Hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus"
—Benediction

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Miss Temple Visits Saint Mary's Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, had as its special guest at the monthly meeting September 9, Miss Pam Temple, a missionary candidate. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Ola Flowers, followed with special music by Mrs. Jean Brinson, accompanied by Mrs. Wade Simpson and Mr. Craig Kirby.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Homecoming and Revival At Hugo Church

The annual homecoming at Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Grifton, North Carolina, will be held Sunday, October 10. The pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, will deliver the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. This will be followed by a picnic lunch served on the church grounds. An afternoon singspiration will feature the church adult choir and the Gospel Messengers Quartet under the direction of Mrs. Faye Rogers, church music director. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this day of worship and Christian fellowship.

On Monday night, October 11, the Rev. J. B. Starnes will begin a series of revival messages at the Hugo church which will continue throughout the week. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor assisting Mr. Starnes. The public is extended an invitation to attend all these services possible.

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Grants Chapel Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress at the Grants Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Seven Springs, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday evening, October 9. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Lloyd Vernon of Richlands, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Emmitt E. Jones, is assisting in the services which are beginning each evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Corinth Church Announces Fall Revival

The Corinth Free Will Baptist Church of Jamesville, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 18-24. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. William L. Dale of Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. Beside good gospel preaching there will be special music rendered each evening. On Sunday, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Homecoming and Children's Home Day at Free Union Church

Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming and Children's Home Day Sunday, October 10. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina. Along with Mr. Pierce, all the children and staff of the Home have been invited. There will also be a program of sacred music to be followed with lunch served on the church grounds.

The pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend this special service and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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West Clinton Church to Observe Homecoming and Revival

The West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church of Clinton, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming Sunday, October 10, with all former pastors, former members, friends, and singers cordially invited to attend. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the worship service at eleven. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds, followed with an afternoon service of singing.

On Monday evening, October 11, at 7:30, the fall revial at the West Clinton church will begin with the Rev. Francis Garner, pastor of the Robert's Grove church, as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Roy T. Clifton, will assist in the services, and he and the church membership cordially invite everyone who possibly can to attend both the homecoming and the revival services.

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Homecoming, Harvest Day And Revival at Cabin Church

The annual homecoming and harvest day will be observed at Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina, Sunday, October 24. The day's services will begin with Sunday school . 9:45 a.m., followed with the worsh hour at eleven. At the noon hour a pi nic lunch will be served on the chur grounds. The pastor, the Rev. Luth Swinson, and the church membership e tend to all former pastors, former me bers, and friends a cordial invitation worship with them on this occasion a enjoy a day of Christian fellowship a worship.

Fall revival services will begin at t Cabin church Monday evening, Octob 25, and continue through Friday evenin October 29. Services will begin ea evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Le Grubbs as the visiting minister. T pastor and the members invite everyo who possibly can to attend these s vices and to pray that they may be blessing to all.

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Eddie Franks to Conduct Watery Branch Revival

The Rev. Eddie Franks of Clayt North Carolina, will be the evangelist f revival services at the Watery Bran Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Sta tonsburg, North Carolina. Services w begin Monday evening, October 11, 7:45, and will continue through Sat day evening, October 16. The past the Rev. Swade Benson, will assist these services, and he and the chur membership invite the public to atte and hear good gospel preaching a special singing each night.

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Old-Friends Meeting and Homecoming, Shady Grove Church

Friends who have not seen each oth in several years will meet during the a nual homecoming at the Shady Gro Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Du North Carolina, Sunday, October 17. this occasion those who attend will specially greeted and they will rece an unusual blessing.

The morning service and sermon w be conducted by the pastor, the R Bobby Bazen. This will be followed w the annual homecoming processional fering at the altar. A bounteous pic lunch will be served on the chur grounds at the noon hour. If you l good home-cooked food, be sure to tend.

Following the lunch there will be short service in the form of a most usual tribute to honor the senior me bers of the church and a memorial s vice for the deceased loved ones. Pl are already complete for this special casion and the public is cordially invi to attend.

mithfield Church to Host
ape Fear Sunday School Convention

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina, Saturday, October 9. The convention theme will be "Action Now—Reach Out." The program will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. The scheduled program is as follows:

9:30—Registration
0:00—Congregational Singing
—Devotions and Prayer, the Rev. Francis Garner
—Welcome, First Church, Smithfield
—Response, Milton Wiggs
—President's Remarks, John Adcox
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Special Music
—Congregational Singing
—Program — Skits: "Challenge for Individual Witnessing," "Action Now—Reach Out," and "Records"
—Special Music
—Denominational Enterprises Report
—Committee Reports
—Presentation of Plaque
—Business Session
:00—Adjournment

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t. Tabor Church Announces
nual Homecoming

The Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming to be held Sunday, October 10. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. with Mr. John Furlough as superintendent. The morning worship service will follow at eleven o'clock with the Rev. R. P. Harris of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, bringing the homecoming message. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

A singspiration has been planned for the afternoon. The pastor, the Rev. Larry Barbour, and the church membership invite all former pastors, former members, and friends of the church to attend and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship.

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ral Conference
nan's Revival Success

The Central Conference Layman's Revival which was held September 13-17 proved to be very successful. This was the first in the series of laymen revivals which will become an annual occurrence. Participating churches, their reported attendances and offering are as follows:

The first meeting was held at the Tarboro, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Monday night, September 13. There were 133 in attendance, and an offering of $110 was received. The second service was held at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, with 75 in attendance. An offering was received here in the amount of $49.59. The third service was held at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, with 100 in attendance; and an offering of $89.13 was received. The fourth service was held at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, with 95 in attendance. Here $90.85 was received as offering. The concluding service of the revival was held at the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, Friday night, September 17, with 78 in attendance. An offering was received here in the amount of $83.00.

Total attendance for the revival was 481, with a total offering of $422.57. The offering went to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina. All speakers were selected laymen.

Mr. Larry Walston of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, is the president of the Central Conference Layman's League which sponsored the revival. Mr. Raymond Gray, a member of the Friendship layman's league, submitted the information.

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Homecoming and Revival at
Johnston Union Church

The Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina, will observe homecoming services Sunday, October 10.

The following Monday evening, at 7:30, the church will begin a series of revival services with the Rev. C. M. Coats as the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Eddie Edwards, will assist in these services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Hopewell Church Announces
Revival and Homecoming

The Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 18-22, with the Rev. David C. Hansley as the guest minister. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, assisting Mr. Hansley. Special music will be offered each evening by the church's Chancel Choir.

On Sunday, October 24, the Hopewell church will observe its annual homecoming. The pastor and the church membership cordially invite all former pastors, former members, and friends of the church to worship with them in both the revival services and the homecoming and enjoy a time of worship and fellowship.

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Friendship Church to Observe
Homecoming, October 24

Homecoming services will be observed at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, Sunday, October 24. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at eleven by a former pastor, the Rev. M. E. Godwin of Dunn, North Carolina. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon.

All former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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Revival and Homecoming
At Black Jack Church

Revival will be held the week of October 11-16 at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, with the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace of Durham, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Services will begin each night at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Jones, assisting Mr. Wallace. The pastor and congregation invite all friends of the church to attend these services and to be much in prayer for a spirit-filled revival.

On Sunday, October 17, the Black Jack church will observe its annual homecoming. The pastor will bring the homecoming message. Lunch will be served in the

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Coming Events . . .

October 13—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Palmer Memorial Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

October 13, 14—Western Conference, Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina

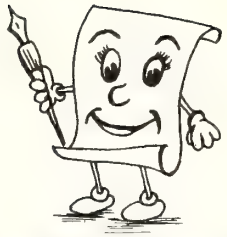
October 16—Pee Dee Association, Thomasboro Free Will Baptist Church, Brunswick County, North Carolina

October 20, 21—Eastern Conference, Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina

November 4, 5—Cape Fear Conference, Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina

November 10, 11—Central Conference, Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Piano teachers hear some wild excuses. A child who takes one lesson a week couldn't practice any because (choose one): we went shopping, Grandmother came, the baby was asleep, the baby was awake, Mother had a headache, Daddy was watching TV, I had to study for a test, I hurt my finger a few minutes ago.

The best excuse I've heard was that a skunk moved in under the house and the family had to move out for four days while the fumigator worked. The flimsiest one I've encountered was, "I was baptized." That was the slowest preacher or the largest number of candidates on record!

Do these reasons for missing a church service sound familiar? Some friends came just as we were leaving. I was housecleaning and forgot about it. I had to fix my pimento cheese. We slept too late for Sunday school so we missed church. I had to get the groceries. My family was there and I had to cook dinner.

I wonder how God feels about some of our alibis?

He wasn't pleased with the excuses for missing the feast in the parable of Luke 14:16-24.

David, instructing Solomon in 1 Chronicles 28:9, said, ". . . serve him . . . with a willing mind: . . ." An old song says the same thing, "If you love God, serve Him." And who has not heard Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, . . ."?

Without making excuses, be like the dedicated soprano who bought her groceries, hurriedly put the "spoilables" in the refrigerator, and got to choir practice on time. Or the Sunday school teacher who fixed her vegetables on Saturday, left a roast in the over during church, and finished up the company dinner when she got home. Or serve cookies instead of pimento cheese sandwiches.

Excuses seem to be fashionable. Blame somebody or something. Put anything else before church. Someday when God looks at us—what will He say?

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

	1970-71	1969-70	Increase or (Decrease)
Cash on Hand July 1:			
Superintendent's Account	$12,461.41		
Other Accounts and Petty Cash	12,210.60		
	$24,672.01	$ 14,537.98	$ 10,134.03
Receipts			
Religious Contributions	$122,800.52	$112,306.94	$ 10,493.58
Governmental (SS, VA, Etc.)	11,976.04	4,745.29	7,493.58
Legacies and Bequests	912.37	200.48	711.89
Duke Endowment	18,243.77	16,298.37	1,945.40
Parents and Relatives	2,693.75	5,723.63	(3,029.88
Friends and Others	8,125.78	8,931.62	(805.84
Farm Income (Includes McLeod Farm Income 1969-70)	12,489.10	26,032.52	(13,543.42
Dividends	91.77	78.03	13.74
Refunds	1,926.09	2,694.27	(748.18
Canteen Sales	3,179.68	1,903.19	1,276.49
Interest Income	521.92	504.13	17.79
McLeod Farm Income	2,201.03		2,201.03
Transfer of Accounts	4,162.10		4,162.10
Miscellaneous Income	750.74	555.49	195.25
Total Receipts for Year	$190,074.66	$179,973.96	$ 10,120.70
Total for Which to Account	$214,746.67	$194,511.94	$ 20,254.73
Disbursements			
Transfer of Funds	$ 4,162.10		
Taxes, Insurance, Retirement Expense	5,712.70		
Administrative Salaries	19,951.45		
Office Supplies	1,237.99		
Insurance and Bonding	1,527.70		
McLeod Farm Insurance	42.50		
Annuities Paid	150.00		
Telephone Expense	1,489.97		
Administrative Other Expense	5,289.10		
Public Relations Expense	940.06		
Household Salaries and Expense	21,039.64		
Clothing Purchased	5,050.95		
Dietary Salaries and Expense	8,830.97		
Food Purchased	19,141.88		
Laundry Salaries and Expense	3,909.24		
Plant Salaries and Expense	6,043.65		
Fuel and Lights	14,050.91		
Insurance (Buildings)	2,834.50		
Maintenance and Repairs	11,018.19		
Motor Service Expense	1,736.00		
Health Expense	1,660.55		
Recreation Expense	833.05		
Religious Expense	2,423.48		
Education Salaries and Expense	8,075.58		
Education—College Students	761.00		

arm Supplies and Expense	16,533.98		
eplacement of Livestock	6,108.60		
anteen Expense	3,197.91		
lew Equipment	14,101.95		
Total Disbursements for Year	$187,855.60	$169,839.93	$ 17,861.57
ash on Hand June 30	26,891.07	24,672.01	2,393.16
otal Accounted For	$214,746.67	$194,511.94	$ 20,254.73

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCE

onference or Association	**1970-71**	**1969-70**	**Increase or (Decrease)**
lbemarle Conference	$ 6,138.22	$ 6,003.00	$ 135.22
lue Ridge Association	151.22	146.78	4.44
ape Fear Conference	12,157.94	11,030.62	1,127.32
entral Conference	30,693.22	31,051.60	(358.38)
astern Conference	35,478.25	31,923.45	3,554.80
ee Dee Association	1,675.88	1,316.82	359.06
iedmont Conference	1,371.30	1,770.67	(399.37)
ockfish Conference	248.60	426.31	(177.71)
oe River Association	55.00	5.00	50.00
Western Conference	28,957.11	26,272.98	2,684.13
Miscellaneous Religious Contributions	5,873.78	2,359.61	3,514.17
otal Religious Contributions	$122,800.52	$112,306.84	$ 10,493.68

BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

(July 1, 1970—June 30, 1971)

onference or Association	**Conference Quota**	**Raised in 1970-71 (General, Clothing, Allowance, Etc.)**
lbemarle Conference	$ 15,000	$ 6,138.22
lue Ridge Association	500	151.22
ape Fear Conference	20,000	12,157.94
entral Conference	45,000	30,693.22
astern Conference	50,000	35,478.25
rench Broad Association	500	
ack's Creek Association	500	
Mount Mitchell Association	500	
ee Dee Association	5,000	1,675.88
iedmont Conference	10,000	1,371.30
ockfish Conference	2,000	248.60
oe River Association	1,000	55.00
Western Conference	40,000	28,957.11
ther States	2,000	179.08
tatewide Bodies	10,000	5,686.70
Miscellaneous	5,000	8.00
otals	$207,000	$122,800.52

DONATED COMMODITIES

lothing	$2,338.45
ousehold Supplies	723.42
ood	854.40
arm Supplies	106.00
Miscellaneous	1,657.24
	$5,679.51
ood Produced	$7,770.51
oupons	40,947

PROPOSED BUDGET 1971-72

reas of Expenditures	**1970-71**	**1971-72**
Administrative and General	$ 31,592.00	$ 32,000.00
Public Relations	2,575.00	2,500.00
*Social Services	10,000.00	10,000.00
Household	31,160.00	31,000.00
Dietary	36,690.00	36,000.00
Laundry	5,702.00	5,000.00

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MORE AWAITS

by Margo Mangum

As I looked upon the clouds today
That hung across the sky,
Framing the sun that sparkled through
I asked myself, "Oh why?"

Why should one ever long
For things that might have been?
Because we know beyond all doubt
To look back is to sin.

It matters not how precious were
The days that now are gone;
'Twas just enough to let us see
The day is yet to dawn—

When birds again will thrill our souls
With songs as yet unsung;
When fragrancies will fill the air
Hitherto unknown.

Babies' gurgling laughter
And friends' smiles along the way
Are His way of saying,
"Tomorrow **is** another day."

Another day to live and love
And learn that He does bring
To all who trust and wait for Him
Our most wanted wants—yes, everything!

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Cheer For Sorrow

When life's troubles gather darkly
'Round the way we follow here,
When no hope the sad heart lightens,
No voice speaks a word of cheer;

Then this thought the shadow scatters,
Giving us a cheery ray;
When the night appears the darkest,
Morning is not far away.

—Author Unknown,
1010 Illustrations,
Poems and Quotes.

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You asked me how I gave my heart to Christ,
I do not know;
There came a yearning for Him in my soul
So long ago;
I found earth's flowers would fade and die,
I wept for something that would satisfy
And then, and then, somehow I seemed to dare
To lift my broken heart to God in prayer.
I do not know, I cannot tell you how;
I only know He is my Saviour now.

—1010 Illustrations,
Poems and Quotes.

NEWS NOTES

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Cherry Educational Building at noon, followed by a singspiration in the afternoon with Mr. Jimmy Paige, youth choir director, in charge. There will be no evening service.

Former members, former pastors, and friends of the church are cordially invited to be in attendance for this festive occasion.

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Grimsley Church
To Observe Homecoming

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming, Sunday, October 10. Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon, and in the afternoon a memorial service and singspiration will be held. Visiting and local musicians will be participating in this service. The pastor of the church, the Rev. L. B. Manning, and the church membership issue a warm invitation to all former members, former pastors, and friends to be present on this occasion.

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Revival and Homecoming
At Fayetteville Church

Revival services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina, the week of October 10-16, with the Rev. Wayne King serving as guest evangelist. The annual homecoming observance will take place Sunday, October 17. Lunch will be served on the church grounds, and a singspiration will follow in the afternoon. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Taylor Hill, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to be in attendance for the revival services; and former members, former pastors, and friends of the church are urged to be present for the homecoming observance.

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Unity Church to Have
Revival and Homecoming

On Sunday, October 10, homecoming will be observed at the Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Pervis Road, Durham, North Carolina, with the Rev. Sam Joyner of Durham bringing the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship service.

Revival services will begin Monday night, October 11 and will continue through Saturday night, October 16. The Rev. Noah Brown of Morehead City, North Carolina, will serve as guest evangelist. Services will begin nightly at 7:30, and special music will be featured during each service.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Raymond Jones, issues a warm invitation for the public to be in attendance on these occasions.

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First Church, Wilson
To Observe Homecoming

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming to be observed Sunday, October 10. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45, followed by the morning worship service at eleven, with the Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor, bringing the homecoming message.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour in the educational building of the church. An afternoon memorial service, under the direction of Mr. Leslie Hawley, will follow. A singspiration will also be held, featuring the Four Clefs from Sampson County, North Carolina, and local church talent.

The pastor and the church membership invite all former pastors, former members, and friends of the church to be present for this day of fellowship.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mount Olive College Dinners

A series of seventeen dinners will be held for Mount Olive College this fall throughout Eastern North Carolina. The purposes of these dinners will be to inform Free Will Baptists of the services the College is performing for the denomination and its youth and it will assist the churches in meeting their financial challenges to the College.

The following dinners have been scheduled:

Carteret County, Saturday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Crab Point church Fellowship Hall.

Craven County, Monday, October 18, 7 p.m., Saint Mary's church.

Pamlico County, Saturday, October 23, 7:30 p.m., Rock of Zion church.

Pitt County, Monday, October 25, 7 p.m American Legion Building, Greenville.

Greene County, Thursday, October 28, p.m., Snow Hill Primary School Cafeteria.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties, Monday November 1, 7 p.m., Edgewood churc Fellowship Building.

Wilson County, Tuesday, November 2, p.m., American Legion Building, Wilson.

Jones County, Saturday, November 6, p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston.

Johnston-Wake Counties, Monday, November 8, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Selma Senior High School.

Wayne County, Wednesday, November 10 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Mount Olive.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, November 11, 7 p.m. Midway School.

Duplin County, Saturday, November 13 6 p.m., Beulaville Elementary School.

Lenoir County, Saturday, November 20 7:30 p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston.

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Winfield Student-Aid Fund at Mount Olive College

Prior to his recent illness and death, the late John A. Winfield (1904-71) of Pinetown, North Carolina, expressed his plans to establish at Mount Olive College a student-aid fund as a memorial to his parents. Due to cancer, which quickly claimed his life, Mr. Winfield did not live to personally fulfill his plan, but at his death on September 8, 1971, at the age of 66, his wife, Mrs. Mary Winfield, invited friends to make gifts to this fund in lieu of flowers.

The fund has grown rapidly as people from all walks of life who knew Mr. Winfield have made contributions in his memory. Mr. Winfield, a member of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Does God allow evil that ood may be gained by it?

Answer: Many instances are given in e Scriptures that indicate that He per- its evil, or removes the restraining in- uence from evil doers who are flagrant nd persist in the wicked course they ave chosen preferably to living for God nd His cause, leaving the way of holi- ess and right as prescribed in the Bi- le. Modern history even reveals such cts. Kaiser Wilhelm is given cre- t for much effort and many of the de- sions that resulted into the disastrous nflict with all the evil results that me upon the world in the form of orld War I. Then there is to be found e fact recorded in history that Hitler llowed closely in his footsteps as he ent headlong and against many warn- gs and reminders of Kaiser Wilhelm nd World War I with the recent sobering sults. God permitted both of these en to win the honor and acclaim of uch of the world in spite of the facts at the purpose of both was in their addening quest for power. Then He lowed each to reach a bitter end in the ncluding days of their earthly life.

The Bible indicates that due to the dis- edience of God's people, Judah, God lowed a more wicked people, led by ebuchadnezzar, an ungodly heathen ng to come in, destroy Jerusalem and e temple of the living God, and carry od's chosen people into a captivity here they were to be subject to those orshiping heathen gods for at least 70 ears. But on the other hand, God did t leave Nebuchadnezzar to go unpun- hed. In addition to a seven-year period hen he was stricken by a disease that ade him a victim of insanity, he was nfined to the grounds of the capital as ough he were a beast of the field graz- g as an ox. His kingdom that had en so great and magnificent in his day ll prey to his enemies in another gener- ion.

Then look at Ahab, a man of great wer and authority, under whose rein il prevailed in ways that surpassed the evil of the heathen kingdoms nearby. God let him and his wicked queen, Jezebel, prosper physically under some of the most wicked and notorious conditions mentioned in the Word of God. But that did not last forever, for in the person of John, He had a servant ready when God's time came to destroy all that wicked household. So He may allow a person, a tribe, or even nations exercise their will or human freedom and participate in an evil course for awhile, and even what seems in some cases a long while; but in spite of all this He will find a convenient way to get honor for Himself and good to all His obedient children. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28); "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our heart, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. . . . For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:6, 17); "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:3-5); "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12); "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Peter 5:10).

God knows how to prepare us for that which He has prepared for us; so that is what He is doing in the time of these brief days given us for this life of work and preparation. Jesus told His own immediate disciples just before leaving them by the way of the Cross, the grave, the resurrection, and ascension that they, with all His followers, might be regarded as little individual lambs planted or placed in the midst of packs of ravening wolves.

Paul with such instructions in hardship and suffering he had undergone, says: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20); "As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter" (Romans 8:36); "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. . . . But my God shall spuply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 19); "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8); and also in Matthew we find, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10: 28).

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Question: Please explain, "But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead" (Matthew 8:22). Were not these words, "let the dead bury their dead," heartless?

Answer: I do not think so for His object here was to teach that the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom of God was of greater importance than what this young man did which was customary among the Jews and other orientals; that is, the elder son remain home unmarried and take care of the parents until they die and give them an honorable burial. Such a duty could be well performed by an unsaved person or at least one who was not called to the ministry of the gospel. This dead that was to perform the task of burying the dead, Jesus says, should be done by the spiritually dead.

Dr. W. M. Thomson, in his book, "The Land and the Book," goes into quite a bit of detail as he explains this custom and meaning of the words of Jesus as found in Matthew 8:22. He tells about seeking to employ as a guide an Arab that felt responsible to remain single and at home until his parents were buried, when he was touring Palestine and its environs. Having been told of this young Arab's detailed knowledge of

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STORIES

for our youth



PETE PICKS A PARTNER

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

SCHOOL had been out only about fifteen minutes when Pete skidded into his back yard. His first stop was the fruit bowl in the kitchen. Polishing an apple on his sleeve, he went into the living room and slouched on the sofa. That's where Cora, his sister, found him when she came home.

"Hey! Are you sick or something? What are you doing home so early?"

Usually Pete was the last one home. He and his three best friends always poked along, laughing and clowning all the way. "I'm O.K.," the boy answered glumly.

"Well, something is wrong," she insisted. "You look as if you've just lost your last friend."

"I haven't yet, but I will by tomorrow," he declared.

Cora came over to the sofa. "What's wrong, little brother?" she teased.

"Aw, cut it out, Cora!" Then, on second thought, he sat up straight. "I need your help, Sis. You're good at this sort of thing. Tell me what to do."

Pete didn't mind asking his sister for help. She was a senior in high school and for a girl, she was O.K.

"I don't know what it is all about, but I'll try." She dropped her books on the table and sat by her brother.

Pete tried to explain. "Today Mrs. Freeman appointed me to be a member of the student council. She said I would represent our class at all of the school meetings."

"That's great, Pete! I'm proud of you," interrupted Cora.

"In the past, only the high-school grades had class representatives. But the principal has decided to let the lower grades take part in the school government, too, so they would know what to do by the time they were in high school."

"I'm proud of you, Pete," Cora said again. "Now you will get to go to the council meetings and help solve the school problems."

"But you don't understand, Sis. I am supposed to pick my own partner. Someone to go with me."

"Well, there are all your friends. You can pick one of them." She made it sound easy.

Pete kicked off his shoes viciously. "That's just it, Sis! They will be expecting me to pick one of them, but the truth is, well, I'm not so sure that any of them will be the best man for the job!"

"Hmmm, that's mighty deep thinking, little brother. You are growing up!" Then Cora became serious. "I know what you mean. It is nice to have good friends, but we must never let friendship stand in the way of making the right decision."

"But what am I going to do?" Pete sounded desperate. "You haven't helped me at all."

Cora gave a short laugh. "That's your decision, Pete. No one can tell you what to do. I'm glad I am not in your shoes! It sure would be hard to choose between your friends." She started to leave the room but stopped at the door. "Don't worry. I know you will pick the best man."

Pete twisted around and lay back on the sofa. He stared at the ceiling for a long time. He was beginning to wish Mrs. Freeman had picked someone else, or at least picked the one to work with him.

Then like the pop of a soap bubble, he had an idea! There was no rule saying it had to be one of his close friends!

The next morning Pete whistled a the way to school. He knew whom I was going to select, and he felt extrem ly good about it.

Somehow his classmates sensed fro his behavior that it might not be one his best friends. Kids were whisperi to one another all around the room.

"I used to help him with his hom work," said Jake. "You'd think h would pick me!"

"Well, what about me?" asked Harol "Remember when he was sick? I toc him his homework assignments ever day!"

Ricky had his reasons, too. "I thoug sure he'd pick me! Remember the su prise birthday party I gave him last yea He said it was the best party he ev had."

The boys talked on and on. "You think he'd pick one of his friends," d clared Jake. "That's what friends a for, isn't it, to stick together?"

"I don't know," said Ricky. "Yo think you're really someone's friend, an then the first thing you know, puff, an it's all gone!" He was still shaking h head when the bell rang.

The class could hardly wait to find ou whom Pete had chosen to help him re resent their room. He had promised t tell them this morning.

Mrs. Freeman tapped on her desk an asked the students to settle down. "Hav you decided whom you would like t work with you, Pete?"

Pete said, "Yes, Ma'am," but th words almost didn't come out for he ha a frog in his throat.

His classmates laughed nervously.

The boy stood and cleared his throa "I have picked someone I think will b the best man for the job. Someone wh is a friend to all of us. He is, well, e he is dependable and a good student an well, uh, he is just a good, steady fe low. I picked Ted Kramer!"

Pete sat down with a thud!

For a moment there was dead silence Then Ricky stood up and said, "Thank Pete. You made a good choice."

Before Ricky could sit down, Jak stood up and said, "I'm glad Pete wa thinking about the good of the whol class instead of just a few of us!" Th three boys had had a chance to think things over, and they knew their frien was a regular fellow himself.

They led the class in cheering, "Thre cheers for Pete! Three cheers for Ted!"

Again Mrs. Freeman had to tap on he desk. She said she thought it was time to get to work, now that Pete had pick ed a partner!—My Pleasure.

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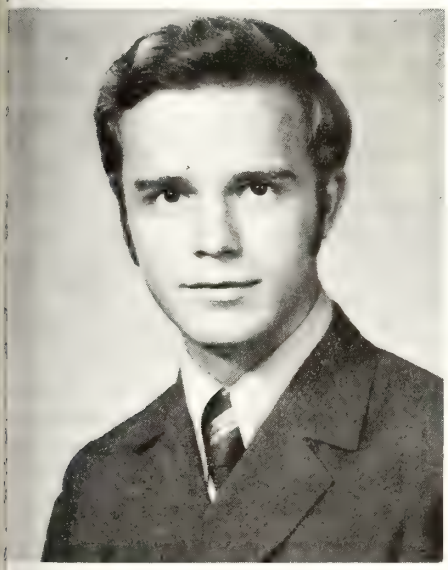
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eaufort County, North Carolina, was ne of the leading laymen in the Free Will Baptist denomination. His wife is member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College.

The Winfield Student-Aid Fund will be permanent trust which Mount Olive ollege will use through the years to ast worthy young men and women in at-aining an education. The fund is open o anyone who would like to make a con-ribution in any amount in memory of Mr. Winfield. Checks may be sent to Mount Olive College and the College will eport to the family all gifts received.

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Meet Gary M. Bailey, A Ministerial Student at Mount Olive College



Gary M. Bailey, 19, is the son of Mr. nd Mrs. Maehue Bailey, Route 2, Wil-iamston, North Carolina. Gary is a nember of Rose of Sharon Free Will Bap-ist Church and is a licensed minister. le is a graduate of Bear Grass High chool. In high school he served as a tudent government representative and nember of the annual staff. In his senior ear he served as student government resident and staff writer for the school ewspaper.

Gary is presently a sophomore at Mount Olive College and is president of Kappa Chi, an organization for minis-erial students. He is also active in the ree Will Baptist Fellowship. Gary is vailable for pulpit supply and may be eached at Mount Olive College.

Extension Program

From its beginning officials of Mount Olive College have recognized an obligation to serve the Free Will Baptist church, particularly since it is the only college sponsored by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Various programs have been initiated by the College as means of fulfilling this obligation, including a program of study for ministerial students, church scholarships for Free Will Baptist students, providing speakers and pulpit supply, sponsoring conferences for ministers and for youth, and numerous other services.

In order to broaden and strengthen our service to the church, realizing that the initiative for such service rests mainly with the College, the Department of Religion proposes to offer an extension program that will help to meet certain needs of the denomination at the level of the local church with an emphasis on the development of leadership in the local church and community.

I. Aims

A. To provide opportunities for Christian laymen to increase their knowledge and understanding of the biblical and historical foundations of the Christian faith and the practical applications of this faith to the needs of the modern world, thus enabling them to assume a more creative role in the life and mission of the church.

B. To strengthen the program of Christian education in the local church by offering instruction to men and women who will serve as teachers and leaders of all age groups.

C. To assist ministers in gaining knowledge and practical training that will help them to have a more effective ministry in the local church and community.

D. To enhance the role of the College in service to its constituency in the Free Will Baptist church.

II. In the light of these aims, Mount Olive College can serve local churches of the denomination by offering courses in three general areas: "The Bible," "The Church," and "Christian Life and Service."

A. The Bible
   1. Old Testament Survey
   2. New Testament Survey
   3. The Prophets of Israel
   4. The Life and Letters of Paul

B. The Church
   1. Survey of Church History
   2. Christian Beliefs
   3. The Free Will Baptist Church
   4. Church Music

C. Christian Life and Service
   1. Pastoral Care
   2. Marriage and Family
   3. Evangelism and Missions
   4. Teaching Methods in the Church School

Any of these courses may be taught in your area if there is sufficient interest. If any minister or layman needs more information on making arrangements for this service in your area, please contact the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, or telephone 658-2502.

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HARRISON TO TEACH COURSE IN CRISIS MINISTRY

Mount Olive College will offer an eight-week course in Crisis Ministry in Pastoral Care, beginning October 7, 1971, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. The class will meet once a week for approximately two hours each night, and will consist of lecture, discussion, and group interaction. The text for the course will be "The Christian Pastor" by Wayne E. Oates. Copies will be available at the first meeting of the class.

A registration fee of $10 will be charged for persons enrolling in the course.

Crisis Ministry in Pastoral Care will focus specifically on the following areas:

"Pastoral Care: Its Meaning and Heritage" (October 7)

"The Pastor and Counseling" (October 14)

"The Pastor's Hospital Ministry" (October 21)

"The Pastor's Ministry to the Dying Patient" (October 28)

"The Pastor's Ministry to the Bereaved" (November 4)

"The Pastor and Premarital Counseling" (November 11)

"The Pastor and the Emotionally Disturbed" (November 18)

"The Pastor and Preaching" (December 2)

The course will be taught by the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College. Mr. Harrison earned his

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



FOR OCTOBER 17

GOD RESPONDS TO PRAYER

Lesson Text: Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7: 7-12; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9; Romans 8:26, 27

Memory Verse: 1 John 5:14

I. INTRODUCTION

John Masefield once said, "God warms His hands at man's heart when he prays." This reminds us to say that prayer and God combine to make both realities to us. This is what we mean: If God were truly real to us; that is, if we believed He existed and cared for us, we would pray more often to Him. Is that not true? Isn't it reasonable? We talk to and with those we love and who love us, but we first have to know they exist.

On the other hand, if we believed truly in prayer and depended upon it everyday, God would become more real to us. The two are closely related because prayer is the avenue of approach to God.

Each soul has its secret place,
Where none may enter in
Save it and God—to them alone
What goeth on therein is known—
To it and God alone.
—John Oxenham.

There is nothing God had rather do than to respond to our prayers. He answers every one of them—either with "Yes," or "No," or "Wait awhile." There is no such thing as the heavenly Father simply ignoring the prayers of His children. The reason we think this is so sometimes is because we have not learned the truth of the previous sentence. God knows best—in every instance—and we are to trust Him, never to question Him. Can we do this?—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is easier to believe in the existence of God and in His Word than to believe in some of the theories constructed by men (Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 8:3, 4; Romans 1:20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:20, 21).

B. Christians ought to recognize the fact that unless they ask, there is no possibility of receiving a response from God (Matthew 7:7, 8; James 1:17; 4:2).

C. If men care for those in their own family, how much more God will care for those who are born into His family (Matthew 7:9-12; Romans 8:31, 32).

D. God permits things to enter into the life of the Christian for His own glory and for our good (2 Corinthians 12:7; Job 1:7-12; 2:3-6).

E. The grace of God is sufficient for all the problems of life regardless of what they might be (2 Corinthians 12: 8, 9; cf. Ephesians 2:8).

F. The Holy Spirit's intercession is sure of response (Romans 8:26, 27; 1 John 5: 14, 15).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "The Spirit is the believer's help in prayer, for 'we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us.' In the face of the need of the world today, one wonders how he should pray. He has a sense of ignorance, of helplessness, of frustration, yet if he is a true Christian he will find that the incercessor is within. It is not necessary to pray in beautiful language of public eloquence. One need only pray or groan and the Spirit within us knows that which is most needed by us and makes intercession for us. Simultaneous with His praying, there is an intercessor in heaven at the right hand of God, our high priest who ever lives to make intercession for us, and He understands the mind of the Spirit and makes intercession according to the will of God. Thus, as we are praying, the searcher of hearts is working. God is looking for our needs and is more ready to meet them than we are to ask in Christ's name. This threefold Divine cooperation in prayer and in help is to the purpose that God's will may be done, that all might work together for good for those who love God."—Ockenga.

B. Since God knows our needs (Matthew 6:8), why pray? John Bunvan had a fair answer when he said, "He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day.' But the best answer is that Jesus, the Son of God, prayed and taught His disciples to pray. This should be reason enough. God not only wants us to pray but expects us to pray.

Paul had a thorn in the flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7) and three times he asked the Lord to remove it. After the first prayer he could have said, "The Lord knows my problem, I'll let it go at that.' Instead, he continued to pray until the answer came, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul was encouraged and strengthened by the answer, declaring, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake" (2 Corinthians 12:10).—Standard Commentary.

C. "Jesus speaks of the certainty of answered prayer. God hears and answers every prayer of faith. He may not answer in the way we expect, but he does answer. I am very thankful God has not answered all of my prayers in just the way I have desired at that very moment. Sometimes he tells us no, but this is an answer.

" 'What is the highest mountain in the world?' a little girl was asked in school one day. "Monadrock," she wrote on her paper. That night at home she discovered her mistake and prayed, 'O, God, make Monadock the highest mountain in the world.' Adult prayers are sometimes just as juvenile.

"We must not expect God to do for us what we can do for ourselves. We should not expect to receive through prayer alone what only comes from hard work. Prayer is not a substitute for perspiration.

"We can expect, however, that God will be lovingly attentive to our prayers, and will answer each prayer of faith in keeping with our ultimate welfare in the blessing of all mankind."—Broadman Comments, 1967.

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A kind word is never lost. It keeps going on and on, from one person to another, until at last it comes back to you again.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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PRAYER THOUGHT

The above reminds us again and again at we should be "about the Lord's busi-ess." Many souls, including our own, uld be lost due to plain indifference. hat a challenge!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

HIS FATHER'S HINDRANCE ALSO

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:11

A little boy, whose father was a news-per printer, was preparing his Sunday hool lesson, and came across these words, Ie sought to see Jesus . . . and could not r the press." "Oh, Dad," said the little l, "is that why you can't love Jesus,—cause you are in the press?" The child's rds impressed the father, and, like Zac-aeus, he ran on and followed Jesus; and tter still he found the presence of Christ reality even in the pressroom.—*Christian erald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is still being proven to us that the riptures remain true: ". . . and a little ild shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6). *Do e feel the need sometimes to "relive" the nocence and naivete of a little child?*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

TESTS OF SANCTIFIED CHARACTER

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:1

Some of the acid tests of sanctified aracter will always be:

1. Can you labor on cheerfully without rthly reward?
2. Can you toil on hopefully without ngible returns?
3. Can you travel the road of frequent iticism without bitterness?
4. Can you lift and agonize and sacrifice d pray and give, way down out of sight, ile others lead the procession and re-ve the honors? In other words, are you lling to be soil in which providential nts may grow, while others fill the ces of leaves and blossoms on the trees time?—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To be able to pass this test should be r goal. When you see the above traits in person, you see a happy, contented one. t us search our own hearts and souls. Can pass the tests?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD'S GOSPEL

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:11

Four-year-old Arthur was visiting his her's place of employment and chatting h some of the employees. "Mr. Job, ere's your mother?" he asked, meaning man's wife. "She's dead, Arthur, and heaven—I hope," replied the man. Not-ng the doubt, the child at once, respond-ed, "Well, Jesus died to save her, so's she could go, anyway." Much impressed, the man related the incident to the child's father, adding, "Ah! if you and I had been taught that when we were his age we would be different men today."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our children today are exposed to so much! Let's be ever mindful that they need to hear daily about God and salvation.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

REAL BEAUTY

Scripture Reading—Psalm 73:24

A Quaker lady was once asked the secret of her beautiful complexion. She said, "I use truth for my lips; for my voice, prayer; for my eyes, pity; for my hands, charity; for my figure, uprightness; and for my heart, love."—*Reginald Wallis.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To keep ourselves clean and well-groomed is not enough. Beauty does indeed come from inside the person. Let's take a closer look at our own selves.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

HIS SEARCH WARRANT

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 22:29

A Roman Catholic priest in Ireland reprimanded a peasant for reading the Bible. "But I have a search warrant to do so," replied the man. "What do you mean, sir?" said the priest in anger. "Why," answered the peasant, "Jesus said, 'Search the Scriptures,' and I am doing only what he tells me to do." The argument was unanswerable.—*The King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we could be as the peasant! Without the warrant we should be reading our Bibles. There's so much we need to know.

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Life is partly what you make it and partly how you take it.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Report

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Disbursements

Child's Clothing	$ 75.00	
Child's Christmas Gift	20.00	
Child's Spending Money	57.00	
Child's Birthday Gift	5.00	
Secretary's Salary	20.00	
Secretary's Expense	10.93	
Treasurer's Expense	7.00	
President's Expense	4.21	
Life Award	25.00	
Offering for Children's Home	39.20	
Offering for Mount Olive College	39.20	
Lunch Money for Mount Olive College Chapel Fund	93.45	
Total Disbursements		395.99
By Vote of Convention:		
Children's Home	$ 20.00	
College Organ	20.00	
Cragmont Assembly	20.00	
Camp Vandemere	20.00	
Total by Vote of Convention		80.00
Balance in Treasury		$ 64.98

Respectfully submitted by Finance Committee,
Mrs. Rom Mallard
Mrs. Velma Lyczkowski
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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

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Plant Operation	41,338.00	41,000.00
Motor Services	5,700.00	6,000.00
**Health	3,100.00	5,000.00
Recreation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Religious Activities	1,625.00	2,500.00
***Education	11,200.00	14,000.00
Farm (Spent $32,072.90 in 1968-69)		40,000.00
Capital (Buildings)		20,000.00
Capital (Furnishings)	5,000.00	4,000.00
Totals	$186,682.00	$250,000.00

*This item anticipates the employment of a social worker on our campus. Duke Endowment will probably assist with this.

**This is an ambitious figure since we are not under compliance.

***ESEA would have paid all of its approved budget this year of $14,195.00.

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undergraduate degree from Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina, and his graduate degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. In June of 1971, he completed two years of clinical pastoral education at North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine, with major emphasis in pastoral care and counseling.

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How to Raise $100,000 for Mount Olive College

by W. Burkette Raper, President

It is within our reach to raise $100,000 for Mount Olive College in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the chartering of the College in November, 1951.

Plans are now being made for a series of seventeen dinners for the College which will involve 200 churches in Eastern North Carolina. If each church would have at least five members on its dinner committee for the College, and if each of these persons secured a minimum of five gifts in the amount of $20 each, the total of $100,000 would be raised.

Since 1971 is the twentieth anniversary of the College, we challenge each person who will be working in these dinners to seek at least five people who will give $1 for each of the twenty years the College has served. Surely, in a nation that is as vast and as rich as America, an enthusiastic worker can find five families, individuals, or business firms who will give $20 or more for one of the most important causes of our times—a Christian college dedicated to the best development of our youth.

The arithmetic of the plan is simple:

—200 churches with at least five workers=1,000 workers

—1,000 workers each find five or more donors who will give $20 each= $100,000

Larger churches should even exceed this goal!

Within our reach is $100,000! There are 5,000 people who will give a minimum of $20 **if they are asked**—and many will give more. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; . . ." (Matthew 7:7). The money is available and the cause is worthy. At the dinners we will give special recognition to those who raise or give $100 or more.

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By taking knowledge of us, do people see that we have been with Jesus?—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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In Christ we find sufficiency for our own insufficiency.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

Woman's Auxiliary

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The program for the evening was "Th Pam Temple Story," and was introduce by Mrs. Berta Edwards. Mrs. Edwar introduced the special guest, Miss Ter ple, and turned the program over to he

Miss Temple made a very inspirin talk and showed color slides of her tr to the Mexican Mission this past sur mer. An offering was taken for Mi Temple and each one attending expres ed his appreciation for the wonderf fellowship in the Lord at this meeting.

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Questions & Answers

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some of the places of interest he wish to visit, he offered a handsome sum salary for the services; but such an off nor any amount of persuasion would i fluence him to go until he had perfor ed the sacred duty of caring for his p rents as long as they lived and givi them the traditional burial.

Jesus did not, in any way, belittle t office of burial, but simply contrasted with that more important, yea, all i portant duty of preaching the good ne that Jesus Christ came to save sinne Jesus honored such workmen as tho fishermen He called. The Bible plain teaches that if a person will not wo neither shall he eat. Manual labor h a place of honor in the Scriptures, b Jesus called Peter and Andrew, Jam and John, evidently honorable, succe ful, thrifty fishermen to leave th boats and nets and become fishers men, and they did it reaping most w thy rewards. You and I may do ju that when we have made the kind response to Jesus' call that these fo honorable ancients made.

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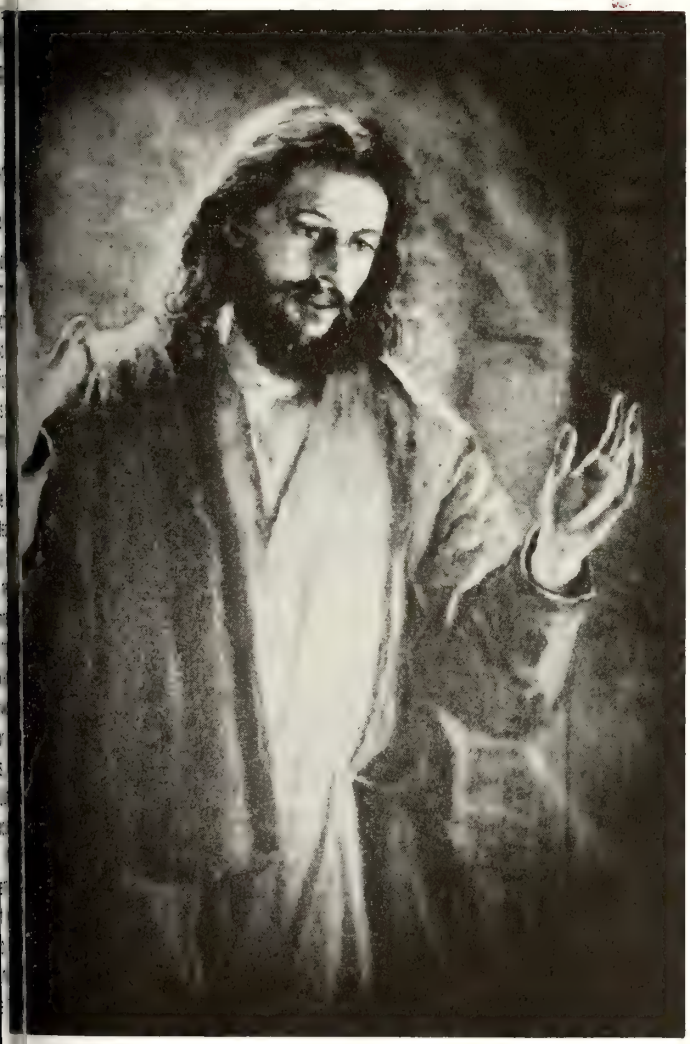
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Please note the change of address the Rev. C. R. Etheridge. His new a dress is P. O. Box 5, Arapahoe, No Carolina 28510; phone 249-4601. I former address was 305 Hill Street, W son, North Carolina. Please address correspondence to his new address.

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SO CHRIST IS JESUS

JESUS CHRIST:

Editorial...

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JESUS CHRIST: SUPERSTAR OR NOT?

Do you remember Vilma Blankly, Mae Murray, and Marion Davies? Never heard of them? How about Harold Lloyd, Fatty Arbuckle, and Paul Muni? Never heard of them either? Well, how about Jean Harlow, Mae West, Ken Maynard, Rudolph Valentino, and Humphrey Bogart? Their names are vaguely familiar? O. K., how about Jane Russell, Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor, Natalie Wood, Clark Gable, Rock Hudson, Richard Burton, and Ryan O'Neal? You do remember these? Good! Perhaps.

At one time or another, all of these were superstars in somebody's opinion. Some of them have died; some of them have faded out; and some of them have just simply been forgotten. At one time or another, all of these were famous, making millions of dollars for themselves and for their studios; but something happened. Sure, a few of the ones we've mentioned and many we have not mentioned are still faring sumptuously; but many actors and actresses are now unemployed and near poverty, according to one source—to the extent that officials of the motion picture industry have appealed to the federal government for relief funds. Regrettable? Maybe, but there's something even more regrettable!

There's at least one more superstar that we must mention—a current one: Jesus Christ. He is the subject of a folk rock opera that is receiving quite a bit of publicity and gaining quite a bit of popularity. Here we go again, but we must admit that we are not favorably impressed. Why? Well, one of the authors of the rock opera stated that he didn't believe in Christ as God, and this is brought out conclusively in the opera. Christ ends up in the grave; there is no resurrection. If this is the way He wound up, then it is all rather hopeless for the Christian, isn't it?

The movement on the stage is rather disconcerting too, according to one close colleague who witnessed the opera with its original cast two months ago. Go-go dancing a la "Hullabaloo" time accompanied much of the singing; and though some of the music is stirringly beautiful, it seems to be directed to the physical side of life rather than to the spiritual. Mary Magdalene when singing about Jesus, says, "I don't know how to love Him"; and unless you knew about whom she was singing, you would assume that He was her **lover.** She requests physical attention from Him, and His magical "charisma" lies in His personality, not His divinity. Also, throughout the opera, some of the important female characters are referred to as "apostles' women," which connotes rather unpleasantly and makes their relationship anything but virtuous.

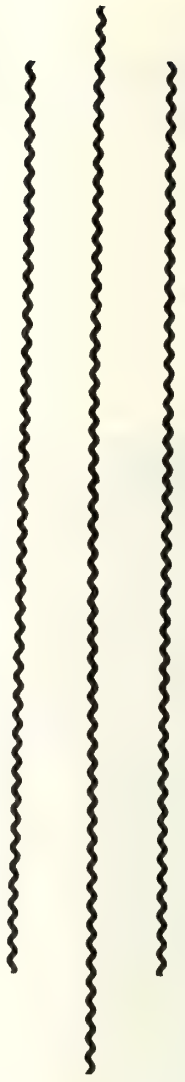
It seems that Judas is the big star of this extravaganza. He comes across as something much different from his biblical character, little less than a hero and really more than Jesus. Jesus is depicted as being so human that He is no longer godly. He is confused, not knowing His real purpose, and thinking that the Cross is unnecessary. His dying there seemingly accomplishes no good for mankind. The Last Supper is flowing with wine, and rather than something sacredly symbolic, it is a drunken party and comes across as a meaningless get-together.

The name of Jesus is used throughout the opera, and certainly we like to be exposed to His name (used correctly); but we don't want His nature to be altered in the presentation. It seems a little less than respectful to refer to Him as "J. C." Jesus in Scripture is a **perfect man**; the Jesus of Superstar **is not!**

Jesus dies in the opera—really dies (pun intended). And though one who knows the true story of Jesus realizes that He arose, the opera does not depict this. A **dead hero** is no good, but a **risen Saviour** is!

Like the superstars of old and those of today who are fast declining, the Jesus of Superstar may not long exist. He may bloom for a season but wilt when less favorable weather comes along. Rocking music, though sometimes enjoyed, and appealing serenades with physical vibrations don't seem quite appropriate to enhance the story of the life of the Son of God—or the last seven days of His life, for that matter.

What happens to the superstars? Drugs, scandal, unemployment, disremembrance—you name it. No matter how super, stars are still human. That's why we hate for Jesus to be called one; and that's why the opera leaves us cold.



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WHEN GOD TAKES OVER...

By Laura Bynum Wade
Snow Hill, North Carolina

The following story is true. Written in a rring manner, it vividly depicts the events curring before, during, and after the sud- n death of Mrs. Callie Bynum of Snow ill, North Carolina. Mrs. Bynum passed vay while on a visit to the Press with her ughter, a friend, and her daughter's small n. Mrs. Bynum's death came in the af- noon of March 2, 1971. The story is itten by her daughter.

T was a rainy, cool Tuesday morning —March 2, 1971—and soon after we d eaten breakfast, the telephone rang. was Leona Bartlett, a dear friend and member of our church at Jerusalem (a ethodist church near Snow Hill). To- ght would be the time for the month- meeting of our WSCS, and she and I d agreed to purchase a new com- union tray for use in our communion rvice before the March meeting. (At r last communion service, the com- union "wine" became so scarce that e were afraid there wouldn't be ough to go around.) The weather had en wet and bad; the forecasts gave no pe of relief, so we decided during our nversation to go to Ayden, a town out 25 miles away, to the Christian okstore to purchase the needed tray— spite the rain. Leona's orders were at my seventy-three-year-old mother, Mrs. Bynum, should go with us—that it would do her good. To this I agreed. Since Mamma had become depressed in October, 1970, I didn't like to leave her alone. She dreaded to go anywhere, but once we were on our way, she seemed almost to enjoy it. We really felt that her getting away from home helped to brighten her outlook.

Leona arrived at my home around 1:30 p. m., and it was still raining. Mamma, my four-year-old son, Darryl, and I were ready in a matter of minutes; and we got into our car and began what was to be the most unforgettable journey of my life.

We talked about many things as we drove the wet highways on the way to Ayden—about what a wonderful lay speaker we had in our church on Sunday; about how the early spring flowers were showing their lovely faces; about the enjoyable visit Mamma had had the night before with Leona's sister and brother-in-law, Bettie and Fred Ginn (while we were having our MYF meeting); about how wonderful it would be for spring to arrive—and numerous other things. About two thirds of the way there I heard Mamma rolling the back car glass down. I asked what was the matter, and she replied that she was having one of those "old curious feelings" and felt that she needed more air.

"Do you think you'll be all right?" I asked.

"Yes, maybe in a few minutes I will feel better," she replied.

As we reached the city limits of Ayden, I asked Mamma if she were feeling any better now. She said that she was, but that her underclothes were feeling too tight and uncomfortable. Since she had been depressed, it was very usual for her to have "strange" feelings. Her doctors could give no definite physical reason for her feeling as she did. It seemed to them that these feelings came from her problems of anxiety and depression, and she had even begun to see a psychiatrist at Wilson upon her doctor's recommendation. Before her depression began, she had been one of the happiest, most out-going people whom I have ever known. She had trusted in God to look after everything, and apparently she worried little. Then overnight, it seemed, her personality changed abruptly. Now she was the extreme opposite of what she had been. But her mind still remained alert—although she had changed from the positive to the negative side of life. She could still vividly recall the smallest details of past experiences that I had long since forgotten. It seemed that she had simply grown tired of living. She would stay in bed much of the time—which the doctors said was bad for her. I tried to keep her from lying there, and would ask her why she wanted to stay in bed when she wasn't even sleeping. She would reply that she just "wanted to sleep and go on." I asked what she meant by "going on." She informed me that she just wanted to "sleep and die," that she "wanted the Lord to take her." Then I would begin talking as calmly and quietly, but as convincingly as possible about all that she had to be thankful for, and would finish by telling her that the Lord would not take her until **He** was ready. Perhaps He even had some work on earth for her to finish! But she would never agree.

By this time we were stopping at a gas station to get directions to the Christian Bookstore which was a part of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Building. It was only a short distance away, and when we stopped in front of the building, I asked Mamma if she felt like going inside. She said, "Yes. I want to find the restroom and loosen my tight underclothes."

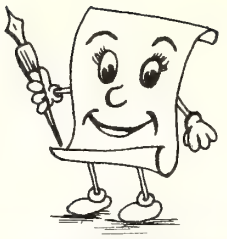
Leona, Darryl, and I passed through the outside door of the building, holding it for Mamma. We stopped before entering the inside door to wipe our dirty, muddy shoes on the rug. Then we went just inside the bookstore, holding the door for Mamma. Just as she came through the door, she looked at me and said very calmly, "Laura, I do believe I'm going to faint."

"Pray, Mamma!" I said.

I did not question what she said—although she could never remember having fainted in her life prior to this. Quickly Leona grabbed one arm and I grabbed the other while Darryl stood behind us quietly. I asked the employees to find us a bench or a chair in a hurry and told them that she was about to faint. They brought a chair, and just as they placed it under Mamma, she gave way, without speaking another word. I held my arm under her head, trying to hold her in a position to make breathing easier for her. Leona held on to her, too, and both Leona and I began to pray for God to help her; for Him to save and heal her. In the meantime one of the ladies ran to get a wet paper towel, for Mamma was breathing heavily and sounded as if she might be nauseated. We prayed more, and Leona prayed for God

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GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

"Lord, help us so to live that those who know us best will come to know thee better."

That phrase from a minister's prayer frequently shakes its long, pointed finger at me. Sometimes I shake right back and proceed to lose my temper, nag, gossip, or whatever.

Isn't the hardest place to practice Christianity at home? Home is the place to relax and be yourself. And if your "self" happens to be tired and ill, you will be mean and grumpy.

However, a Christian must remember to act as Christ would, speak as He would, and serve as He would. Paul said, "Christ liveth in me." That's how it's done.

After working in a store all week a woman would like to rest. But Lydia attended a prayer meeting by the river, where she and her household were baptized. She invited the apostles to stay in her home, and she probably helped organize the church there.

Dorcas is remembered chiefly for her sewing and being raised from the dead. As a result of this and her life's example, many in Joppa believed in the Lord.

Lois and Eunice could easily have neglected Timothy's early training, since his father was Greek and perhaps of a different religion. But they practiced their faith before him, teaching Timothy so well that he became an outstanding young minister.

Those examples cover almost anything women encounter: office work, homelife, and unbelieving associates. The results are what we should expect: growing churches, good deeds, and believing families.

Paul told Timothy to be an example ". . . in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). If we do that, and follow the example Christ left us, we can say, ". . . I will walk within my house with a perfect heart" (Psalm 101:2).

Let's make that prayer phrase our motto. Since our lives may be the only contact our closest associates have with Christ, we should live so they can know Him through us.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Sims, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church please write to Mr. Abner Miller, Route 2, Box 469, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; or telephone, 237-0947.

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AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Co-Worker:

The North Carolina State Convention designated **October** as **Superannuation Month** in our churches. This affords us an opportunity to make a special effort for this cause.

The superannuation board is seeking to assist our ministers in preparing for retirement. When one has given the major portion of his life in service to the Free Will Baptist denomination, there should be something for him to look forward to for the inactive years. However, the board can only do what you make possible through your support of the program.

You can help by receiving a special offering this month in your Sunday school, church service, league, and other organizations of the church. Can we afford to do less than our best? Some will fail to do anything. Will you help make it up by sending a generous offering?

Address your contributions to P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Give regularly throughout the year to the superannuation cause.

Respectfully,
Walter Reynolds, Director

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Heaven never helps the man who will not act.—Sophocles, 1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

Attention, Benevolence Chairmen, State Auxiliary Convention

Our report to the North Carolina St Woman's Auxiliary Convention in M 1971, was real good, but we still h work to do. All of our work is imp ant and necessary; but as benevole chairmen, we have special duties. case you are not sure of your duties shall list them as follows:

1. You are to minister to the needy your community. Even though they n not belong to your church or auxilia you owe them your Christian love j the same.

2. You are to have cottage pra meetings with the shut-ins. They n a little sunshine also.

3. One of the most important thi you are to do is to remember our tired ministers and ministers' wido May you do all that you can to help th for it is your duty and responsibili They have given the best of their li for us and the Free Will Baptist cau and we owe them much more than can possibly give.

4. Last, but not least, is our Childre Home. This is one of the greatest wo of our denomination. There you find mission within itself. In our State C vention we voted as a project for year to purchase a van truck for Children's Home at the cost of $4,0 Each auxiliary is to give what it can ward this project. I urge each auxili to do this as soon as possible. The Ho is in need of the van **now!**

Benevolence chairmen, you have wo to do. Let's not fail our people, pecially those around us. God's Wo tell us, ". . . we are labourers toget with God: ye are God's husbandry, are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9

Mrs. Woodrow McCoy
State Benevolence Chairm

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CANDY

During the minister's visit to th home, little Annie Jackson asked h mother, "May I give some chocolate c dy to Reverend Olson?"

"Of course, dear," Mrs. Jackson plied.

Annie offered the box of candy to t minister, smiled, and said, "Here, R erend, if you like hard centers, look the ones with teeth marks in them." Selected.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Harrison to Conduct Workshop on Suicide Prevention

The Cape Fear Ministers' Association ill sponsor a workshop on "The Minis- r as an Agent of Suicide Prevention," ctober 25, 1971, from 10 a.m. until 12 on at the First Free Will Baptist urch, Smithfield, North Carolina.

The workshop will seek to acquaint inisters with some of the early signs of e suicidal person and how the pastor ay fulfill his pastoral role in relation him.

The speaker for the workshop will be e Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of ount Olive College. Mr. Harrison is a aduate of Southeastern Baptist Theo- gical Seminary and has completed two ears of clinical pastoral education with ajor emphasis in pastoral counseling at orth Carolina Baptist Hospital and Bow- an Gray School of Medicine, Winston- lem, North Carolina.

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MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

(September, 1971)

The following is a list of gifts given the Moye Library, Mount Olive College, r the month of September, 1971. These fts totaled $178.50, and were given as memorial to the following:

Mrs. Mamie Barefoot by Mrs. Berlene andon and Rex, Mr. and Mrs. Sam ckson and Connie, and Mr. and Mrs. . M. Tew, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mrs. Rachel Brandon by Gary Barefoot, ount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Ted Brandon by Mr. and Mrs. Ed- ard Godwin and the Vanguard Class of obert's Grove church, Dunn, North rolina; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, Four aks, North Carolina; Gary Barefoot, lount Olive, North Carolina; and Mr. nd Mrs. Gene C. Honeycutt, Roseboro, orth Carolina.

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Mrs. Sally Powell by Little Rock church, Lucama, North Carolina.

Mr. Charlie Smith by Reedy Branch church, Winterville, North Carolina.

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Mr. Oscar E. Willoughby by the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Ayden, North Carolina; Miss Pam Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Randall Albertson; and Mrs. Mary Lou Game, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Gift by Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina.

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Mount Olive College Dinners

A series of seventeen dinners will be held for Mount Olive College this fall throughout Eastern North Carolina. The purposes of these dinners will be to inform Free Will Baptists of the services the College is performing for the denomination and its youth and to assist the churches in meeting their financial challenges to the College.

The following dinners have been scheduled:

Craven County, Monday, October 18, 7 p.m., Saint Mary's church, Mr. Ralph A. Morris, chairman.

Pamlico County, Saturday, October 23, 7:30 p.m., Rock of Zion church, Mr. Earl Holton, chairman.

Pitt County, Monday, October 25, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, Greenville, the Rev. Joseph Lehmann and Mr. Rex Wainright, cochairmen.

Greene County, Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m., Snow Hill Primary School Cafeteria, Mr. George Harrison, chairman.

Edgecombe - Halifax Counties, Monday, November 1, 7 p.m., Edgewood church Fellowship Building, Mr. Rufus Harrell, chairman.

Wilson County, Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, Wilson, Mr. James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Jones County, Saturday, November 6, 7 p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston, Miss Margaret Carol Banks, chairman.

Johnston - Wake Counties, Monday, November 8, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Selma Senior High School, the Rev. Stewart Humphrey, chairman.

Wayne County, Wednesday, November 10, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Mount Olive, Mr. Ben Rollins, chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, November 11, 7 p.m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties, Friday, November 12, 7 p.m., Folkstone church Fellowship Building, Mr. Leonard Hobbs, chairman.

Duplin County, Saturday, November 13, 6 p.m., Beulaville Elementary School, Mr. Arthur Kennedy, chairman.

Nash County, Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria.

Lenoir County, Saturday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston, Mr. John Taylor, chairman.

Beaufort County, To be arranged.

(More Mount Olive News on page eight)

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Friendship Church to Hold Dedication Service



On Sunday morning, October 17, the members of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, will dedicate the new sanctuary pictured above. The building program of the church began about two years ago and created much interest and enthusiasm among the members. With faith in God and a will to work, they decided to build a new sanctuary.

During the course of the building program there was continued cooperation and a uniting of the church into a closer fellowship than ever before. The members freely gave of their finances and time to this endeavor.

Mr. Carl Tyson served as chairman of the building committee until his death in March of this year. Mr. A. H. Cobb replaced him as chairman and is serving as the present chairman.

Friendship church has almost 250 members with an active church program consisting of church services first and third Sundays of each month, Sunday school and league each Sunday, a woman's auxiliary, a layman's league, and the youth organizations which meets each month. The Rev. Walter Reynolds **has been serving as minister for the past** four years.

All former members and pastors, and friends of the church are invited to this dedication service. The services will begin at eleven o'clock, followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

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Homecoming at Bethany Church

The Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will observe homecoming on Sunday, October 17. The pastor, the Rev. A. B. Chandler, will bring the homecoming message at the morning worship hour. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds at the noon hour. The church invites everyone to come and share a day of worship and fellowship with them.

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Revival and Young World Singers at Free Union Church

The Rev. Willis Wilson of Winterville, North Carolina, will be the guest minister for revival services at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, the week of O tober 17-22. Services will begin ea evening at 7:30 with the pastor, t Rev. C. L. Patrick, assisting. In additi to the gospel message there will be program of sacred music each evening.

On Saturday night, October 23, t Young World Singers will present a pr gram of music and testimony. A cordi invitation is extended by the pastor a the church members to the public to tend these services.

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Homecoming and Revival at Moseley's Creek Church

The Moseley's Creek Free Will Bapti Church, Dover, North Carolina, will o serve homecoming day Sunday, Octob 17. The services will begin with Su day school at 10 a.m., followed with t worship service at eleven. At 12: p.m. a picnic lunch will be served on t church grounds. At 1:30 p.m. an afte noon program of sacred music has be planned.

The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Harre and the church membership extend everyone a warm welcome to worsh with them on this occasion.

On Monday evening, October 18, t fall revival of Moseley's Creek chur will begin with the Rev. Norman A pastor of Christian Chapel church ne Pink Hill, North Carolina, as the gue evangelist. The services will begin ea evening at 7:30 and will continue throu Saturday evening, October 23. The p tor will be assisting in each service. T public is invited to attend.

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Revival In Progress and Homecoming, Mount Zion Church

Revival services began Sunday, tober 10, at Mount Zion Free Will B tist Church, Roper, North Carolina, a will continue through Friday evenir October 15. A different minister

Coming Events . . .

October 16—Pee Dee Association, Thom boro Free Will Baptist Church, Bru wick County, North Carolina

October 20, 21—Eastern Conference, B laville Free Will Baptist Church, Beu ville, North Carolina

November 4, 5—Cape Fear Conferen Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Chu near Dunn, North Carolina

November 10, 11—Central Conferen Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church n Snow Hill, North Carolina

nging the message each evening. On nday evening, the pastor, the Rev. arlie Overton, brought the message; nday evening, the Rev. C. H. Overman; esday evening, the Rev. Bruce Barrow; Wednesday evening the Rev. Walter ter will bring the message; Thursday ening, the Rev. James A. Evans; and closing message Friday evening, the v. Fred A. Rivenbark. Along with good eaching, special music is being render- each night. The pastor and the church mbership invite the public to attend remainder of these services.

The annual homecoming at Mount n church will be held on Sunday, Oc- er 17, beginning with Sunday school 10 a.m. This will be followed with worship service at eleven. A picnic ch will be served on the church unds at the noon hour. A singspira- n has been planned for the afternoon, ginning at 1:15 p.m. This service will ture the Joy Quartet from Chesapeake, ginia. All former pastors, former mbers, and friends are welcome to at- d the homecoming services.

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blin Grove Church to serve Homecoming

The Dublin Grove Free Will Baptist urch, Route 2, Aurora, North Carolina, observe its annual homecoming on day, October 17, beginning with Sun- school at 10 a.m. The pastor, the v. Tex Barrow, will bring the home- ning message at the eleven o'clock rship hour. A picnic lunch will be ved at the noon hour. The pastor and urch membership extend to all former tors, members, and friends a cordial itation to attend.

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laville Church to Host tern Conference

The Eastern Conference of Original e Will Baptists of North Carolina will vene with the Beulaville, North Caro- , church Wednesday and Thursday, ober 20, 21. The theme will be, "God My Refuge and My Strength." The derator, the Rev. A. Graham Lane, will side; assisted by the clerk, the Rev. ol Hansley. The music will be under direction of the Rev. J. B. Starnes h the Rev. Clyde Cox as pianist. The eduled program is as follows:

October 20, Morning Session

00—Registration of Ministers, Dele- gates, and Visitors
00—Devotions, the Rev. Wayne King
10—Call to Order, Conference Clerk
—Welcome to Host Church, the Rev. Bruce Dudley
—Response, the Rev. Leon Grubbs
10:15—Moderator's Message
10:30—Roll Call of Ministers and Churches
—Welcome to Visitors
10:50—Report of Eastern Woman's Auxiliary
11:00—Report of Children's Home
—Offering for Children's Home
11:15—Appointment of Committees
11:20—Worship Service:
Sermon, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. Emmitt E. Jones
1:25—Partial Report of the Credentials Committee
—Seating of Delegates
1:35—Report of Executive Committee
—Report of Examining Board
2:00—Report of North Carolina Board of Superannuation
2:10—Report of North Carolina State Convention
2:20—Report of North Carolina Ministerial Association
2:30—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
2:40—Report of Camp Vandemere
—Offering for Camp Vandemere
2:55—Report of Church Finance Association
3:05—Miscellaneous Business
3:20—Closing Hymn and Benediction

Evening Session

8:00—Camp Vandemere Rally

October 21, Morning Session

9:30—Registration
10:00—Devotions, the Rev. L. L. Parker
10:10—Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day
—Roll Call on Ministers Absent Wednesday
—Call for Church Letters Not Turned In
10:35—Report of Cragmont Assembly
10:45—Report of Conference Mission Board
10:55—Report of North Carolina State Mission Board
11:05—Report of Mount Olive College
—Offering for Mount Olive College
11:20—Worship Service:
Sermon, the Rev. Norman Ard
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Memorial Service, Memorial Committee
1:30—Final Report of Credentials Committee
—Final Report of Examining Board
—Business Session, Act on Proposed Amendments
2:00—Committee Reports:
Leagues
Sunday Schools
Temperance
Resolutions
Digest
Treasurer and Finance Committee
Nominations Committee
—Election and Installation of Officers
3:00—Miscellaneous Business Session
—Reading and Approval of Minutes
3:20—Closing Hymn, Benediction, and Adjournment

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Quarterly Report of State Board of Superannuation

The following is the quarterly report (July, August, and September) of the Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches:

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 1971		$ 7,420.35
Receipts		
Religious Contributions for Third Quarter	$2,326.86	
Insurance and Retirement Premiums for Third Quarter	3,979.94	
Miscellaneous Income	30.00	
Total Receipts		6,336.80
Total to Account For		$13,757.15
Disbursements		
Ministers' and Widows' Checks for Third Quarter	$ 755.00	
M.R.S. Retirement Checks	211.50	
Insurance Premiums for Third Quarter	2,647.21	
Operating Expenses for Third Quarter	673.45	
Total Disbursements		4,287.16
Balance September 30, 1971		$ 9,469.99

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James B. Hardee to Host Bible Lands Pilgrimage

The Rev. James B. Hardee of Elizabethtown, North Carolina, will hast a ten-day Bible Lands Pilgrimage which will depart JFK International Airport, New York, March 7, 1972. The total cost of the tour is $649. A down payment of $65 is required, but the balance may be paid on a twenty-four-month plan, at about $28 per month.

Points of interest and the days involved are as follows: First day: New York; evening departure from JFK International Airport on jet to Tel Aviv-Jaffa; hearty dinner and breakfast are served aloft.

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A BIG MAN WHO SERVED A BIG GOD

Funeral Meditation of John A. Winfield
Delivered by Dr. W. Burkette Raper,
President, Mount Olive College
Free Union Free Will Baptist Church,
Pinetown, North Carolina
September 10, 1971

John A. Winfield was a **man** in the fullest and truest sense of that word. He was a **big** man and he served a **big** God.

THE MAN

When one looked at John Winfield he saw the image of man at his best. Physically he was strong and vigorous, and when you were with him you felt his presence. He was the kind of man who made an impression upon you; wherever he went and in whatever he did, he made a difference with those who were with him and in the world about him.

True, he was a big man in body, but he was bigger yet in mind and spirit. In all he undertook, he sought to excel.

By profession he was a farmer who cultivated the sacred soil created by God, and he regarded the earth not as an enemy from whom he had to wrestle a living, but as a trust from God wherein he found a life that had beauty and meaning. He was a successful farmer not primarily because he derived a livelihood from farming, but because he found it to be the means of developing a quality of life that transcends this earth.

Not only was John Winfield a big man and a big farmer, he was a big citizen who served his nation, his state, and his community—and he served well. For more than a third of a century he served with distinction the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and at the same time he served his fellowman. At the state level he was chairman of the North Carolina State Employees Credit Union and locally he was active in helping to provide adequate banking services for his community. In health services he was an active director for his local hospital. In government he both advocated and practiced integrity and responsible leadership.

Yes, he was a big man with strong hands, a steady mind, and a warm heart.

A SERVANT OF GOD

John Winfield, however, was more than just a man; he was a servant of God who knew the Lord as his shepherd. Like the Christ whom he trusted for forgiveness of sins, he loved the church and gave himself to it generously. His loyalty to his own church was recognized by his Christian brothers who placed him in the high office of a deacon.



Because he enjoyed peace with God, he was able to live in peace with his fellowman. In times of conflict and tension brought about by issues which divide men into opposing camps of suspicion and sometimes hatred, he was able to see life and see it whole; and because he always chose the high ground of understanding, he contributed toward reconciliation among men. John Winfield was the kind of man Jesus must have had in mind when He said: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

For farmers, among whom he stood tall, this is the season of harvest when men gather the fruits of their labor. But this is not only the season of harvest for men, God has also made it a time of harvest in taking to Himself the soul of His servant, John Winfield. God has reaped the finest harvest earth can produce. Some crops can be grown in a few weeks; other crops require long months of cultivation and growth; but it takes a lifetime to produce a man like John Winfield.

Some crops are of low quality and perish before they reach market, but the spirit of John Winfield is eternal because it was made in the image of God and it has now returned to God from whom it came. His spirit will continue to live on earth through the lives of those who will receive an education in his name. It will also live in the new Garden of Life which we call heaven—a garden which John will enjoy because the Lord will be his everlasting Shepherd.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Mary Holley

On Thursday, August 5, 1971, ou heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdo and mercy, called our loved one, Mar Holley—affectionately known as "Aun Mary"—unto Himself to dwell in a hom not made with hands eternal in th heavens, where peace, joy, and happines will be her reward.

She was born March 19, 1872, nea the place where she died, and lived i the same community all her life. Sh was the wife of Pierce Holley who pr ceded her in death 31 years ago.

She accepted Christ and united wi Christian Home Free Will Baptist Churc Blountstown, Florida, at an early ag and was an active, ardent worker as lon as she was able.

"Aunt Mary" lived a beautiful Chri tian life, and her goodness overflowe and enriched the lives of others. Fello ship with her was an honor and a ple sure to enjoy. She loved her church an was faithful in all its activities. In h passing, the church and her friends ha suffered a great loss.

Her daily life was an inspiration those around her, and her example Christian living was a challenge and blessing to those with whom she can in contact. Her friends and loved on will cherish with sincere love the memo of her.

She is survived by one daughter, Mi Ada Holley; two daughters-in-law; thr grandchildren, six great-grandchildre and a host of other relatives and friend

Funeral services were conducted fr Christian Home Free Will Baptist Churc which she loved so well, by her past the Rev. James C. Pelt, assisted by former pastor, the Rev. Daniel F. Pe burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemete

She has whispered her last farewel
And passed to her home above,
Where 'neath the smile of the Saviou
She will finish her labor of love.

Written by a true friend,
Annie Belle Taylor

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

WHEN GOD TAKES OVER . . .

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o save her—to let her live. Suddenly I as aware that we were praying in the rong way. I said, "No, Leona, let God's ill be done—whatever it is."

In between prayers, I kissed her fore-ead and told her that I loved her. I sked the ladies to call the rescue truck, nowing in my heart that she was very l. In a matter of minutes, her face urned very red, her eyes had a fixed tare, and she strained. Then the color rained from her face, she turned her ead to the right side, shut her eyes, nd became limp.

"I believe she's gone, Leona . . . No, saw a vein move in her neck . . . Maybe he's not . . . But I believe she is. When ill the rescue truck be here?" All hese things and many more were said, ut through it all, we had been calm—ot crying and not hysterical. Elizabeth ill, the only employee of the press hom I knew, called Clyde, my husband, nd told him what was happening. (He orked at Mooring Oil Company which as very near our home.)

During all this time the thought kept oming to me as an order: "Don't wor-y; don't panic; just remember that I m still in control of everything. I will ee all of you through this. Trust me! Ay will is being done." I did as He ommanded me: I put my complete faith nd trust in Him, for without Him and is guidance, I was hopelessly helpless.

The rescue truck arrived soon, and as he workers rolled the stretcher through he door, they asked me routine ques-ions. Elizabeth came to me and said hat she had Clyde on the phone; was I ble to talk with him? While the work-rs placed Mamma on the stretcher, I alked with Clyde. I told him that Mamma was either dead or very near eath; that probably they would take her o the emergency room at Lenoir Me-orial Hospital in Kinston. He should eet me there. I would ride in the res-ue truck with Mamma.

As I returned to the door where all hese things had just taken place, the orkers were going through the doors n their way to the rescue truck with Mamma on the stretcher. I told Darryl o stop crying, that everything would be ll right, that he must stay with Leona hile I rode on the rescue truck with randma, that we were going to take er to the hospital, but that I would back o take him home later. Then I hurried to the truck where one of the workers asked me to get in the front seat. I wondered why I was not allowed to sit beside Mamma, who seemed to be sleeping peacefully. We had traveled only a little way until the driver told me that they were going to take her to Dr. Dixon's office in Ayden for him to check her. This seemed strange to me, but the Voice inside me told me not to worry, that He was still in control of everything, that this was His will.

The driver pulled to the curb at the back or side entrance of a building which I assumed was Dr. Dixon's office. Suddenly Dr. Dixon appeared and stepped into the truck, stethoscope in hand. He wanted to know my relationship to the woman he was about to examine. I told him that I was her daughter. He listened to her chest, then he asked the driver to turn off the truck engine. He listened more; then he asked me to go inside the office with him.

This I did, and as we entered the beautiful office, he asked me to sit down. Then he sat down, too, and said calmly and simply, "She's expired."

"I thought so," I said.

Dr. Dixon then went on to ask me routine questions about her health, who her doctors were; and then he called her doctor in LaGrange, Dr. John Ward, to confer with him and to tell him of her death. If I remember the name correctly, the doctor said that she died of an acute coronary infarction. Then he asked if there were anything that he could do or if I needed anything. I felt no need of medication, for God was supplying all the help I needed. But I did ask him to call the emergency room and tell the person who answered the phone to get the message to my husband that they wouldn't be bringing Mamma there. His secretary made the call; then she asked if she could do anything else. I said, "No, everything is all right."

We must have talked for thirty minutes or more—the Lord and me—alone in that office with its lovely blue shag rug and furniture to match. On the wall hung a plaque. On the plaque was a cross, and behind the cross, the sun was coming up behind a hill. I don't know what this emblem represented, but for me it meant that because of His death on the Cross, our Saviour had made it possible for death not to be the end; that through Him and by His Father's grace, we who believed and trusted in Him would have eternal life beyond death in His very presence!

In the meantime, my older brother, Gordon, called the doctor's office to learn if the news were true. I assured him that it was, but that I was fine. He asked where Mamma's body was. I didn't know, but Dr. Dixon told him that her body had been taken to the funeral home in Ayden.

An employee of the press called to see if I wanted one of them to come after me and take me back to the press. I then felt that I needed to get back to Darryl and Leona.

Mrs. Crouch, a very kind employee of the press, took me back and related to me the story of her mother's seemingly premature death which took place as the result of a drunken driver running upon the sidewalk and hitting her. Compared to her death, Mamma's had seemed easy.

Leona and Darryl seemed glad to see me. Mr. Manning, the editor of the "Free Will Baptist," had been God's human instrument in taking care of Darryl. Leona had been so upset herself that she was unable to console him. Mr. Manning had a little son about Darryl's age, and he knew just how to comfort Darryl. Leona's husband, Wilbur, had come to drive the car back for us. While we sat in the chapel of the building talking with different people—and to the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Clyde came. There had been a mix-up in the emergency room, and he had not received the message. When he had waited for what he felt was too long, he left and came by Dr. Dixon's office where he finally discovered what had actually happened.

On the way home, the Voice inside me kept telling me not to worry; to take just one step at the time in all that had to be done; that He would supply the strength I needed for everything that must take place.

After everyone—friends, neighbors, and loved ones—had left around midnight, Clyde and I finally had the chance to talk alone. I told him of the great strength that our Lord and God had given me in all that occurred before, during, and right after Mamma's death. To sum it up, when I had no knowledge of what to do, God simply and wonderfully took over! And all those people at the press had been marvelous—they had helped in every way humanly possible. They, too, had been God's human instruments.

Mamma looked lovely—as though she were sleeping peacefully, but that at any moment she might awaken, sit up, and start talking! Not a "worry" wrinkle remained! She looked so much younger

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Second day: Jerusalem; arrive in Tel Aviv-Jaffa in the evening local time and will be met, assisted, and transferred to hotel in Jerusalem to spend the night.

Third day: Jerusalem; tour important places rich in Bible history.

Fourth day: Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Jericho, Jordan River, Dead Sea; tour important places which are spoken of frequently in the Scriptures.

Fifth day: Samaria, Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth; others places of particular interest to the layman and minister alike.

Sixth day: the Coastal Area to Haifa; Solomon's stables will be seen on this leg of the journey as well as the place where Paul was imprisoned.

Seventh day: in the Holy City; free day here; at a small additional cost of $15, one may participate in the optional tour to Beersheba/Askhelon.

Eighth day: Tel Aviv-Jaffa/Athens; well-known Acropolis, with the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum, and Propyalea will be seen.

Ninth day: Corinth; where Paul spoke so eloquently; temple of Apollo and the Roman ruins containing platform from which Paul preached will be seen.

Tenth day: Athens/New York; proceed to the airport for flight back home; arrival in the afternoon of the same day.

Anyone interested in taking this tour should contact the Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337; telephone (919) 862-3940.

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Snow Hill Church Announces Fall Revival Services

The Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Mount Olive, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 18-23. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Joseph Ingram as the guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Leon Grubbs. There will be special singing each evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all the services possible.

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Western Conference to Convene With Elwood Lane Church

The Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, will be the scene of the eighty-fifth session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists Wednesday and Thursday, October 13, 14. It is important that **all** churches be represented and **all** member ministers attend. Each church is entitled to one delegate for each 100 members or fraction thereof. Each church is encouraged to send $5 or more to apply on the scholarship fund.

Directions to Elwood Lane church are as follows: Coming from Greensboro, follow Interstate 85 South past China Grove, travel approximately five miles to first exit leading to Kannapolis. Follow Lane Street West about two miles past the Spur service station and turn right on Bastian Avenue.

The following motels in the area are available for overnight guests: Center Motor Court, Colonial Motor Court, Mayfair Motel, Mid-Town Motel, Quality Motel, Twin-City Motel, and the Holiday Inn.

Dinner will be catered to the church recreational building both days. Make your plans now to attend this historic session. The program is as follows:

October 13, Morning Session

9:15—Registration
10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Roland Cherry
10:15—Welcome, Host Church
—Response, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling
—Roll Call of Ministers, Clerk
—Roll Call of Churches, Clerk
—Recognition of Visitors, Moderator
—Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. R. H. Jackson
10:55—Report of Children's Home, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr.
—Offering for Children's Home
11:15—Song Service (The Rev. Royster Martin, song leader, with Mrs. Patricia Pressby as pianist.)
—Special Music, Host Church
11:30—Conference Message, the Rev. R. H. Jackson
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, the Rev. Charles Sugg
1:10—Partial Report of the Credentials Committee
—Appointment of Temporary Committees
—Report of Mission Board, the Rev. Joe Ingram
—Report of Executive Committee
—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
—Business Session

Evening Session

7:30—Cragmont Rally

October 14, Morning Session

9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Raymond Jones
9:45—Report of Mount Olive College, the Rev. Frank Harrison
—Offering for Mount Olive College
10:05—Business Session
11:30—Ordination Service, Ordaining Board
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, Mr. Luther Bissette
1:10—Report of Ministerial Character Board
—Final Report of Credentials Committee
—Report of Temporary Committees
—Treasurer's Report, Mr. Luther Bissette
—Final Business Session
3:00—Closing Devotions, the Rev. Robert Rollins
3:10—Adjournment

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Revival in Progress At Saints' Delight

Revival services are in progress at the Saints' Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, October 16. Serving as evangelist for this series of services which begin each evening at 7:30 p. m. is the Rev. A. G. Smith. He is being assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. W. M. Pollard. The public is urged to attend the remainder of these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Revival in Progress At New Bethlehem

Following homecoming services which were held at the New Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Grantsboro, North Carolina, Sunday, October 10, revival services began Monday evening, October 11, and will continue throughout the week. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Carol B. Hansley, with the pastor, the Rev. A. Graham Lane, assisting. A warm welcome is extended everyone to attend the remainder of these services.

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Revival and Youth Revival At Pleasant Grove Church

Fall revival services will be held at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, North Carolina, the week of October 24-29. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Franc Garner, pastor of Roberts Grove Free Will Baptist Church, as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Charles N. Parrish,

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ll assist in the services and he states: "Ve invite all who desire a greater lowledge of God's Word to come and rship with us. We ask all Christians pray that we may have a spirit-filled vival and that lost souls will come to low the Lord."

Also beginning each evening at 6:30 the same dates, there will be a youth vival at Pleasant Grove. The speakers r these services will be Steve Law, ke Hopkins, Gary Irby, Larry Dickens, d Rob Kale, all students at nearby mpbell College. The pastor will also sist in these services. The youth of e area are especially invited to come d hear the good news from the Word God.

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The annual homecoming service will held at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist urch, Route 2, Pikeville, North Caro-a, Sunday, October 17. The services ll begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., llowed with the homecoming message a former pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris. nch will be served in the fellowship ll at 12:30 p. m.

An afternoon service will consist of memorial service and a program of cred music. The pastor, the Rev. C. M. ats, and the church membership ex-nd to all former pastors, former mem-rs, and friends a warm invitation to end a day of worship and Christian llowship.

On Monday evening, October 18, re-val services will begin at Pleasant Hill th the Rev. Joe Gerald as the guest angelist. The services will begin each ening at 7:30 and will continue ough Saturday, October 23. The pas-will be assisting in each service. The blic is cordially invited to attend.

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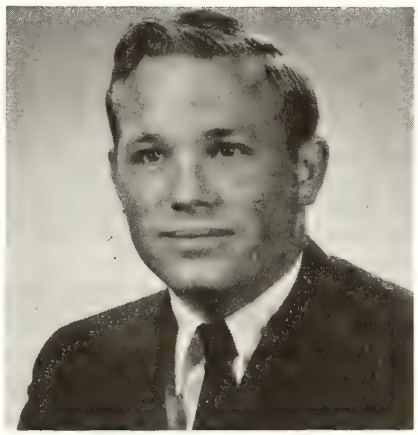
Fall revival services will be held at Ormondsville Free Will Baptist urch, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, week of October 18-23. The visiting angelist will be the Rev. Preston Had-k of Grimesland, North Carolina. Ser-es will begin each evening at 7:30 h the pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice, isting Mr. Haddock. Along with good aching, special music will be render-each evening by the church choir with ph A. Bowen as director and organ-ist. There will also be singing each evening by the youth of the church with Mrs. Clovis S. Bowen as director. Visiting singers are also expected during the week.

The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a warm and cordial welcome to worship with them during this series of services and any other time it is convenient for you to do so.

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Vanceboro Revival in Progress
Followed with Homecoming

Revival serivces are in progress this week at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, North Carolina. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30



with the Rev. Rudy Shepard, pastor of Wintergreen church near Cove City, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Elmo Truitt, is assisting in the services which will continue through Saturday evening, October 16. The public is invited to attend the rest of the services.

On Sunday, October 17, the Vanceboro church will observe its annual homecoming. The pastor will bring the homecoming message at the worship hour. This will be followed with lunch served on the church grounds at the noon hour. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Harvest Day and Revival
Sandy Plain Church

Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina, will observe harvest day Sunday, October 17. Following the worship service a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 p.m. At 1:30 there will be an afternoon service of sacred music. The pastor, the Rev. Wayne King, and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to worship with them on this occasion.

On Monday evening, October 18, the fall revival at Sandy Plain church will begin with the Rev. Joe Johnson, Kenly, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. The services will continue through Saturday evening, October 23, with the pastor assisting Mr. Johnson. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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Daly's Chapel Revival
In Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Seven Springs, North Carolina, with the Rev. Joseph Moore of New Bern, North Carolina, as the visiting minister. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 and will continue throughout the week. The pastor, the Rev. Chris Singleton, is assisting Mr. Moore. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services.

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Homecoming Day and Revival
At Edgewood Church

The Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, Crisp, North Carolina, invites all the members of the church, past members, and friends to its homecoming day services Sunday, October 17. The Edgewood church has recently undergone an extensive remodeling program and during the morning service the new furniture, carpet, and organ will be dedicated to the services of the Lord.

On Sunday night, October 17, the fall revival at Edgewood church will begin with the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of Wilson, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, will assist in these services which will continue through Saturday evening, October 23. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services also.

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Revival in Progress,
Followed with Homecoming

Revival services are in progress this week at the Deep Run, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, and will continue through Saturday evening, October 16. The services are beginning each night at 7:30 with the Rev. David C. Hansley of Goldsboro, North Carolina, bringing the messages. The pastor, the Rev. Melvin K. Everington, is assisting Mr. Hansley. You are cordially invited to attend the remainder of the meeting.

The Deep Run church will observe homecoming and loyalty day on Sunday, October 17. The pastor will bring the homecoming message. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

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STORIES

for our youth



THE CONTEST

by LEROY BROWN

IT happened just before the afternoon recess in the Christian grade school wnere Jerry Davis was a pupil. All day he had carefully complied with Miss Alper's better-behavior program. But Jerry forgot about it when he picked up a paper that had fallen from Margie Barr's desk.

"This is yours," he whispered, putting the paper back on her desk. Margie's auburn head was almost buried in the big geography textbook which she was reading. Certainly nothing was going to tempt her to whisper. She wanted to win the contest which Miss Alper had announced three months ago. The student who whispered the least during the three-month period was to receive a gift for his good behavior.

Jerry wanted to win the contest, too. But now, with only a few weeks remaining in the contest, he was just a little behind Margie and some of the other students as a result of his being polite. Knowing that Windy Kellams was further behind than he was didn't console him much.

Why had he forgotten? Or had he really whispered when he picked up the paper? No one had answered him or even pretended to hear him. Didn't it take two to make a conversation? Maybe the three little words he had uttered shouldn't be called whispering. After all, he was just being polite. Should he be penalized for that?

Jerry tried to convince himself that he should hold up his hand when, later in the afternoon, the teacher would ask, "How many have not whispered today?"

When the teacher did ask that question, just before dismissal, Jerry slowly put up his hand. But he felt his face getting red as he did so. He knew the teacher had not seen him put the paper on Margie's desk, because she had been writing something on the blackboard at the time. Marg was really the only one who knew, and she seemed to have forgotten.

But Jerry couldn't forget. Even when he went to Sunday school and church, he didn't feel right. However, he kept telling himself that he had really done nothing wrong in being polite. Maybe, in a way, when he said, "This is yours," he was merely thinking in a whisper. But in his heart he couldn't really believe that.

As the final days passed, Jerry controlled his tongue very carefully. He even bit it when he thought about whispering. He was reasonably sure that nearly everyone except very conscientious Margie Barr had whispered at least once.

Then it happened to her. When Miss Alper wasn't looking, mischievous Skinny Welch grabbed Margie's red ponytail and gave it a none-too-gentle tug.

"Quit that!" exclaimed Margie, in a righteously indignant stage whisper. It caused Windy Kellams to giggle. And the teacher turned around with a stern look, which meant, Be quiet or else—

That afternoon Margie did not hold up her hand when Miss Alper asked how many students had not whispered that day.

Now I'll win that contest, thought Jerry.

And he did win it. At the end of three months, he was the only student who hadn't whispered at least once. Marg was second, with only one reported violation. Jerry wondered whether she would object when the award was presented to him. He would know whe Friday afternoon came.

The students knew pretty well th Jerry would receive the award, but n body knew what it would be. So the was a rather expectant hush about th room when Miss Alper made the pr sentation.

Miss Alper was smiling as she said the boys and girls, "I'm pleased that yo have expressed so much interest in o good-behavior program. Of course, yo know you were on your honor when asked for reports on whispering. I tru you all have been truthful."

She paused, and somehow Jerry fe that her words must have been mean especially for him. He looked at th floor.

Miss Alper continued speaking: "Th one who will receive the award has perfect score. His name is Jerry Davi Jerry, Please come forward."

Slowly Jerry walked to the front the students applauded.

The package he received was we wrapped with a red ribbon around it.

"Would you like to open the packa and show your award to the students? asked Miss Alper.

Quickly Jerry opened the packag and there was a beautiful book, Jer quickly read the title: "Christian Mi sionaries in Action." On the cover w a picture of Jesus, along with the words: "The Greatest Missionary of All

The students were not surprised th their teacher would give an award su as this, for she very obviously lov Christ and liked to let people know it

There was more applause. Jer glanced at Margie Barr, who was not a plauding. In fact, she looked rather sa She's unhappy because she didn't get I suppose, thought Jerry.

Winning that award wasn't as thri ing as Jerry had thought it would b The book felt heavy in his hand. A when he looked at the picture of Jesu somehow He seemed sad, too. Th night Jerry prayed for a long time. Th he knew there was something he had do. He could hardly wait for Monday come.

On Monday Miss Alper made anoth announcement: "Jerry Davis has son thing to say about the good-behavi program."

Jerry came to the front. He start to talk, then stopped, and then he sta ed again. "I—I really didn't win t contest," he said. "I whispered on t very first day. I hope you'll forgive

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evival and Homecoming
t Mount Zion Church

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist hurch, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, nnounces revival services for the week f October 18-23 with the Rev. Robert ollins of Pine Level, North Carolina, as uest evangelist. Services will begin ch evening at 7:45 with the pastor, the ev. J. B. Godwin, assisting Mr. Rollins. here will be good gospel preaching and ecial music each service.

Homecoming services will be observed Mount Zion Sunday, October 24. The y's activities will begin with Sunday hool at 10 a.m., followed with the mecoming message by the pastor. At e noon hour a picnic lunch will be rved on the church grounds. An afrnoon service of sacred music will be joyed by all.

The public is cordially invited to atnd the revival services and pray that ey may be successful. Also all former stors, former members, and friends e invited to attend the homecoming servances and participate in a day of rship and Christian fellowship.

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serve Homecoming

The Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, ute 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will serve its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 17. Services for this Sunday will begin with Sunday school at 45 a.m.; the homecoming worship hour eleven; and a picnic lunch served on e church grounds at the noon hour. e Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., pastor the church, will preach the homecomg message. He and the church membership invite the former pastors, members, and the many friends of the church join them for this homecoming serve.

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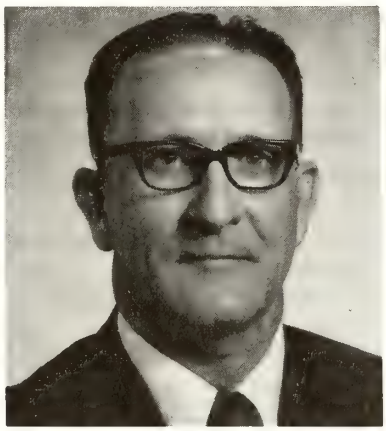
The Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist urch located on Highway 96, approximately eight miles north of Selma, North rolina, will hold its fall revival the ek of October 17-23. The Rev. Orie Jones, pastor of the First Free Will ptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, will be the evangelist for the occasion. Special music will be rendered nightly. A prayer band will begin the services each evening at 7:45 with the message immediately following at eight o'clock. The Rev. Luby Tyner, pastor, and its members cordially invite the public to come and be with them for this revival. It is their prayer that the Lord will save many souls during the week and that much fellowship will be enjoyed.

Branch Chapel church will also hold its homecoming day activities on Sunday, October 24. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. with the church service at eleven. The Rev. Wiley Ferrell, a former pastor, will bring the morning message. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at the noon hour. In the afternoon a program of sacred music has been arranged.

The pastor and the church membership invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend. All singers are also invited to attend and participate in the afternoon service. The church clerk, Mrs. Johnnie Dale, states: "Please come and help us to make this day one that will be long remembered."

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Homecoming and Revival
At Casey's Chapel Church



The Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 17. The homecoming message will be by the pastor, the Rev. Edward W. Miles. Following the worship hour a picnic lunch will be served in the educational building. This will be a time of fellowship and enjoyment by old and new friends alike. An afternoon singspiration has been arranged. All singers, individuals, groups, and friends are invited to attend and participate in the service.

On Monday evening, October 18, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. of Snow Hill, North Carolina, will begin a series of revival messages in the Casey's Chapel church. These services will continue through Friday evening, October 22. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor assisting Mr. Woodall. The public is invited to attend all of these services.

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Revival and Homecoming
At Harrell's Chapel Church

A revival is scheduled at Harrell's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church located four miles north of Snow Hill, North Carolina, the week of October 17-23, with the Rev. Eddie Edwards serving as guest evangelist. Services will begin nightly at 7:30, with the pastor, the Rev. W. O. Lassiter, assisting Mr. Edwards. The public is cordially invited to attend what promises to be an inspirational revival meeting.

On Sunday, October 24, Harrell's Chapel will observe its annual homecoming. A traditional picnic lunch will be served at noon, and all former pastors, former members, and friends of the church are invited to attend.

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Wooten's Chapel to Observe
Homecoming and Revival

The Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Raleigh, North Carolina, will observe its homecoming on Sunday, October 17, with all former pastors, former members, friends, and singers cordially invited to attend. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the worship service at eleven. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. An afternoon service of sacred music has been planned.

On Monday evening, October 18, at 7:30, the fall revival of the church will begin with the Rev. Dewey C. Boling of Wilson, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Caton, will assist in the services. He and the church membership invite everyone that can to attend both the homecoming and the revival services.

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Black Jack Minister and
Deacons Travel to Durham

On Saturday afternoon, October 9, at approximately 4 p.m., a group of men departed from the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, for a motorcade to Durhad, North Carolina. Those going to Durham were: Marshall Spain, chairman of the church board of deacons; J. D. Hudson; J. C. Boyd; Robert Hudson; Charlie Padgett; Louis Reel; and the Rev. Harry A. Jones, pastor of the church. The purpose of this venture was to have fellowship with the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, pastor of Sherron Acres Free

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 24



God Heals Broken Humanity

Lesson Text: Isaiah 61:1-4; Colossians 1: 21-23

Memory Verse: Matthew 9:36

I. INTRODUCTION

There is nothing that oppresses the human spirit more than the sense of not belonging. The feeling that we are estranged and alienated from God and from the society of the day leaves us lonely and bewildered and uncertain of our place in the world and the role that we should assume in that destiny that is unfolding about us.

We so frequently meet with disappointment and failure and become so acquainted with grief and sorrow that frustration becomes the order of the day and despair and futility continue to dog our steps and direct them toward the development of a defeatist attitude which considers all efforts vain and doomed to failure.

This sense of loneliness and frustration, though oppressive to our spirits, may well become the motivating force that will lead to our redemption, to the mending of broken hearts, and the restoration of lost visions; for when we realize our inability to help ourselves, there is hope that we might be led to seek help from the Source which never fails—to turn to God in our hour of need and find in Him that fellowship and guidance that will give direction and purpose to lives which have been erring and aimless.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Since the fall of Adam, man is born in a depraved state.
2. This depravity is responsible for the brokenness in the world.
3. The nature of God demands that He do something about it.

B. Proofs That Man Is Wicked
1. Genesis 3 tells the story of man's fall.
2. Genesis 5 tells how Adam was created in the image of God. He then fell and his son was born in Adam's likeness.
3. There are many objections raised to this doctrine of depravity.
   a. The innocence of babies is one objection.
   b. If man is totally depraved he cannot respond to God's invitation.
4. The doctrine of depravity shows man's need for a Saviour.

C. The Two Advents of Jesus (Isaiah 61: 1-4)
1. Jesus quotes Isaiah 61:1 in Luke 4:16-21.
2. The work of Jesus as prophet, priest, and king is brought out here.
3. The phrase "the day of vengeance" speaks of His second coming.

D. The Reconciling Work of Christ (Colossians 1:21-23)
1. The need for reconciliation is given by Jesus.
2. The means of reconciliation is for man.
3. The exercise of faith in reconciliation is seen in man believing in Jesus.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. How much God still has to do with healing broken bodies is impossible to tell—more perhaps than we understand. But more important, God is still in the business of restoring broken humanity. The day of acceptance with the Lord has not ended. It was announced by the Lord and promoted by the apostles. Provision was made for a continuation of this vital work through the church.

Paul outlines what Christ has done for men in Colossians 1:21-23, indicating their former and present conditions. All the blessings he mentions were made possible "in the body of his flesh through death." We see the following contrasts:

Once you were alienated from God; now you are brought near. Once enemies of God, now you are reconciled Him. Once filled with wicked work now you are holy, unblameable, and u reprovable. Once without hope, now y have hope through Christ and the reco ciliation He makes.

But Paul also includes an IF: "If continue in the faith grounded and se tled." The Christian faith is a vital a saving faith only if men base their liv securely upon it. Jesus makes life po sible for all. The tragic part is th many refuse Him and many others acce Him but later prove unfaithful. Son of His saddest words were, "Ye will no and "Ye would not" (John 5:40; Lu 13:34). There are two classes: tho who accept Jesus and follow Him fait fully, and those who do not. The de tiny of the second is destruction (Revel tion 20:15).—Standard Commentary.

B. "A couple of teen-age boys we standing on the street corner.

" 'What are those kids doing out the at this time of night?' he said as he w driving by.

" 'Yes,' she said. 'There's nothi much for them to do but to get in trouble.'

" 'Well,' said their son from the bac seat, 'perhaps nobody cares where th are or what they are doing.'

"That's probably true. What is yo evaluation?

"Nobody really cares about them. least the boys don't seem to think so. else they just don't know. The paren true concern (if there was any) didn get through to them.

"Jesus reveals a compassionate Go He is filled with compassion for us. Th is the way God is. This is what He really like. Isn't it the task of t church to communicate that truth, His name, to those boys? And isn't the task of every Christian parent to li out that compassion first in regards his family?

"We are assured of the compassion God in the life and ministry of Jesu This is the great fact which He reve to us.

"Take, for example, the way Jesus s people, people who may have been sta ing about much like the boys on t street corner. There was nothing spec about these people. They may have be busy in their pursuits, active in their ra for the dollar, preoccupied with a th sand and one things.

"But Jesus sees their inner needs. sees them as sheep without a shephe He is sensitive to their longings with And He is moved into active concern

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NEWS NOTES

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ill Baptist Church, who is the evange- t tor revival services which are in ogress this week at the Black Jack urch. The group met with Mr. Wal- ce and had prayer at the altar of Sher- n Acres church for Mr. Wallace, the vival at the Black Jack church, its mmunity, and the entire nation.

Mr. Jones states: "It is hoped by all ncerned that with such positive leader- ip that we will have a genuine Holy ost, heaven-sent revival among our ople. As the minister of the Black ck church, I give God the praise for e wonderful people who are working hard for the cause of Christ here in r church. They are truly a great in- iration, not only to me, but to our en- e community, and I hope to our de- mination. Friends, do come and visit th us for the remainder of this week at anytime the Lord will permit. Our ayers go up daily for all of you."

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mecoming and Revival at oney Creek Church

The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist urch near Goldsboro, North Carolina, ll celebrate its annual homecoming on nday, October 17. The day's program ll begin with Sunday school at 9:45 m., followed with the homecoming essage by the Rev. Joseph Ingram, a rmer pastor. At the noon hour a picnic nch will be served on the church ounds.

On Sunday evening, October 17, the ll revival at Stoney Creek will begin th the pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Riven- rk, bringing the messages. The ser- ces will begin each evening at 7:30, d will continue throughout the week. eryone is cordially invited to attend e homecoming and the revival services.

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r being untruthful. That will never ppen again."

It was not a long speech, but it ought applause from the students.

"This really makes the contest a tie," id Miss Alper. "I have provided for at event. Since Jerry and Margie are d, they will each receive a book as an ward."

There was more applause, in which Jerry joined freely; and he was not looking at the floor.

This time the book felt light in his hand because there was a happy "all right" feeling in his mind and heart. And, best of all, he knew he had pleased God.—Gospel Herald.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

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Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years, will be greatly appreciated.

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WHEN GOD TAKES OVER . . .

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than her seventy-three years. The funeral service was beautiful—the organist, Mrs. Carl Barrow, played softly, bringing to mind the comforting words of old, familiar hymns. The pastors, the Rev. T. C. West of Jerusalem Methodist Church, and the Rev. Leonard Woodall of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, of which Mamma was a member, combined their words of comfort and hope in a unique way. As the service ended, it occurred to me that for Mamma, life **was not ending**—oh, the earthly life was and had ended, but the **real** life—the life that is lived in the very presence of our Lord and Master—was only beginning!

The Saturday following the funeral service on Thursday, I was vacuuming the floors of our house. Even with all the help and strength I had received from God, I had slipped into the "feeling-sorry-for-myself syndrome." I began to ask God in my mind why He couldn't have let Mamma live with us a little longer! I told Him that Gorden and Ashby and I had not been ready to do without her; we still needed our mother!

All at once I was startled as the Voice inside me commanded: "BE THANKFUL FOR DEATH!" I cried out incredulously, "What?" The Voice reaffirmed Itself: "BE THANKFUL FOR DEATH." "Why should I be thankful for death when it has robbed me of my mother?" "WELL," said the Voice, "HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN THAT EARTHLY BODY OF YOURS FOREVER WITHOUT ANY RELIEF?"

This question shocked me into deep thinking. What if when we grew old and sick and we couldn't get well—what if there were no death? What if we had to remain in this suffering condition—never being healed and never dying—with no hope for its end? Would this not be far more unbearable for us—and our loved ones—than even death itself? In a way, death healed. Then I remembered Mamma saying that many times people **were healed through death!**

I soon admitted to God that He was right—He always was! His plan for us was perfect. I was sorry that I had questioned Him. Would He please forgive me and help me to adjust to being without Mamma?

The next week I was awakened one morning by the sound of Mamma's voice as she called, "Laura," very softly and easily. I looked at the clock to see if I had overslept—then I realized that Mamma was dead, and that although I could not remember it, I must have been dreaming.

A few weeks later I had a beautiful dream. In it, I had just awakened and looked out the window. In the dream, before my unbelieving eyes, stood Mamma clothed in a white, glowing, beautiful, flowing gown. Her face was equally aglow, with the happiest smile that I have ever looked upon; and all about her there was a radiance. Knowing in my dream that she was dead, I rushed to the window, begging her not to leave, saying that I had so many things to tell her. (Why is it that we never do take the time to tell those around us just how much they mean to us—and how thankful we are just for their being here?) I began talking and telling her all these things, never stopping. Through this she never said a word. She just stood there, looking, smiling, radiant. Then to my amazement, she began drifting upward. I ran out the door and into the yard, looking up as I went. She floated gently up over the housetop, up higher and higher until she was out of sight. Never having spoken a word, the very image that she projected was one of a heavenly being—so different than her earthly image, yet so like it. Some have said that this wasn't a dream; that it was a vision. I still call it a dream—from God—that has helped heal my saddened heart, and that has given me a glimpse of the life to come!

All these things—and much more—can and will happen when God takes over! The only requirement is that we "tune in, listen, and obey." Just knowing that God is there—that He will take over when we let Him—gives us the strength to bear anything that comes our way. As the psalmist declares in Psalm 34:

> "I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
>
> "My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
>
> "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
>
> "I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." —Psalm 34:1-4.

Truly, no matter what the situation, **when God takes over,** our whole being is filled with a joy and perfect peace that passes all human understanding!

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St. Claire Bible Class

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bring the Word of God to them. It moved Him into compassion."—A. Life, Cross, an Empty Tomb by H. S. Vigeveno

C. The story is told of a father who took his seven-year-old son fishing. The baited a trotline, put it out into the stream, and in due time found several fish on the line. "I knew there would be, Daddy," said the lad. "How did you know?" "Because I prayed about it." Returning later, they found no fish. "I knew there wouldn't be," said the boy. "How did you know?" "Because I didn't pray this time." "Why didn't you pray?" "Because I remembered we forgot to bait the line." God will strengthen then our faith by blessing our good works and us, when we do our part.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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Nursery Rhyme

When baby cries or laughs and sings,
Or makes much noise with baby things,
At home, we marvel at his wit
And urge him to continue it.
But when baby cries or makes a noise,
And rattles keys and adult toys
In church, where weak and weary folk
have come
To spend an hour of heavenly power—
Baby dear, though sweet he be,
Would be so welcome in our nursery!

—Dick Pier,
1010 Illustrations,
Poems and Quote

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BREAKFAST

Mom: Joel, wash your face. I can tell what you had for breakfast this morning.

Joel: What did I have?

Mom: Eggs.

Joel: Wrong. It was cereal. Yesterday I had eggs.—Selected.

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Editorial...

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YOUR QUESTION . . . PLEASE!

Question: What political party do you favor? **Answer:** Democratic. **Question:** What car do you like best? **Answer:** Pontiac. **Question:** Which ball team? **Answer:** The Giants. **Question:** Do you think the war in Vietnam is accomplishing any good? **Answer:** No. **Question:** How do you like Billy Graham? **Answer:** All right, but he's not the greatest preacher I've ever heard. **Question:** Do you believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God? **Answer:** Yes. **Question:** Are you saved? **Answer:** Now you're getting a little too personal.

Isn't it strange that a person will express opinions and readily answer questions until it gets to the point where he is questioned about the condition of his soul? Of course some well-meaning individuals have become a little obnoxious and untactful in their approaches when making inquiry about the spiritual condition of other people. It has been said that one's spiritual condition is nobody else's business, that it's a private, personal affair, that things like that just aren't discussed openly. Not discussed openly? Why not? Politics are; cars are; sports are; and causes are. So, why all the hush-hush when it comes to salvation? Isn't it the most important thing in the world?

Granted, it can be a little shocking to have a total stranger come up to you in a public place and pose this question, "Hey, Fella, are you saved?" While it might prove embarrassing momentarily because a public place just doesn't seem conducive to such discussions, the person being asked should not be ashamed to answer in the affirmative if he is truly saved. Answering in a simple manner causes less of a scene than reprimanding the asker for his possible "indiscretion." If one is embarrassed to "own up" for his Lord, then that raises other question marks.

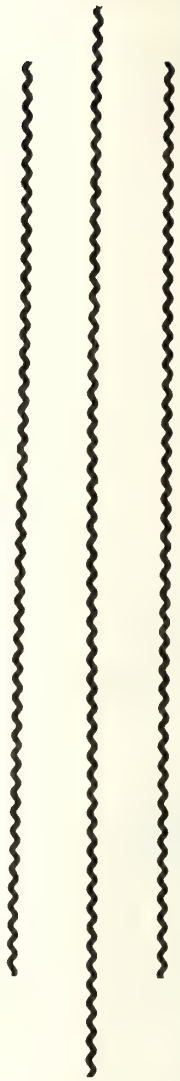
Zealous boys, apostles of change, and champions of religion can be overbearing. They can become annoying when they at every opportunity thrust a "What Must I Do to Be Saved" tract in one's hand. Yet, they may possess a courage that many of us lack. Their methods might seem a little crude, their techniques a little less than desirable, but those of us who frown upon what they are doing must admit that what they are pushing will benefit mankind better than any other "product." Back-of-the-face smiles and sideways sneers are sometimes displayed when a tract-toter comes on the scene, and sometimes he is regarded as a fool; but, the one or two souls who take the message to heart and find the answer to the question are worth the degradation that one might have to endure in the process of spreading the Word. We learned long ago that there is more joy in heaven over the one sinner brought to repentance than the ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance.

Tract-toting and salvation-spreading are not quite so popular in some areas as they formerly were. Some of those "boys" (as many are prone to call them) who think it not below their dignity to witness this way shame many of us proper people who would choke before we would ask such questions. We alibi our cowardice many times by saying, "It's just not the thing to do." Perhaps it isn't, and perhaps it is indeed the "thing" to do. We think nothing of asking someone if he is well. If physical conditions are important, why aren't spiritual conditions? And why shouldn't it be just as flattering to a person for us to want to know how "well" his soul is? Bodies are temporal; souls are eternal.

Certainly we know that there are other ways of bringing people to a saving knowledge of Christ. Surely we know that all the sinning world will not be conquered by asking everyone we see whether or not he's saved. Sometimes this does offend people, but a person-to-person contact has proven more meaningful than mass evangelism—when one examines statistics of those converted in mass rallies. Fires cool off after awhile. This is not to discount mass evangelism, for no other means is available for so many to hear at once; and, it is a fact that all the people of the world can never be reached on a person-to-person basis, for there just aren't enough Bible-toters available (or Bible-toters with the right message, we should say). Perhaps this should be incentive for us to take our Swords in hand and do something about it.

An argument is that only the immature Christian, the one who has just tasted the "new wine" is ready to stamp out and tell everybody he meets how to find true joy, that he does this because it's fresh in his

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WORSHIP AND SERVE

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by Mrs. Frank L. Walston Jr.
Free Union Church,
Walstonburg, North Carolina

Mrs. Walston delivered this devotion at the Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention Wednesday morning, September 29, which convened with Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina. She is a member of the Delia Circle of the Free Union Woman's Auxiliary.)

We think of a father as being the one who assumes the leadership and the one who provides the basic security for a home. But since this is the woman's auxiliary meeting, let us consider what the mother can do for her family. There is something that she does—something that she is not always aware of doing—and this is creating an atmosphere in the home. The tone of her voice and the manner in which she does routine duties can give a relaxed or tense feeling to other members of the family. We know that the woman often selects the colors for the walls, the style of furniture, and even the food that her family will eat. She is the one who makes the decision to have a fresh vase of flowers in the house or not. All these things create some sort of atmosphere in the home. How and what does a woman do to cause her home to be a place where the family can and wants to worship?

When Paul wrote his letter to the Romans, he sent greetings to many of his Christian friends, two of whom were Priscilla and Aquila, who had risked their lives for the cause of Christianity. In Romans 16:5, Paul sent greetings also to the church being held in their house. We know that this couple often held worship services in their house. Again when Paul was writing to the Christians in Corinth, he sent greetings from the churches of Asia and from Aquila and Priscilla together with the church in their house.

Paul speaks of another church in one's house when he wrote his letter to the Colossians. He wrote, saying, "Salute the brethren which are in Laodicia, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house" (4:15).

The church today does not have to struggle to survive openly as did some of the early churches in Paul's time. We do not have to meet secretly in homes to worship. We are blessed with the freedom of worship. But this does not mean that the home should be without worship at all. What about family worship? David and Virginia Edens wrote in their book, **Making the Most of Family Worship,** that family worship offers one the most significant opportunities for the spiritual development of a Christian; yet it is one of the most neglected. They go on to say that anyone who has tried to have family worship knows that it is not an easy thing to do and that the pattern of the past cannot necessarily be preserved. It is so hard to get the family together in many cases. In some homes, the family schedule makes it necessary for meals to be served cafeteria style. The entire family can rarely sit down together. Even when they are together, they are so rushed for time that it is hard to set aside a few, worshipful, quiet moments from the feverish hurry of their lives. If the father is there, he must get to work on time. The children may have to leave for school on different schedules. If the mother works, she is rushed too. Even if a few minutes are salvaged, creating a spiritual atmosphere is very difficult in a family whose life keeps them on the go. Yet it takes very little time to pause for grace before a meal. This can be done silently and individually. Saying grace before a meal signifies that the family wants God to be a part of their lives. Yet, it is reported that a Gallup Poll shows that only four out of every ten families now say grace before meals; whereas, a generation ago the ratio was six out of ten. Could it be in the next generation that only two out of every ten families will stop to give thanks before eating? The preparation of the food and the kitchen in general is thought to be the mother's responsibility. It seems to me that to teach her children to pause for a grace before the meal she has prepared is her responsibility also. Remembering to give thanks at the table can, over the years, create within the family a Christian bond.

When the children are the right ages for AFC and YFA this gives the mother another opportunity. She can encourage her children to have these groups and their activities in the home. She can look upon it as a blessing that her children are learning early in life that his or her home is a place of worship and a place for the carrying-on of God's business as well as a place for pajama parties.

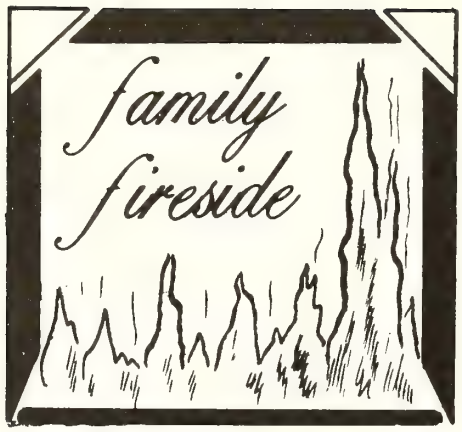
What about the husband's church groups and committee meetings? She can prepare for these meetings with pride in her heart that her home is open for worship and Christian fellowship.

And then there are the circle meetings. These meetings bring good friends and neighobrs together to worship informally.

These are all obvious ways of having worship in the home. The blessing is not in just having them, but really wanting them for their deepest purpose. Grace can be said regularly, but just from habit. Church activities can meet in the home and be looked upon as more work. Again, it is here that the atmosphere makes the difference. Children that grow up in homes where worship experiences are sincerely encouraged and welcomed are the ones blessed. Proverbs 22:6 reads, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." I believe that if the person does not depart from the way he should go, the training was done with deep and sincere convictions.

There are times when every member of the family needs and wants to be alone for private worship with God. The painting, **Christ in Gethsemane,** which Johann Hunrich Hofmann has done, is one of the most beautiful as well as one of the most widely-known paintings in the world. We see the most inspiring example of private worship with God. Do we have homes that have the atmosphere where one can go to God in private worship? We would say, "Certainly not at all times with the hustle and bustle of family life." Yet, a home that has religious books, children's Bible stories, a paper such as "The Free Will Baptist," inspirational music in the form of records or special radio or television programs, will be a home where one can

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

HAD GOD FAILED?

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 64:3

It seemed as though God had failed us one day,—of course, he hadn't,—when the morning mail failed to bring in sufficient money and the needs for food and other provisions were so very pressing. In the morning prayer time, at nine o'clock, the workers at Keswick had faced the need, definitely committed it to the Lord, and then with a full assurance of faith, believed that he would send the needed $30 in time to get the supplies. It was difficult to understand, and a real test, when the morning mail arrived and was found to contain only $6. Should we order the food anyway? No, that would mean indebtedness, and God could not fail us. We would wait. A few moments later one of the workers seemed directed to open a voluntary offering box, which during the winter months is seldom noticed or used, and drew from it a check for $25, placed there nearly a week before by a young woman, who after a few day's stay in Keswick had returned home with a new vision of her Lord.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

So many times as professing Christians, we are found lacking in the faith we need. In our everyday living let us try harder to "wait on the Lord," and know. He will supply our needs.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

SECOND BEST

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:11

The Lord spoke to my heart one day
Saying, "Child, you need to pray—
There's special work for you to do,
Fields are white and laborers are few."

At first I did not heed the call;
The work, to me, looked very small.
So God gave another man my work
And blessed him in the task I shirked.

I saw the thing that God had done,
The precious souls another won;
So penitent I went to Him
And pled forgiveness of my sin.

He hearkened to my pleading voice,
But gave to me His second choice;
And now His will I do obey,
But oft remember yesterday.
—*E. L. Burges.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There are times when we feel that what we can do is so small—but our Father does not. We all have a place—to be about our "special work." There is much to be done!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

LABEL CONFUSION

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:17

The leader of the radio devotional program, "Morning Meditations," told some time ago of a woman who, just before rationing began, laid in a large stock of canned goods, thinking she was outwitting the government. She put them in her cellar and then went away for a month's visit; secure in her belief that her larder was well cared for. Upon her return home, she found rains had flooded the basement and every can had its label off. What confusion! Wishing to open a can of corn, she found it to be peaches; wishing pears, she opened peas. Then the speaker asked if there was confusion like that in our lives. Are we easily identified as Christians, or have the labels worn off?—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Haven't you seen people who seem to radiate that inner glow? It does our hearts good to see that glow. Let's examine our own lives. Are we labeled?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

HORSE SENSE

Scripture Reading—Leviticus 19:35

A horse can't pull while kicking,
This fact we merely mention,
And he can't kick while pulling,
Which is our chief contention.

Let's imitate the good horse
And lead a life that's fitting;
Just pull an honest load, and then
There'll be no time for kicking.
—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

In our homes, our schools, our churches, and in our everyday living—pulling the load together makes for better living, and the load is so much easier to pull that way. Let's pull together!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

WHAT HELD HIM TO THE CROSS?

Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:14

Not the nails, but His wondrous love for me,
Kept my Lord on the Cross of Calvary,
Oh, what power could hold Him there—
All my sin and shame to bear?
Not the nails, but His wondrous love for me.
—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

He died for us because He loved us. Let us live for Him because we love Him.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

"THAT RED SPOT"

Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:24

Churches and Ministe Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, w needed, for any church that is seekin pastor and for any minister who is see a church to serve and would like to such notice. Please send the necessary formation to the editor of "The Free Baptist." Each notice will run for tw sues only.)

The Marsh Swamp Free Will Bap Church, Route 1, Sims, North Carolin seeking a full-time pastor. Any mini interested in serving this church pl write to Mr. Abner Miller, Route 2, 469, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; telephone, 237-0947.

Napoleon once took a map and, poin to the British Isles, remarked: "Wer not for that red spot, I would have conq ed the world." The devil pointed at Cross of Christ and said: "Were it not that red spot, I would have conquered world."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Life is not meant to be "a bed of ros What we do with the "red spots" in lives is what really matters. If they handled with expertise and love we enjoy more "beds of roses." Could we for more?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

FALSE FRIENDS

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:24

"False friends are like vermin that al don a sinking vessel, or like swallows depart at the approach of winter. T friends are like ivy that adheres to the in its decay. True friends are like the l of phosphorus: brightest in the dark *Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To know that we have true friend one of life's greatest joys. Making keeping friends is one of our greatest p leges.

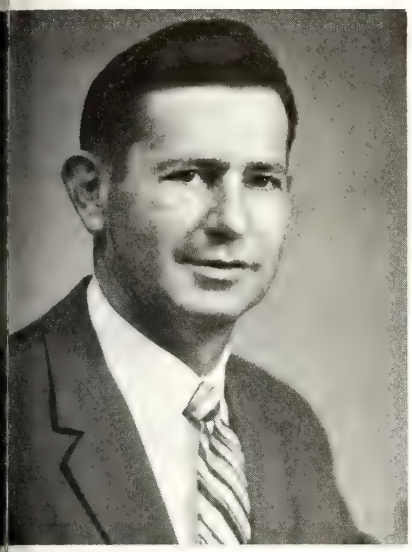
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IF THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The missionary was teaching a cl of small Navajo boys to say the Twe Third Psalm. When Bahi's turn ca he started out confidently, "The Lor my Shepherd, I've got all I want."— Rev. J. R. Smith.

Hermon Wooten Jr.



n July 6, 1971, God in His infinite dom saw fit to call home one of His dren, Hermon Wooten Jr., son of the Hermon Wooten Sr. and the late Wooten.

ermon was born December 6, 1923, yden, North Carolina, and lived there l 1930, when the family moved to ner, North Carolina, where he lived l his death. He accepted Christ in a val meeting that I (his father) was ducting at the Holly Springs Free Will tist Church, Johnston County, North lina, in 1936. He was baptized with thers by the Rev. E. G. Holland, and me a member of Holly Springs rch. He later moved his membere to the Methodist Church in Garner re he was a faithful member until death.

ermon often said, after his mother's th, that he wanted to go where she for he knew she was happy.

e leaves behind to mourn their loss heartbroken father; two brothers, C. Wooten of Midlothian, Virginia; and Rev. M. G. Wooten of Newport News, ginia; three sisters, Mrs. Inez John- of Garner, North Carolina; Mrs. ward Collens of Raleigh, North Caro- ; and Mrs. David Dahl of Richmond, ginia; and a host of relatives and nds. At the time of his death, he I were living together alone.

My son loved God which was evi- ced by his faithful Bible study. Dur- the past four years he had read the e through four times and was on the reading at the time of his death. favorite book of the Bible was the pel of John. His favorite verse was, t not your heart be troubled: ye be- ve in God, believe also in me" (14:1).

Oh, how he dwelt on these words, and I believe he is now enjoying the place that has been prepared for him!

We bow in humble submission to God's will and look forward to meeting him in the world without end.

Written by his father,
The Rev. Hermon Wooten

33,078 Hear Ralph Bell During 14-Day Crusade

The Beaver County Crusade for Christ, conducted September 12-26 at Rochester High School Stadium, Rochester, Pennsylvania, concluded with over 3,100 in attendance.

Rochester, known as the "Hub" of Beaver County, is located at the bend of the beautiful Ohio River where it joins the Beaver River.

During the 14-day Crusade, Ralph Bell, associate evangelist with Billy Graham, preached to a total audience of 33,078. Young people under 25 comprised a majority of the nightly audience. The under-20 set made up 74 percent of the 813 people who came forward, as a sign of commitment to Christ; while 11 percent were in the 20-29 year category and 15 percent were 30 years of age and over.

In addition to the nightly crusade programs, Mr. Bell or his team members spoke in high schools, civic clubs, a commissioners' prayer breakfast, churches, and on radio.

The "Rapp Room," located in the "Commons" area of the high school, provided a special outreach to high school and college students under a casual setting with frank discussion of problems facing youth. Crusade team members and special guests were present to talk to students.

More than 150 churches in Beaver County participated in the crusade by providing counselors, choir members, ushers, prayer groups, and youth for involvement in the various phases of participation. Some 1,000 pastors and laymen attended the Christian Life and Witness classes held in advance of the crusade.

The local newspapers, "The Beaver County Times" and the "News-Tribune," faithfully reported every nightly meeting. The daily reports contained segments of Mr. Bell's sermons along with pictures, which greatly increased the outreach of the crusade.

Superannuated Minister Undergoes Surgery



The Rev. Hermon Wooten of 104 Avery Street, Garner, North Carolina 27529, a retired Free Will Baptist minister, underwent surgery at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, Tuesday, October 19. Mr. Wooten, who lost his wife about a year ago, and his son (who lived with him) in July, now lives alone in Garner. He covets your prayers that God's will might be done in his life. Also your cards and gifts will be greatly appreciated.

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Children's Home Children Hospitalized

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, regrets to announce that two of **our** children were admitted to Duke Hospital, Durham, North Carolina, October 19, for ear surgery. Janice Jones, age eleven, will have her ear drum repaired; and surgical procedures will be followed to correct a hearing problem for Ray Dement, also age eleven. These children will remain in the hospital for approximately one week.

All Free Will Baptists and/or interested friends of the Home are requested to pray diligently for their quick recovery and are encouraged to remember them with a get-well card.

Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Superintendent

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"If there should arise one utterly believing man, the history of the world might be changed!"—Selected.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Revival and Homecoming at Long Ridge Church

Revival Services are in progress this week at the Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Mount Olive, North



Carolina, with the Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, as the visiting minister. The services are beginning each evening at 7:30, with the pastor, the Rev. Nerry Wall, assisting. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services which will close with the Friday evening service.

On Sunday, October 24, the Long Ridge church will observe its annual homecoming. The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend the homecoming and join together in worship and Christian fellowship.

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Revival and Homecoming at Pleasant Hill Church

The fall revival at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 43 between Greenville and Vanceboro, North Carolina, near Calico Crossroads, will be held the week of November 1-6, beginning nightly at 7:30. The guest speaker will be the Rev. J. B. Starnes, pastor of Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis. There will be special music each evening for both the young and the old.

On Sunday, November 7, the Pleasant Hill church will observe its annual homecoming. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at 11:15 by a former pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick. The annual picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. An afternoon singspiration has been planned. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to attend both the revival and the homecoming service.

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Winterville Church to Host Second Union Meeting

The Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, October 30, with the Rev. James Lupton as the host pastor. The program, which will begin at 10 a.m., is as follows:

Hymn—"Blessed Assurance"
Devotions—the Rev. Curtis Jones
Welcome—the Rev. James Lupton
Response—the Moderator
Moderator's Remarks
Roll Call of Ministers
Roll Call of Churches
Report of Denominational Enterprises
Business Session
Hymn—"My Saviour's Love"
Offering
Message—the Rev. Jack Mayo
Adjournment

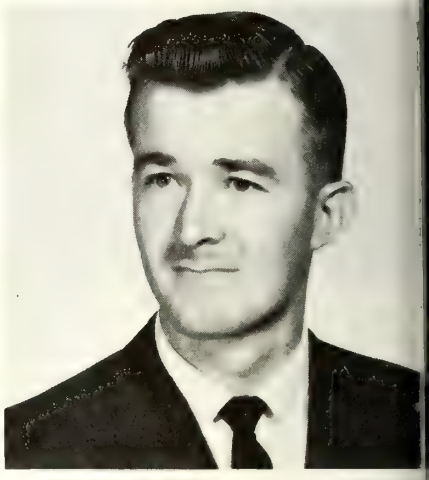
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Eddie Edwards to Conduct Pleasant Grove Revival

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of October 25-30. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Eddie Edwards as the guest evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald. There will also be special music rendered each night. The pastor and the church membership invite the public to attend.

Revival Services and Youth Sunday at Gum Swamp Church

Fall revival services will be held at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Chu Belvoir, North Carolina, the week of tober 24-30. Services will begin evening at 7:30 with the new pasto the church, the Rev. Jack Mayo, br ing the messages.



On Sunday, October 31, the chu will observe Youth Sunday in its ele o'clock worship service. Then at se o'clock a fifth Sunday night gospel s will be held.

The pastor and the church members extend to everyone a warm and cord welcome to worship with them duri all these services and any other time is convenient for you to do so.

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Western Conference Ministers' Fellowship

The Rev. Lester Duncan, secretary, nounces that the Western Conferen Ministers' Fellowship will meet with North Smithfield Free Will Bapt Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, Tu day, October 26, at 7 p.m. All ministe of the conference are urged to attend.

Coming Events . . .

November 4, 5—Cape Fear Conferenc Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Chur near Dunn, North Carolina

November 8—Central Conference Wo an's Auxiliary Convention Study Cour on "Evangelism," 7:30 P.M., Sarato Church, Saratoga, North Carolina

November 10, 11—Central Conferenc Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church ne Snow Hill, North Carolina

ce Church to Host
th Union Meeting

he Fourth Union Meeting of the Cen- Conference will convene with the e Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, h Carolina, Sunday, October 31. The e will be, "Better Homes, Better ons." The Scripture is taken from teronomy 11:22, 23. The program is ollows:

Morning Session

00—Sunday School
00—Hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"
—Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Foy Futrell
—Welcome, Mr. Woodrow Wooten
—Response, Mr. Charlie Harris
5—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Hymn, "I Would Be True"
30—Special Music, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cobb
—Sermon, the Rev. W. L. Poythress
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

5—Devotions, Mrs. Jesse Proctor
—Special Music, The Gardners from Edgewood
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Session
—Program, Local Church
5—Adjournment

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ven's Chapel
ounces Homecoming

he Steven's Chapel Free Will Baptist rch, Route 1, Benson, North Caro- , announces its observance of home- ing day for Sunday, October 24. The 's activities will begin with Sunday ool at 10 a.m., followed with the ecoming message by the Rev. R. L. re. At the noon hour a picnic lunch be served. An afternoon service has n planned featuring singers from the l church and visiting singers.

he pastor, the Rev. David Hill, and church membership invite all former tors, former members, and friends to y the worship and Christian fellow- on this occasion.

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ecoming and Revival at
Point Church

he annual homecoming service will observed at Core Point Free Will Bap- Church, Core Point, North Carolina, day, October 24. The pastor, the . A. Graham Lane, will deliver the ecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. This will be followed with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds. All former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to attend and worship with the church on this occasion.

Monday evening, October 25, the fall revival will begin at Core Point church and will continue through Saturday evening, October 30. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. W. M. Twiddy as the visiting minister. The pastor will assist in these services which will feature good gospel preaching and special music each evening. Everyone is cordially welcome to attend all these services you possibly can.

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Peace Church
Announces Revival

The Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of November



1-6 with the Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Poythress, assisting Mr. Cherry. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Homecoming and Revival
At Juniper Chapel

The Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Vanceboro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 24. This service will also feature the annual harvest day service with the pastor, the Rev. Willie Stilley, bringing the message. Following a picnic lunch, an afternoon service of sacred music has been planned.

On Monday evening, October 25, revival services will begin at Juniper Chapel and will continue through Saturday evening, October 30. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Vance Link from Weldon, North Carolina. The pastor will assist in these services which will begin each evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend both the homecoming service and the revival.

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Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's
Report for September, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of September, 1971:

Balance on Hand August 31, 1971		$1,538.19
Receipts		
Churches	$448.45	
AFCs	25.00	
Unions	53.12	
Sunday School Conventions	21.00	
Sunday Schools	167.32	
Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary	20.00	
Personal Gift	20.00	
Total Receipts		754.89
Total to Account For		$2,293.08
Operating Expenses		33.17
Balance on Hand September 30, 1971 (Checking Account)		$2,259 91
Savings Account		2,236.71
Grand Total September 30, 1971		$4,496.62

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Annual Homecoming at
Dilda's Grove Church

The annual homecoming services will be held at Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, Sunday, October 24. The services for the day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the Rev. P. C. Wiggs, a former pastor. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour, followed with an afternoon service of sacred music.

The pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrell, and the church membership extend a cordial welcome to former pastors, former members, and friends to attend and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship.

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Fifth Union Meets at
Memorial Chapel

The Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will convene with the Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Chocowinity, North Carolina, Saturday morning, October 30. The Rev. Roy Cauley is the host pastor. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotional, the Rev. Cecil Rose
—Welcome, the Rev. Roy Cauley
—Response, the Rev. Billy Twiddy

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Meet Harold Swinson, A Ministerial Student, Mount Olive College



Harold is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Luther Swinson and is licensed by Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina, as a Free Will Baptist minister. He has served as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and superintendent of his Sunday school during the past few years.

He is a freshman at Mount Olive College, furthering his education for the ministry and participating in the Ministerial Work-Study Program under the Rev. Lloyd Vernon.

Harold's personal feelings about his call into the ministry is, "God is to be served by all Christians. We, as Christians, must not fail to tell others about Christ. Each person can be a minister within his own home and community."

Harold, his wife, Elaine, and their two-year-old daughter, Pamela Joy, reside at Route 1, Richlands, North Carolina.

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"Build it well, whate'er you do;
Build it straight and strong and true;
Build it clear and high and broad;
Build it for the eye of God."
—Charles Daniel Brodhead.

Carteret County Dinner Totaled $2,333

The Free Will Baptist churches of Carteret County contributed $2,333 at their annual dinner for Mount Olive College held October 9, at Crab Point church in Morehead City, North Carolina.

The Carteret County dinner was the first in a series of seventeen scheduled this fall at which contributions in excess of $50,000 to Mount Olive College are anticipated.

Members of the steering committee which planned the event included: the Rev. DeWitt Cleve, Morehead City, chairman; Mr. Nathan Garner, Newport, co-chairman; the Rev. Jerry Rowe, Newport; Mr. Robert Griffin, Morehead City; Mrs. Reginald Styron, Davis; and Mrs. Lylie Pasineau, Beaufort.

Participating churches, the amount of their contribution, and chairmen were:
Crab Point, $400, the Rev. DeWitt Cleve Jr.
Davis, $325, Mrs. Reginald Styron
Edward's Chapel, $20, Mrs. Marie Cannon
Faith, $53, Mr. Robert Griffin
Free Union, $100, Mrs. T. A. Taylor Sr.
Holly Springs, $605.25, Mr. Roger Newby
Mount Pleasant, $32.50, Mrs. Richard Whaley
Otway, $128, Dewey Gillikin
Pilgrim's Rest, $25, Mrs. Ruth Goodman
Russell's Creek, $322, Mrs. Mary Pasineau
Sound View, $188, Mr. Ivey Haskett
Welcome Home, $135, Mrs. Emily Gillikin

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First Quarter Gifts to College

Gifts to Mount Olive College for the first quarter (July-September) of the 1971-72 fiscal year, totaled $53,542, an increase of $10,897 over the same period one year ago.

Major contributors included the Free Will Baptist Church which gave $13,470 compared with $9,500 last year; and $40,071 from friends compared w $33,146 one year ago. Included in support from friends was $31,000 f two private foundations for the stud aid program of the College.

President W. Burkette Raper repo that the total operating budget of College for the current year is in ex of $900,000, of which more than $2 000 will be sought in contributions f the Free Will Baptist Church which sp sors the College and in private g from friends, foundations, and busi firms.

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Mount Olive Colleg Dinners

Below is a list of the fifteen rem ing dinners to be held this fall Mount Olive College:

Pamlico County, Saturday, October 7:30 p.m., Rock of Zion church, Earl Holton, chairman.

Pitt County, Monday, October 25, 7 p American Legion Building, Greenv the Rev. Joseph Lehmann and Mr. Wainright, cochairmen.

Greene County, Thursday, October 28 p.m., Snow Hill Primary School C teria, Mr. George Harrison, chairm

Edgecombe - Halifax Counties, Mond November 1, 7 p.m., Edgewood chu Fellowship Building, Mr. Rufus Har chairman.

Wilson County, Tuesday, November 2 p.m., American Legion Building, son, Mr. James B. Hunt Sr., chairm

Jones County, Saturday, November 6 p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston, M Margaret Carol Banks, chairman.

Johnston - Wake Counties, Monday, vember 8, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Se Senior High School, the Revs. Stev Humphrey and J. W. Pittman, coch men.

Wayne County, Wednesday, November 7 p.m., Mount Olive College A torium, Mount Olive, Mr. Ben Roll chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Co ties, Thursday, November 11, 7 p. Midway School, the Rev. C. Fel Godwin, chairman.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties, Fric November 12, 7 p.m., Folkstone chu Fellowship Building, Mr. Leon Hobbs, chairman.

Duplin County, Saturday, November

6 p.m., Beulaville Elementary School, Mr. Arthur Kennedy, chairman.

Nash County, Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria.

Lenoir County, Date and place to be announced later.

Beaufort County, Saturday, December 4, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Mr. Oscar Webster, chairman.

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TWO FOR ONE GIVING

Many corporations will match contributions made by their employees to Mount Olive College. Last year the churches of the Free Will Baptist State Convention contributed approximately $100,000 to Mount Olive College. While this represents a significant amount of money, the College is in need of even more funds if it is to preserve its standards of quality Christian education.

One way in which Free Will Baptists can increase support to Mount Olive College is by checking the following list to see if the company they are employed by is included. Many firms match gifts alumni and friends make to institutions of higher education. The rules of company's vary, but in most cases the gifts of wives of employees are also matched. Before you make your gift to Mount Olive College this year, inquire into your company's policy of matching gifts. You may be able to double your contribution to Mount Olive College.

The following corporations are participating in this matching program:

Abbott Laboratories
Aetna Life Affiliated Companies
American Tobacco Company
Blue Bell
Burlington Industries
Campbell Soup Company
Chicopee Manufacturing Company
Chrysler Corporation
Citizens and Southern National Bank
Coates and Clark, Incorporated
The Continental Insurance Companies
A. B. Dick Company
Dow Chemical Company
Esso Education Foundation
Ford Motor Company
General Electric Company
General Foods Corporation
General Mills, Incorporated
B. F. Goodrich Company
W. T. Grant Company
Gulf Oil Corporation
Insurance Company of North America
International Business Machines Corporation
Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company
Johnson and Johnson
P. Lorillard Company
Motorola, Incorporated
Mutual of Omaha-United of Omaha
National Biscuit Company
National Cash Register Company
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
Philco Corporation
Philip Morris, Incorporated
Phillips Petroleum Company
Pilot Life Insurance Company
Ralston Purina Company
R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
Sinclair Oil Corporation
Singer Company
Sperry and Hutchinson Company
J. P. Stevens and Company, Inc.
Travelers Insurance Companies
Union Oil Company of California
Weyerhauser Company
Whirlpool Corporation
Winn-Dixie Stores Foundation
Xerox Corporation

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The Compliment of Being Asked to Give

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College

To be invited to make a contribution to a worthy cause is one of the highest compliments one human being can pay another.

First, the invitation to give is a tribute to your success in life. The only people who can give are those who are successful enough to have something to give. There is the story of a college president who asked a well-known businessman for a contribution of $50,000 to his college and the man replied by citing unfavorable financial affairs: business was off, expenses were up, profits were down, and "As much as I would like, I am not able to help you," he concluded.

Calmly and politely the president reached for his hat, extended his hand and said apologetically, "I am sorry to have embarrassed you but I was misinformed. I thought you were one of the most successful men in this county, and I surely did not intend to ask you for something you could not do. Please forgive me."

Before the president could reach the door, the businessman called, "Hold on! Let's discuss this matter further. It is true that at this moment we have a temporary slow down, but through the years we have done well." After further discussion about the college the businessman declared, "We are not only capable of making a $50,000 gift to your college, but we would like to."

To be able to give is a mark of success. When someone asks you for a contribution to a good purpose it is because they think you have the ability to make money and the wisdom to use it wisely.

A TRIBUTE TO GOODNESS

A second compliment in being invited to give is that people believe there is a measure of goodness in you. No one would ask you to give if they did not think you would respond. Regardless of how successful you think a person is or how much wealth he has you do not ask him to give unless you think there is enough goodness within him that he is willing to share.

Giving by its very nature is voluntary, and people give because they want to do something good. Mount Olive College is a tribute to the goodness of Free Will Baptists and friends because its existence depends upon people who want to do something to make life better for others.

When the work becomes heavy and disappointments mount and discouragement threatens, I look at Mount Olive College and say, "What we have here has been made possible by more than $2 million in voluntary gifts, and each gift represents something good in mankind."

To invite a person to contribute to Mount Olive College is one of the best compliments you can pay him.

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God Is Omnipresent

One Sunday morning an instructor in a theological school was sharing a seat with a small boy on a shuttle train. The boy was holding a Sunday school leaflet.

"Do you go to Sunday school, my boy?" asked the man in a friendly way.

"Yes, Sir," answered the boy.

"Tell me, boy," continued the man, thinking to have some fun with the lad, "tell me where God is, and I'll give you an apple."

The boy looked up sharply at the man and promptly replied, "I will give you a whole barrel of apples if you will tell me where He is not!"—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

WORSHIP AND SERVE

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find a quiet spot if needed for personal and private worship.

We know that families who have a period of worship in their homes will be people who are ever mindful of the blessed experience of worshiping in God's holy house. In the book entitled, **The Boy of Nazareth,** by Edna Madison Baker, there is a chapter called, "The Temple Beautiful." It tells the story of the holy family going to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover and to worship in the temple. This is her description of the feelings that Jesus experienced as He entered the temple:

"A sweet peace and quiet lay over all, broken by the chanting of the priests and the music of harps and cymbals. Looking upward from the door was like looking up the golden ladder into heaven. . . . The little boy thought as He stood for a moment and gazed about Him. Then He dropped to His knees beside father Joseph and at once forgot everything except that He was where He longed to be, in the house of His heavenly Father, a place where one might talk with God."

For us to capture this same glorious feeling we must come to the house of our heavenly Father with a longing in our hearts to worship.

The Christian woman who always remembers that Christ is the unseen Guest in her home and the woman who worships with her family in the church will be a person who will serve and work for the cause of Christianity. One of the products of worship is a kindled desire to serve our Lord and Master. We know from the Scriptures that Christ loved the little children. There are so many ways that a woman can serve God by working with the youth of the church. There are always needs for Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, choir directors, junior church leaders, and nursery attendants. We know from the Scriptures that Christ cared deeply for the sick. So many of His miracles were the healings of the sick. He caused the lame to walk and the blind to see. Though we cannot perform miracles, we can serve God by caring and remembering the sick by our visits, cards, and our prayers. We know that Christ remembered the bereaved families. He even caused the dead to live again. We too can remember those who need our sympathy. True Christian women are ready to serve others. Christ has said, ". . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Christ also taught, ". . . whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even so the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:27, 28).

The woman who has a Christian home, the woman who worships in the church with her family, and the woman who serves in the name of Christianity is truly a happy and blessed woman.

Dear heavenly Father, we do joyfully praise thy holy name. Forgive us for all our many transgressions. Help us to be more thankful for the freedom to worship and the choice to serve thee. Touch our hearts that we may more deservingly live to be called thy children. In thy holy name, Amen.

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Attention Central Conference Auxiliaries

The Study Course Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Central Conference has planned a conference-wide study course of "Evangelism." The course is to be taught by the president of the convention, Mrs. N. B. Barrow Sr., on November 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, Saratoga, North Carolina. This study course can be counted as one of those required for your auxiliary to become an "A-1" auxiliary.

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Change of Address

The Rev. George L. Greene would like to announce a change of address. His old address was 1302 Pine Street, Kannapolis, North Carolina; his new address is P. O. Box 215, Elm City, North Carolina. Correspondents are advised to make note of this change.

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AMEN

Kim: Why do you say Amen instead of Awoman at the end of the songs in your church?

Tim: Maybe it's because we sing hymns instead of hers.—Selected.

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"If you have any certainties, let us have them. We have doubts enough of our own!"—Goethe.

WE BELIEVE:

1. That there is only one God who infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserve and Righteous Governor of the Univers that His eternal existence is in three pe sons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; th all three are equal, but distinct person They are the divine Trinity.

2. That Jesus Christ is the only bego ten Son of God; that He was born of t Virgin Mary; that He died for man's r demption; that He ascended to heave and is today at the right hand of t Father as our intercessor.

3. That both, the Scriptures of t Old and New Testaments, were given b inspiration of God, and that they on constitute the infallible rule of faith a practice.

4. That man was created innocent, b by disobedience fell into a state of s and condemnation and stands guilty b fore God and separate from Him.

5. That it is the privilege of all me to be saved; that God desires the salv tion of all; that the gospel invites ever one; that the Holy Spirit strives with a and whosoever will may come and tak of the water of life freely.

6. That the human will is free a self-controlled; that it is possible for person who has been saved by divi grace to make shipwreck of his faith a become lost. The person (believer) w through grace perseveres unto the e of life has promise of eternal salvatio

7. That sanctification is initial at r generation and continues progressive through the Christian experience, beco ing final and complete in heaven.

8. That there are three gospel or nances to be perpetuated under the g pel teaching: baptism by immersion, t Lord's Supper, and washing of the sain feet.

9. That tithing is God's financial pl for supporting the work of the chur here on earth.

10. That our Lord and Saviour, Jes Christ, who ascended on high, and s at the right hand of God, will come agai that there will be a resurrection of men, each in its own order; that th which are saved will come forth to t resurrection of life, and they which a lost unto the resurrection of damnatio that the wicked will "go away in eternal punishment, but the righteo into eternal life." This is the final ju ment.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Are we supposed to pray for a person that the Holy Spirit has departed from?

Answer: Probably not if we know for sure that the Holy Spirit had made His permanent and final departure from a person. However, everyone that we shall meet that thinks this has happened to him may not be correct in so thinking. The first revival meeting I remember having taken an active part in I met, visited, and tried to lead into a saving knowledge of Christ, a young man who professed in sincerity to believe that the Holy Spirit had departed from him and that he had committed the unpardonable sin. An older boy, a close friend of his whom his foster mother thought was wielding a bad influence over him, was saved during the meeting; but this young man appeared to leave the church more hardened from the concluding service of the revival than when the meeting began. However, I returned to the community about 12 years later to learn that this one who, though he had sinned away his time of grace, was saved, married, and was a deacon of the church with a Christian wife and children that were Christians. I have had other similar experiences and have heard of other cases that appeared similar and turned out like this one.

Christ taught His followers to be diligent and persistent in prayer. He said, ". . . men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1); "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22); "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7, 8); "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44); "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. . . ." (Luke 23:34); "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. . . ." (Luke 18:7, 8).

We also find similar admonition concerning prayer in the Bible as taught by others. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17); "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:60); "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: . . . But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king" (1 Samuel 12:23, 25); "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

Paul writes to Timothy, ". . . be patient toward all men" (1 Thessalonians 5:14). Patience may be the greatest need of most Christians, and especially when it comes to a consistent prayer life in harmony with what the Bible teaches on the subject. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:8).

Then there are the facts to be reckoned with that the Bible teaches concerning our inability to pray apart from the will of God and the mind of Christ. In other words, when we pray effectively it is always motivated by the Spirit of God. This, of course, goes for our preaching, witnessing, living, and working in anyway for Christ. Unless the Holy Spirit acts through us in the carrying out of any activity the Bible directs us in, it will be as worthless as tinkling cymbals or sounding brass. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27).

When Hannah prayed in the temple for a son she meant what she said, and it was said in the Spirit; so even though she had been barren until then and even though the priest rebuked her thinking that her long silent prayer from quivering lips indicated that she was drunk, God did that through her that was humanly impossible. (Read the first chapter of First Samuel.)

When Christians go forth filled with the Holy Spirit, pray, and witness as the Bible says we should, there are going to be results. God will perform miracles and save souls. We should never cease to pray for a lost soul whom God has caused us to be interested in until the Holy Spirit definitely influences us to quit praying for him.

Here are some verses the Bible says concerning those we are no longer impelled by the Holy Spirit to pray for: "If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death" (1 John 5:16, 17); "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come" (Matthew 12:31, 32); "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good work of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto righteousness; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame" (Hebrews 6:4-6); "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:26); "Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift

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STORIES

for our youth



KEEPING A PROMISE

by NEAL NEITZEL

JUST before George left for school that morning, Mother had walked to the front door with him.

"Remember what you promised Daddy and me," Mother said as she straightened the collor of George's green and white jacket.

George's blue eyes became very serious. He nodded his head as he looked up at his mother. "I promised to always tell the truth. I will keep my promise," he promised again.

Only the week before, George had knocked Mother's best blue flower vase off the stand in the living room while he was playing with his younger sister Janet. Instead of telling the truth about it, George had blamed the dark-haired little girl.

But after Sunday school class, George had come straight home and told the truth. "I will always tell the truth after this," George had said to Mother and Daddy. "Forever and always I will keep my promise!"

Daddy had grinned with happy surprise. "Why, that is fine, George! Mother and I are very proud of you!" Daddy had declared, rumpling George's sandy brown hair.

"We learned at Sunday school that Jesus never lied," George explained. "And we learned that God expects us always to be honest and tell the truth."

"You will find that following the teachings of Jesus is the best way to live," Mother said softly, her dark brown eyes shining lovingly as she gave George a hug and then a kiss.

While George hurried to school the next morning, he whistled merrily, and he was glad that he had decided to be honest always and truthful, too!

On the way home from school, George and two of his friends, Billy and Ruth, stopped to play in the park playground. While they slid down the high slide and glided through the air on the swings, George suddenly jumped from the swing!

"Look!" George shouted. "Did you see that?"

"See what?" cried Billy and Ruth, also leaping from their swings and rushing over to where George stood gazing up into a tall oak tree nearby.

"I—I saw a yellow squirrel!" George shouted.

"A yellow squirrel! Why, squirrels are gray!" Billy said crossly. "There you go, making up stories that are not true!"

"Why do you always tell so many fibs?" Ruth asked angrily, waving her finger at George as she scolded him. "Tell the truth, now! You did not see a yellow squirrel, did you?"

It was true that George used to make up stories that were not the truth, and George always used to tell fibs rather than admit his mistakes. But now George was keeping the promise he had made to God and Jesus and to his mother and daddy.

"I did see a yellow squirrel!" George cried over and over again until finally both Billy and Ruth walked away from him.

"We will not play with a boy who tells such great big fibs!" Ruth called as the other children hurried toward home.

George sighed sadly. When he arrived at his own house, Mother asked George why he looked so unhappy.

George just looked up at Mother. "Would you believe me if I told you that I saw a yellow squirrel in the park?" George asked anxiously.

Mother was silent for a long moment. Then Mother nodded slowly. "Yes, if you told me about a yellow squirrel, I would have to believe you, George," Mother replied softly, "because I know that you will keep your promise to tell the truth always."

George sighed again. "Well, I did see a bright, bushy-tailed yellow squirrel in the oak tree at the park," George told Mother. "But Billy and Ruth did not see the squirrel. They think that I just made up another story that is not true."

"I believe you, George," Mother assured him. "Please smile! As long as you always follow the teachings of Jesus, everything will be all right."

A short time later Daddy rushed into the kitchen. Daddy looked very excited, and he was laughing as he looked at Mother and at George.

Before Daddy could tell what he was laughing about, the family heard the patter of tiny feet, and little dark-haired Janet, George's sister, came into the kitchen after awakening from her afternoon nap.

Daddy swept Janet into his arms as he grinned down at George. "Do you know what happened today?" Daddy asked.

Mother and George both shook their heads.

"The men who work for the city were painting the yellow stripes along the curb near the park fire hydrants," Daddy told them. "There was a gray squirrel scampering along the electric wire above the can of yellow paint. The poor little animal slipped and fell right into the paint!"

Mother gasped, and then she began to laugh. "Why, of course!" Mother said, smiling at George. "I knew that if you said you saw a yellow squirrel there really was a yellow squirrel!"

George laughed, too, his blue eyes sparkling. "Just wait until Billy and Ruth hear about what happened!" George said happily.

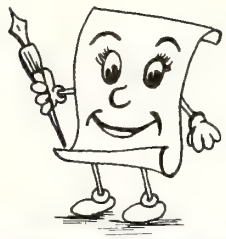
The very next day, George stood in front of the entire class at school and told his story. From then on George was known as the boy who always told the truth.—Gospel Herald.

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NOT THE SHADY SIDE

An old man who had lived a long life of fellowship with and service for the Lord was asked, "You are on the shady side of seventy, I suppose?" "No," he replied, "I am on the sunny side, for I am on the side nearest glory."—Sunday School Times.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

The unsung heroines of your woman's uxiliary are the ladies on the benevo- ence committee. Their work, "Ser- ice," is one complete arm of the em- lem. Even though we help them, they re so quiet and efficient that we take hem for granted.

Do you know your benevolence chair- an? She is self-denying, generous, and ving, whatever her name. Her desire win the lost to Christ and encourage is people probably prompted her to ac- pt the office. She guides the auxiliary all its benevolent work.

Her committee urges you each month remember the Children's Home and uperannuation; hold cottage prayer eetings; help with food, medicine, or othing; and mail cards to and visit ut-in members.

The dinner for a bereaved family is repared by other women, but it is serv- d by the benevolence committee. They end time on the phone arranging it, ore time collecting and delivering it, nd still more time serving it and clean- g up afterwards. No one can under- and what it means to a family until she as been on the "receiving end." Done a dignified, loving manner, this ex- mplifies Christian love and service hich could be shown in no other way.

The rewards, however, seem to be reater than the effort expended. A oman who was asked to serve as presi- nt of her local group consented, "Only the condition that you let me stay on e benevolence committee too. I get a reater blessing from that than anything se I do."

Jesus is quoted outside the Gospels in cts 20:35, ". . . It is more blessed to ve than to receive." Off hand, one ould think those whose needs are ful- lled by the benevolence committee re- ive the greater blessing. But the com- ittee will tell you that the Bible is cor- ct. The greater blessing is in serving meone else.

Make it a point to recognize and thank ur committee at your next meeting.

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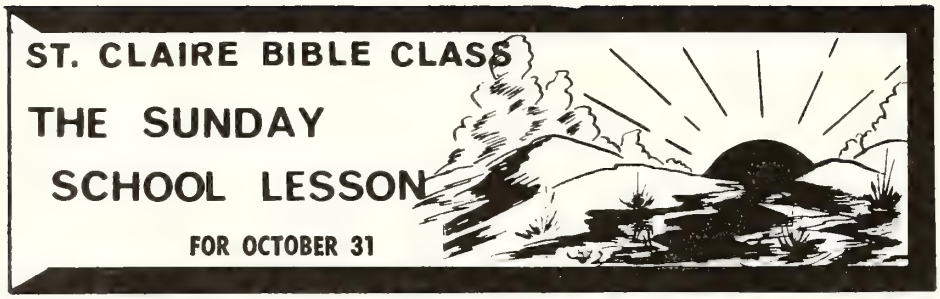
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God Judges Nations

Lesson Text: Habakkuk 1:5-13; 2:6-8

Memory Verse: Acts 17:26, 27

I. INTRODUCTION

The nations of the world are living in perilous times. America, with all her might and resources, is no exception. No one knows what tomorrow will bring. But there is one consolation Christians have: Almighty God is vitally involved in and concerned with the affairs of nations and men. Read what some of our great men have said about this:

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and a the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men."—Benjamin Franklin.

"In tendering this homage to the great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own; nor those of my fellow citizens at large, less than either. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the affairs of men, more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency."—George Washington, from His First Inaugural Address.

"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure, when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God, that they are not to be violated but by His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."—Thomas Jefferson.

These are days when we all should tremble for our country, for we may be sure that God will someday judge us as He judges all other nations.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Very little is known about the personal life of the Prophet Habakkuk.
2. Habakkuk prophesied during the reign of Josiah, a period of change and decay in Judah.
3. Habakkuk's concern seems to be the holiness of God. How can He tolerate evil?

B. God's Answer to Habakkuk (Habakkuk 1:5-13)

1. God promises to work a work among the people.
2. God promises to do this work in Habakkuk's generation or "in your day."
3. This work of God will be wonderful.
4. God will use a heathen nation to punish His people.

C. The Sin of Covetousness (Habakkuk 2:6-8)

1. The covetous man becomes contemptible to others.
2. The covetous man has no right to the ill-gotten gains.
3. The covetous man will eventually be stripped of ill-gotten gains and judged.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. You have heard sermons on many different subjects, no doubt. But did you ever hear a minister preach on a dollar bill? My sermon is short, so I will confine my remarks to the reverse side of the bill. If you're lucky enough to own a dollar, look at it with me now.

In the center find these words: "In God We Trust." Could we find a better text for a discourse on God's hand in our nation's history? Now note the two big circles. The fine print under them tells us this is our country's great seal. The seal's front side pictures our national bird, the American eagle. It represents the Congress. The arrows suggest its power to make war. The olive branch stands for our hope of peace. The Latin motto means, "From the many (states one (nation)."

The pyramid on the seal's reverse sid is the symbol of our lasting strength. I is unfinished because our nation con tinues to grow. The eye represent God's watchfulness. The motto at th top means, "He (God) has favored ou undertakings." The one across the bot tom points out that our nation was th beginning of a new order.

The moral of our sermon? Never sa that money doesn't mean anything, eve though it buys less today than it did yes terday. Every dollar and every coin yo spend proclaim that in God is our trust that God guides us and has made u what we have become.—Standard Com mentary.

B. "Many critics of the Bible—and o the Old Testament particularly—hav questioned the old Jewish idea, so promi nent in our lesson story, that God lead His people through crisis and hardship and that occasionally God punishes thos He loves most. If God can lead throug hardship, they ask, why, in the firs place, does God allow the hardship t come?

"Of course, if there were no hardshi or suffering, men would never develo the courage and will to get through it And man would have no power or righ to choose for himself what he would d in times of stress.

"No—God has a wiser plan than that Otto Dibelius says, 'God does not lea His children around hardship; He lead them straight through hardship. Bu He leads! And amidst the hardship H is nearer to them than ever before.'

"In carrying out His will among th nations, God uses all kinds of agents Sometimes they appear to us good, an sometimes bad. . . . When Napoleon wa overrunning Europe, the Queen of Prus sia wrote her father this letter: "It wa a crime to say that God is with th French Emperor; but he is manifestly a instrument in the hands of the Almight to bury out of sight the old order whic has no further purpose.'

"The history of the world is, in sense, the judgment of the world. A Cromwell, a great instrument in the han of God, and a great actor in history, pu it, 'What are all our histories but Go throwing down and tramping under foo whatever He hath not planted?' "—Ta bell's Teacher's Guide, 1964.

C. A spirit of pessimism prevails in ou land today. People are asking, "Wher is God? What role does God play in th affairs of human history?" Those wh

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p cry nor prayer for them, neither make ntercession to me: for I will not hear hee. . . . The children gather wood, and he fathers kindle the fire, and the wom- n knead their dough, to make cakes to he queen of heaven, and to pour out rink offerings unto other gods, that hey may provoke me to anger. . . . herefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Be- old, mine anger and my fury shall be oured out upon this place, upon man, nd upon beast, and upon the trees of he field, and upon the fruit of the round; and it shall burn, and shall not e quenched" (Jeremiah 7:16, 18, 20); Then said the LORD unto me, Pray not r this people for their good. When ey fast, I will not hear their cry; and hen they offer burnt offering and an blation, I will not accept them: but I ill consume them by the sword, and the famine, and by the pestilence" eremiah 14:11, 12).

God in His loving-kindness is long-suf- ring to all, not willing that any should rish but wants all men everywhere to pent, accept Christ, come into the mily of God, being heirs of God and nt heirs of Christ; but He did not eate us as robots or puppets, but men th personalities that carry responsi- ities throughout life. One of these to study, learn, and apply the Word of d and accept it as the final authority things pertaining to our life here in of its experiences. He even makes it fficult for us to continue to depart m God and His ways by the laws we e confronted with throughout life, to- ther by many other means He has aced before us. If we respond to Him vorably, giving heed to whatever in- nations Godward that speak to us, d allowing Him by the presence of the ly Spirit in His wooing power to make e message of God sufficiently clear to for us to respond and be saved; then will, if we allow Him, take over and ot our lives through the stormy and friendly world. But if we refuse and ep on refusing in spite of His repeat- warnings and wooings, He has a dead e somewhere, and when one goes be- nd that final danger point there ap- ars to be no more chance for that per- n, family, tribe, or nation. In the case o King Saul, it was an individual; in the c e of Achan, there seems to have been a amily; in the case of the Amalekites, it was a tribe; and in the case of Baby- l , it was a nation. So the Bible warns, saying to us, "Do not do as these, for when God's judgment has been released upon any, it is final."

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YOUR QUESTION . . . PLEASE!

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heart. When he matures, he is supposed to realize that this just isn't the way it's done, according to some. The enthusiastic way-shower will do more repelling than redeeming. Is this really true? Is it not a fact that when one asks, "Are you saved," the one being asked will look deep within to find out for himself? If saved people happen to be asked this question and have to answer slowly, isn't it possible that their pausing could be a sign that they are slipping? Even if one is repelled by the salvation question, the thought could very well haunt his mind and heart until a favorable decision is reached.

Question: Do you love the Lord as much as you did when you first received Him as Saviour? **Answer:** Yes, more. **Question:** Are you willing to go out in the hedgeways and byways to compel them to come in—be it necessary to tote the Bible, a pocketful of tracts, or to speak the Word of salvation? **Answer:** I guess so, but I don't really know. **Question:** Why don't you know? You love the Lord, don't you? It was one of His commands, wasn't it? **Answer:** Well! Now really, you're carrying this thing too far! **Question:** How far is too far? **Answer:** Please! I've had enough! **Question:** Don't you hear the lost cries? **Answer:** I guess. **Question:** Are you saved? **Answer:** _____.

NEWS NOTES

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10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
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—Roll Call of Churches
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10:50—Report of Denominational Enterprises, the Rev. Rudy Shepard
11:15—Business Session
11:30—Report of Finance Committee
—Announcements
11:40—Special Music, Host Church
11:55—Worship Service:
Message, the Rev. Walter Sutton
—Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Welcome Home Church To Observe Homecoming

The annual homecoming celebration will be observed by the Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church, Bettie, North Carolina, Sunday, October 31. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship service at eleven, with the Rev. Preston Smith, a former pastor, bringing the homecoming message. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds.

An afternoon service of singing has been planned, featuring singers from the local churches and other areas.

The church membership invites all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend and enjoy the worship and Christian fellowship on this occasion.

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fail to see the hand of God in human history fail because they are not looking for Him in the right way. God still controls the universe. Someone was revealing the kind of faith and trust we need when he said, "We may not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." God is still working in our world, still saving, helping, and healing people.—Bible Expositor.

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"When sorrows press and faith seems dim,
Hold fast, look up, and trust in Him;
He fainteth not.

"Mid earth's confusion, strain and din
He giveth perfect peace within;
He faileth not.

"His every word fulfilled shall be;
His unveiled glory we shall see;
He changeth not."

—Selected.

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THE HOUSE THAT GOD MADE

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

I STOOD today and gazed upon a fallen house. The windows were closed, the doors were locked, the shutters were folded upon the front of the house. The foundation had served it well; however, the house was lying on its back. As I looked, I didn't notice too well the un painted places or the scars of many storms. Maybe it had dust upon it, but as my tears fell upon this house I could see only what it had meant to me and to others when it was being used. This house served its family well and the community felt its loss.

Oh, yes, this house can really begin to live again because the house was really an old friend and it kept the soul of my friend well. The Holy Spirit lived within this house here on earth. The windows of the house were open to see things that needed to be done for Jesus and others. The curtains of time were never drawn too tight over the windows that my friend could not see others and their needs. The door on my friend's house was open, asking, "What can I do?" or saying, "Come in." The door was always open, to go out and tell others of Jesus. The shutters of his heart were open. He knew that it was what was on the inside of the house (the heart) that really mattered. He was never too sleepy, too busy, or too tired to help others. The church could really believe and depend upon him.

But now his hands are folded in death, resting from whatever they found to do. He did well with his hands here upon earth. Have you ever noticed busy hands? Maybe they are not as pretty as a rose petal, but oh the beautiful story they tell! Work, kindness, holding the hand of a brokenhearted friend, or sweeping the floor or washing the dishes for a sick friend; to me, this is beauty—a house that serves its fellowman.

The foundation of man's weaknesses does give away, but thank God, the foundation of God's house does not give away. It is the foundation that we lay upon in life and in death. Yes, this body, the house of our soul, shall give away because God said, "Man shall die." But God also said, "Man shall live again."

So if the storms of life wash off a little or much paint from this old house of ours, God will replace it if we only live for Him. Sometimes we have severe storms, so we must make our houses more secure. God has given to each of us only one body; may we use it for His glory. May we use our eyes to see what He would have us see; our mouths to speak His message before it is closed in death, to tell others **now** about God; our hands in serivce for God now for you can lose the use of them before you die. Yes, now is the only time we have, so let us serve God to the best of our ability with the faculties He has given us. Remember that God can calm the greatest storms of our life.

What have we given to Him? He has given us everything we have, so let us use all these (whatever they may be) to serve God, for now is the only time we have; tomorrow we may not be able to serve Him!

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Superannuation Board Meeting

The Superannuation Board will meet Thursday, October 28, at 10 a.m., in the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church to consider the motion referred to it by the North Carolina State Convention. Also other important matters relative to the work of the board will be taken up. All interested ministers are urged to attend this meeting.

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Oh, brethren, be great believers! Little faith will bring your souls to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your soul.—H. Spurgeon.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Co-Worker:

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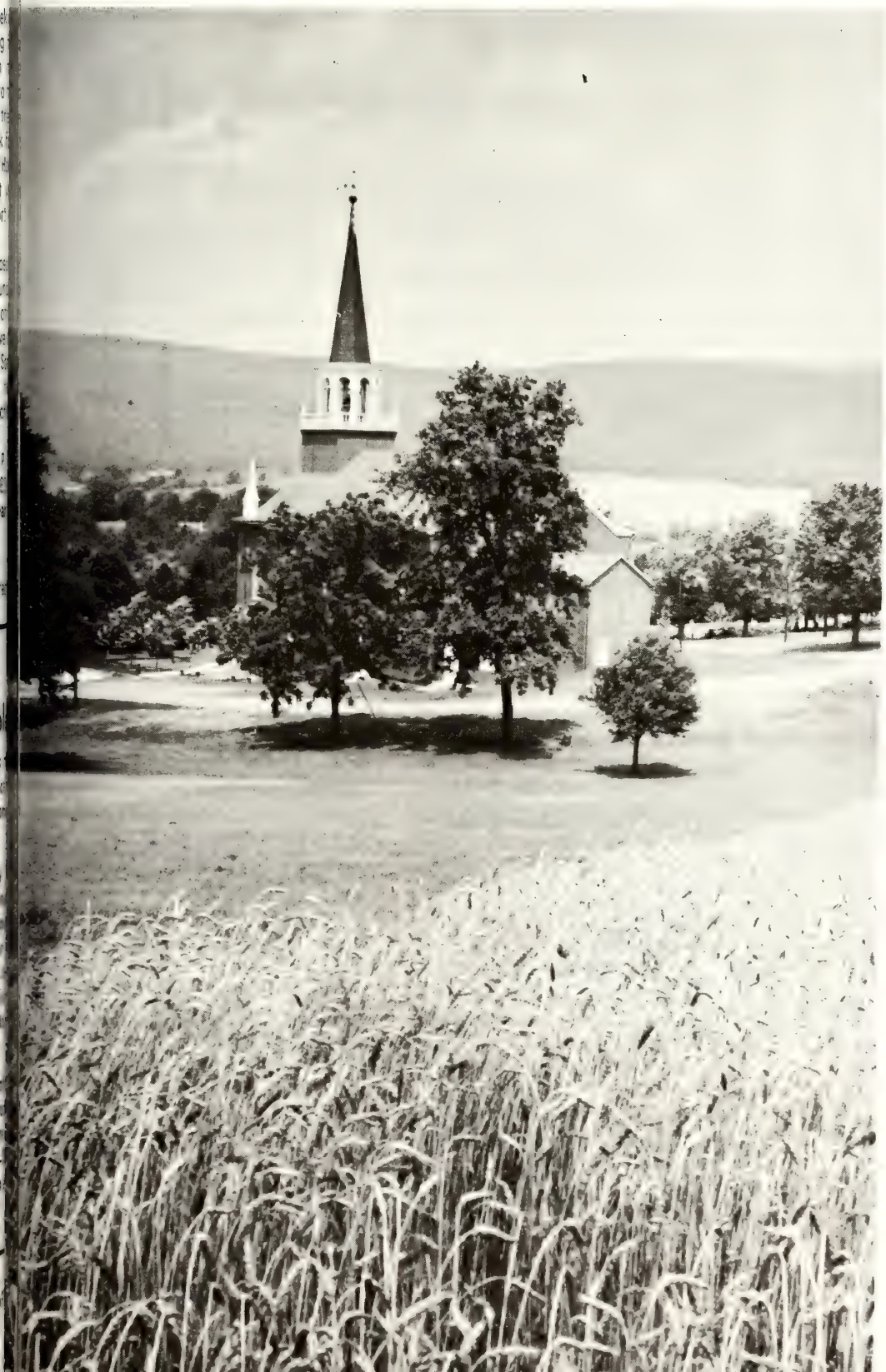
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Listen Churches, Thou Shalt Not Steal Either!

Editorial...

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LISTEN CHURCHES, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL EITHER!

Most of us know that it's a sin to steal an apple from a fruit stand. Most of us know that it's a sin to steal clothes off a store rack. Most of us know that it's a sin to steal information off another person's paper for an important test. Most of us know that it's a sin to steal, period. So, why is it that some churches don't seem to know that it's a sin to steal music?

Steal music? What church steals music? Many churches. Any church that buys one copy of a particular song and reproduces extra copies for choir members, steals—according to two music publishers in New York who are entertaining motions to take their cases to court. Using a reproducing machine to make extra copies of music doesn't quite represent "stealing," say some people. Nevertheless, such reproducing (however noble the motive) is a little fly-by-nightish—and definitely against the law!

We might as well face it: **Individuals or churches who reprint music without written permission of the publishers are in open violation of copyright laws!** Some sheet music carries this warning: "Not to be reprinted or reproduced without written consent." The United States Copyright Law states it more emphatically: **"It is unlawful to reprint, copy, or duplicate by any means whatsoever, all or any part of copyrighted music or prose."** Because of this widespread violation, some music companies have printed warnings to users that they may be subject to prosecution if the music is reproduced without authorization.

No church would teach stealing, nor even sanction it—would it? No? Well, it might as well—if it closes its eyes to the dishonest reproducing of copyrighted material! At a time when churches are under attack for so many things from so many outside forces, it would be especially wise for them to tighten up their morals in regards to this practice. All churches are not guilty, certainly; but enough are guilty to make it uncomfortable for all the rest.

Maybe we are straining at a gnat. Maybe we are too concerned about something which is too insignificant to cause any real alarm. Yet, some people will be led to believe that a church is talking out of both sides of its mouth at once—or worse than that, being hypocritical—by exclaiming to its listeners, "Thou shalt not steal," and then turning around and singing to God's glory from illegally reproduced copies of some beautiful anthem!

Nearly every church organist has at least one illegal copy of a particular song. Nearly every choir room is stacked with illegal copies. This writer has visited several churches during the past year, within and without the denomination, and he has seen numerous reproductions of copyrighted music. (This writer wasn't snooping either; no one tried to hide the copies.)

As we understand their purpose, copying machines were intended to be used as a convenience—to avoid having to make troublesome carbon copies of every important letter or having to reproduce by more costly and time-consuming means, uncopyrighted documents and articles that one wanted to retain for future reference. Reproducing machines were never intended to become accomplices at breaking the law!

Should there be so much fuss about the illegal reproducing of music? Music publishers say yes. They contend that composers can't make a living because of it. When a choir would normally need ten copies of a song, but the music director buys only one copy and makes nine copies by some reproducing machine—then the publisher is losing money, the store which sold the original copy is losing money, and the music director (or whoever does the copying or authorizes its being done) is doing something a little less than honest.

Who is the real sinner here—the pastor who allows it to happen but says nothing about it? the music director who thinks it's a good way to cut corners off the music budget? the choir members who hold the copies during their practice and performance of the song of praise? the church itself who exhorts souls to do all things decently and in order? Probably all of these are in error. Even if our consciences will allow us to continue this illegal practice, we should be made to sit up and listen and perhaps reconsider what we have been doing when we realize that our church might very well become involved in a court battle because of it. In view of this, increasing the music budget seems a small price to pay—doesn't it?

We are not judges, surely. This writer has never meant to be. We would not think that any church, pastor, director of music, or anyone affiliated with a church would deliberately steal music. It is probably a matter of not really considering the seriousness of what is being done.

We can't help but conclude, however, that the God who gave the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," is not pleased when His church does it. We further conclude that the price of sin must be paid, and judgment will be meted out to those who continue in their sin! Listen churches!

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'STOP BUGGING ME"

by HERBERT HENRY EHRENSTEIN

MOST of you readers have probably seen at least one presidential news conference on television. One device that is used is a long, thin directional microphone which can pick up the voice of any reporter in the press room and amplify, record, and broadcast that voice. This is just one of many items of electronic equipment that are used to listen in on conversations, with or without the knowledge of the person or persons talking.

Wire-tapping is an easy matter today. While you are making a phone call, unknown to you others may be listening in. Tiny microphones can be planted in rooms or on people—in clothing, in the hair, and even in teeth. These will pick up talk and transmit it elsewhere. Long-range directional microphones can be set up some distance away and aimed at your open window to pick up all you say in the supposed privacy of your room. Any attempt to overhear a conversation with the use of electronic equipment is generally called "bugging."

But there are other methods of acquiring information that you might not want to have known. The 1970 census was one such way of probing—however legitimately—into personal affairs. Whenever you apply for a charge account or credit card, you surrender certain private details about yourself to the store or credit agency. Anyone who has served the government in any capacity, including the armed forces, has been required to give personal data for the records. In many commercial jobs this is also true, particularly if any classified documents are handled. All this information is somewhere on file—probably in computers. A recommendation was made to Congress about five years ago that all the data concerning the many—several million—persons about whom information has been put on record, be fed into computers at a centralized data bank. So far Congress has been reluctant to do this, although it has appropriated funds to experiment with the plan on a limited scale in several states.

In view of all this, what happens to our privacy? And add to that that the paper-thin walls of modern apartments enable you to know your neighbors' business better than your own. Or the fact that some of the latest types of public telephones have booths without doors and phone receivers. You just sit there and talk out loud into a box and any passersby can hear you plainly. And, of course, there are the inevitable hidden cameras watching you in banks, stores, rest rooms, and clothing-store dressing rooms and keeping you on a perpetual "candid camera." Put it all together and it spells three giant steps toward George Orwell's 1984, with 'Big Brother" always listening in and watching. It is extremely difficult to keep personal secrets in an age of all these snooper's devices.

Professor Alan F. Westin, of Columbia University, has written an excellent book on this whole subject of privacy, or the lack of it. It is entitled **Privacy and Freedom** (Atheneum). Dr. Westin defines privacy as "the right to determine what information about ourselves we will share with others." In many ways, we no longer have that right in modern times. Voluntarily, or through indirect coercion, we have told others a great deal about ourselves.

Time magazine last year called our generation an "age of exhibitionism." This is true in many ways, especially in regard to our willingness to share so many aspects of our private lives with others. A great deal of recent discussion revolves about the use—or, more properly, the abuse—of the information that is obtained about ourselves.

The Bible tells us of a world personality known as the "antichrist," who is to come on the scene and have a tremendous control over world affairs. Can it not be that much of the information now in files and computers about people may be used for our harm by this antichrist? In many ways he will be like the "Big Brother" George Orwell wrote about in his novel. In the light of today's fast-moving pace, it might be wise to reread Revelation 13 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 for information about the antichrist's activities and his diabolical skills.

Of course, when we consider God, we know that there are no secrets. "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13). God knows the end from the beginning, says the prophet (Isaiah 46:10). He not only knows, but also declares! Man may try to conceal things from his fellow man, but he cannot hide anything from God. God sees and knows what others cannot. Though man looks on the outward appearance, God looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7).

When the Christian stands before Christ's judgment seat (2 Corinthians 5:10) and the unconverted person appears before the final judgment (Revelation 20:11-15), the fully computerized record will be there to confront man. "There is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested" (Mark 4:22).—Gospel Herald.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

THE NURSE'S MISTAKE

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:18

The British military hospital was full of badly wounded soldiers. A nurse was overheard to say to one of them, "You have no need to worry over your sins; anyone who gives his life for his country, as you have been willing to do, is all right." The soldier smiled faintly, but shook his head and replied: "That is a mistake! When I lay out there in the open, I knew I had done my bit. I hadn't failed my king and country; but that didn't help me to face God. I wasn't fit to die, and I knew it, and it has been an awful trouble to me everyday since. But when I heard a Christian lady who visited us here pray, I saw that the Lord Jesus had been punished for all my sins, that I might go free, and peace has come into my heart. How wonderful of Him to die for one like me!" No works of righteousness we have done can save us, for our righteousnesses are but as filthy as rags in the sight of the all-holy God. Let the name of Christ be all our trust.—*Soldier's Evangel.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Too many people try to "work" their way to heaven; it can't be done. Jesus is the Way, and we receive Him by faith.

MONWAY, NOVEMBER 1

A HIGH SALARY OR HEAVENLY REWARD?

Scripture Reading—Exodus 3:18

Recently the Standard Oil Company wanted two extra men, and out of the twenty who applied Mr. Li was one of the two chosen. He was housemaster in a boys' boarding school of the China Inland Mission. His wages were to be double what he was earning in the school. Mr. Li prayed much about the matter. He accepted the position, but when he found he would have to work on Sunday he gave it up. Then the manager offered him three times higher wages than he had as a teacher and gave him his Sundays free. He returned to the office but became very unhappy, and in the evening after praying with the head teacher of the school he wrote the following letter in English: "I am sorry I cannot come and work for your company. I have decided to work for God, and win the boys to Jesus Christ. I beg you a thousand pardons." The manager said to one of his friends: "I thought I did well to engage a Christian, but I see they put Jesus first and business second."—*China's Millions.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus should indeed be first—first in work, in play, and in life. When we put Him first, all other things will fall into place.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

"NEVERTHELESS AFTERWARD"

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

There must be light beyond this darkness,
God's sun has never failed to rise;
The blackest night has had its ending
When morning brought its gold surprise.
The tears that fell those hours of waiting
Are changed to sparkling gems of dew;
All dazzling in the sun's bright shining,—
God's rainbow in its richest hue.

—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Bad things happen to all of us. Distress is part of human life. Through it all we have One who cares and understands and who is willing to help if we will only take our problems to Him in prayer.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

TODAY? TONIGHT?

Scripture Reading—1 John 2:28

At night as Dr. Horatius Bonar retired to rest, his last action ere he lay down to sleep was to draw aside the curtain and looking up into the starry heavens, say: "Perhaps tonight, Lord?" In the morning, as he arose, his first movement was to raise the blind, and looking out upon the gray dawn, remark: "Perhaps today, Lord?"—*The Dawn.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we truly belong to the Lord, death shall not be such a terrible thing. Going to sleep with the Lord and awaking in His presence are the best experiences we could ever have. Suppose He comes today! Would you be ready?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

WE CAN'T—BUT HE CAN

Scripture Reading—Acts 19:11

One Sunday afternoon my wife and I were taking a short walk when we were overtaken by a storm. We took shelter in a neighboring church where we found a special service for Sunday school scholars in progress. The vicar was catechizing the children, and asked: "What is a miracle?" A little girl put up her hand and replied, "Something we can't do, but Jesus can." The minister seemed surprised at this original answer, and pressed for a response in "more dignified English." Several chimed out the set answer he wanted, "A parable in action," and he seemed well satisfied. It left me cold, however, for I was still th ing of the little child's definition, "Sc thing we can't do, but Jesus can."—C *tian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Simple, but true: Jesus can do mi things, and we can't. Often children us to shame with their perception and faith.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

"SHE NEVER SAID A WORD, BUT—"

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 6:6

Dr. A. T. Schofield's eldest daughter a great horsewoman, but being thr when rough-riding got a depressed frac of the skull upon which no surgeon w operate, and of which, after some year great suffering, she died. "When daughter had been ill a fortnight, her n came to me and said she thought I w like to know that she had become a C tian. 'Why, what were you when came?' 'I was an atheist, Doctor.' 'I pose your patient has been speaking you?' 'No, she never said a word, but is the only absolutely contented gi ever met, and I couldn't understand it I asked her secret, and now I'm a C tian.'"—*Dr. A. T. Schofield.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Knowing Christ can make us con even in affliction. He is sufficient for times and in all situations.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

THE BIBLE: EFFECTIVE PROOF

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 30:1

One day a skeptic asked a highly edu ed and cultured Christian woman how could prove the Bible was the Word of and she said to him, "How can you p there is a sun in the sky?"

"Why," he replied, "because it wa me and I can see its light."

"And so it is with me," she said, proof of this Book being the Word of is that it warms my soul and gives it lig *W. E. Biederwolf.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The Bible has power. It is the Wor God penned by men who were moved His Spirit. It speaks to us and directs living.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

)O YOU REMEMBER?

by Mrs. Marie Glenn

Mrs. Marie Gilbert Glenn, wife of the v. Earl H. Glenn, is receptionist and cretary to the registrar at Mount Olive llege. She is an active member of the st Free Will Baptist Church of Golds-ro, North Carolina, where her husband pastor.



(This is adapted from a report given at e Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Conven-n, Wednesday afternoon, October 13, 71, which convened with Palmer Me-rial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, rth Carolina.)

Where were you twenty years ago? enty years ago some of you were just ginning your married life. You were sessed with the idea of establishing a me and family. Others of you had no ea at all about family—you were not d enough—you were secure at home th your mother and father and oughts of establishing a home were e fartherest thing from your mind. Still ers already had set your pattern for e—your children were all married and u looked forward to a life of ease. Now u were free to travel or do some of the er things you had always dreamed of ing.

Most of us feel that we are a better rson in many respects now than we were 20 years ago. But have all of our dreams been realized? Are the homes we established for ourselves and our loved ones all that we hoped they would be? Have our children always been the little angels we pictured them? Have they ever been disobedient? Have we ourselves developed into the individual we dreamed of becoming? If your answer to any of these questions is "no" then may I hasten to continue. Have you deserted your homes because being a wife and mother has not always been a bed of roses? Did you disown your children when they were in trouble or when they were disobedient to your wishes? Or did you fold your hands and quit because you did not reach all of your goals? Your presence here today proves to me that you have answered these questions in the negative.

Remembering back 20 years ago, where were your churches? Some that are now in nice adequate buildings were meeting in one room buildings ready to be condemned. Some were not organized. We have come a long way in erecting new buildings for the purpose of worshiping our Creator—but are our churches all that we want them to be—in number, in dedication, in giving, or in service? But we do not desert them because they lack some of these things, do we?

Do you remember 20 years ago when Mount Olive College was born? Some of you do. Then you will remember that we had very little in material values but possessed a great deal of faith and courage. Over the years we have watched Mount Olive College develop into one of the best junior colleges in North Carolina. The administration, faculty, and staff will be the first to admit that it is not all we hope it will be. There are dreams of all sorts yet to be realized. But because it is not everything we want it to be we dare not stop working, hoping, and dreaming.

I have had a favorable impression of the College since its conception; but since I have been on the staff, I have been able to observe closely the things that go into making the College what it is and am more convinced than ever that it is really and truly "the college that cares." I do not have time to tell you how involved everyone becomes with each individual student. From the time he shows the slightest interest in attending Mount Olive College until forevermore, the purpose of the College is to see to it that he is well looked after. Once a student enters Mount Olive College, our commitment to him never ends. We keep in touch with him through the alumni office and are anxious to learn of his latest activities whether it be a new job, a new degree, a new marriage partner, or a new baby.

It amazes me to see the dedication of our faculty to the students' well-being. Not all of the faculty are Free Will Baptist, but from their degree of dedication, one cannot tell them apart.

Mount Olive College is the only college sponsored by Free Will Baptists in North Carolina. Constantly there is a search for new ideas to better serve you as Free Will Baptists. Some of the benefits you or your children may derive from the College are mentioned below:

If your child is a Free Will Baptist, he can apply for a scholarship in the amount of $250 through his church. The College will meet this amount, giving the student a total of $500 per year. There are scholarships and loan funds available to those who need them. No Free Will Baptist student will be denied an education because of lack of funds.

A work-study program which we refer to as Cooperative Education is offered. Through this program students are allowed to work after having attended Mount Olive College for one summer or one semester. Students who have participated in this program have earned as much as $1,900 a semester and received 3 semester hours of credit at the same time. These 3 hours go toward earning his 64 hours needed for graduation. Primarily this program is an educational type experience rather than just a job to earn money. The student learns about life and how to deal with people. It is a type of life exploration for the student to learn his interests and disinterests. Positions for placement in the cooperative education program for the summer and next fall are now open. If you have a senior in high school who is interested, he can qualify for a fall position. If there is a teen-ager in your home or a young person in your church who is interested in this program, call the Col-

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

CONTRACT LET FOR MARLBORO CHURCH



Members of the Marlboro church signing the contract for the construction of their new building. Seated, left to right: Danny Carraway and Johnny Parker; standing, left to right: Bill Shirley, Mrs. Wallace Garner, Mrs. William Walston, and Fred Chappelear.

The Adams Construction Company of Four Oaks, North Carolina, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 264 by-pass east of Farmville, North Carolina. Contract for the sanctuary and a ten-room educational building was signed Monday night, October 4.

Construction will start within the next three weeks, according to the builder's plans, and the structure is scheduled to be completed early in 1972. The new sanctuary will seat between 250 and 300 persons.

The Marlboro church is one of the oldest Free Will Baptist churches in this section, with members of the congregation stating that it was established more than 100 years ago.

The pastor is the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow of Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Revival and Harvest Sunday At Faith Church

Fall revival services are scheduled to be held the week of November 1-6 at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 7, Kinston, North Carolina. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Joe Johnson, assisting Mr. Patrick. There will be special music rendered each evening. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The church requests the prayers of all Christians for the revival and the church, that souls may come to know the Lord as the Master of their lives.

On Sunday, November 7, the Faith church will observe harvest Sunday. Following the morning worship a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. A warm invitation is extende everyone to attend this service also.

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Holly Springs Church To Have Revival



Revival services will begin at the Hol Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Rou 2, Kenly, North Carolina, Monday eve ing, November 8, and will contin through Saturday evening, November 1 The Rev. Robert Rollins will be t evangelist. Services will begin at 7: p. m. The public is cordially invited attend.

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Revival Scheduled For Rose Hill Church

Revival services have been schedul for the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Churc Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, f the week of November 1-6. Serving evangelist for this series of services w be the Rev. Vance Link, pastor of t Community Free Will Baptist Churc Weldon, North Carolina. Mr. Link w be assisted in the services, which w begin at 7:45 nightly, by the pastor the church, the Rev. Dan Beama Special music will be featured each s vice, and youth and family nights w be observed during the week. The p tor and the church membership issue cordial invitation to the public to be attendance for what promises to be o of the better Rose Hill revivals.

Coming Events . . .

November 4, 5—Cape Fear Conferen Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Chu near Dunn, North Carolina

November 8—Central Conference Wo an's Auxiliary Convention Study Cou on "Evangelism," 7:30 P.M., Sarato Church, Saratoga, North Carolina

November 10, 11—Central Conferen Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church n Snow Hill, North Carolina

e's Chapel to Host
pe Fear Conference

The one-hundred-seventeenth session the Cape Fear Conference of Original e Will Baptists will convene with e's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, ute 5, Dunn, North Carolina, Thursday d Friday, November 4 and 5, 1971. e tentative program is as follows:

Thursday Morning Session

15—Registration
00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Gene Britt
10—Welcome, Mr. H. T. Hinson
—Response, the Rev. Taylor Hill
15—Call to Order, Conference Secretary
—Registration Rules Explained, the Rev. Francis Garner, Credentials Committee Chairman
—Roll Call of Officers
—Roll Call of Churches
—Recognition of Visitors
—Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Henry Armstrong
—Appointment of Committees
30—Congregational Singing
—Sermon, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen
00—Report of Mount Olive College
15—Song and Praise Time
30—Offering
—Ordination Service
15—Recess and Lunch

Afternoon Session

30—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Charles Parrish
40—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
—Report of Executive Committee
—Representative of State Ministers' Conference, the Rev. David C. Hansley
—Report of Ordaining Council, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey
—Report of Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, Mr. John Adcox

Friday Morning Session

00—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Elmer Thompson
10—Report of Cape Fear Mission Board, the Rev. Taylor Hill
20—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Carl Dudley
30—Report of Cape Fear Ministers' Conference, the Rev. J. C. Hathaway
35—Report of Board of Education, the Rev. John Raeford Lee
40—Congregational Singing
—Sermon, the Rev. Swade Benson
11:10—Report of Children's Home
11:25—Song and Praise Time
11:30—Offering
—Sermon, the Rev. C. M. Coats
12:15—Recess and Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Congregational Singing
—Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Cooper Thompson
1:40—Report of Denominational Enterprises
—Report of Temporary Committees
—Treasurer's Report
—Closing Business Session
—Adjournment

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Second Western District
Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention of the Second District of the Western Conference will convene with the Memorial Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex, North Carolina, Sunday, October 31. The theme will be, "God Judges Nations." The Scripture text is taken from Habakkuk 2:8, "Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein." The scheduled program is as follows:

9:45—Song Service, Mrs. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Director
—Devotions, Miss Rosa Lee Langley
—Welcome, Donald Elmore
—Response, Mrs. Gail Dawes
—Business, Henry Mitchell
—Sunday School, Donald Elmore, Superintendent
—Intermission
—Song Service, Mrs. Pierce
—Offering for Children's Home
—Convention Message, the Rev. Terry Woodard, Pastor of Host Church
—Business, Mr. Mitchell
—Awarding of Banner and Trophy
—Adjournment

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Warsaw Church Revival
In Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Warsaw, North Carolina, with the Rev. W. L. Bronson, pastor of the Wilmington, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, as the visiting speaker. Services are beginning each evening at 7:45 and will continue throughout the week. The pastor, the Rev. John Raeford Lee, is assisting Mr. Bronson. Special music is being rendered each evening. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

Robert's Grove to Host
Cape Fear Union Meeting

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene Saturday morning, October 30, with Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina. The moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, will preside. The local church's organist and pianist will play for the union. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn, Congregation
—Devotions, Mr. J. Elmer Thompson
—Welcome, the Rev. Francis Garner
—Response, the Rev. W. A. Martin
10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
—Recognition of Visitors
—Reading of Minutes
—Appointment of Committees
—Roll Call of Churches
—Reports of Denominational Enterprises
—Miscellaneous Business
11:15—Hymn, Congregation
—Special Music, Robert's Grove Church
—Offering
—Message, the Rev. R. W. Allman
12:00—Report of Treasurer
—Election of Officers
—Unfinished Business
—Adjournment and Benediction
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Owen's Chapel Church
Announces Fall Revival

The Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, announces its fall revival for the week of November 1-6. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the guest speaker, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Dallas Carter. There will be special singing each evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all the services possible.

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Annual Fall Revival
At Smithfield Church

The annual fall revival of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, will begin Monday evening, November 1, at 7:30. A service of songs and testimonies will kick off the series of services on Sunday evening, October 31, at 7:30. The Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor of the Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina, will be the evangelist, beginning Monday evening, November 1, and continuing through Friday evening, November 5. The

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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lege and we will be happy to give you further information. If you would like to have a representative speak to your group concerning the program, we will be happy to arrange it.

Ministerial students are offered a unique experience beginning this year at Mount Olive College. A supervised work experience designed to provide practical training in the work of the church under the direction of an experienced pastor is designed to help the ministerial student learn by doing. Or he may choose to work in a denominational institution performing such services as he can render.

This year for the first time, marriage and family counseling services are offered to anyone who desires these services. Pastoral counseling is also offered. So often ministers have no one to talk their problems over with, so this can be of extreme benefit to pastors who are discouraged or who need counseling in any area of life. On Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m., a course in Pastoral Care started at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro. This course will last 8 weeks. It is not too late for you to enroll. There will be a meeting with ministers of the Cape Fear Conference on Monday, October 25, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield at 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This meeting is in the form of a workshop on "Ministers as an Agent of Suicide Prevention." You ministers, and laymen as well, will want to take advantage of this meeting. Services are also available to youth groups, youth meetings, and the like to discuss drug use, or any other problems confronting teen-agers today.

The Free Will Baptist Fellowship is an organization that is doing an outstanding job. Its purpose is to encourage Christian fellowship among the students and to inspire them to be an outstanding Christian witness both on and off campus. Approximately 50 students meet once a week for about an hour to enjoy fun and fellowship. A Free Will Baptist ministerial student, John Williams, from Morehead City, North Carolina, is its president, and Miss Jean Fillingame, Dr. Raper's secretary, sponsors the group. Most of the programs are designed to be inspirational. Fellowship is also enjoyed through skating parties, cook-outs, etc. I urge those of you who have children attending Mount Olive College who are not members of the fellowship to encourage them to join. The Free Will Baptist Fellowship is serving its purpose well.

Some of the best Christian young people in the world are students at Mount Olive College. A Religious Life Retreat is planned soon. The purpose of this retreat is primarily designed to strengthen the religious faith of the students by exploring problems Christian young people face and also experience that tend to strengthen their Christian faith.

I would remind you that in leiu of flowers you may send a donation to the library at the College. They, in turn, will send a card to the family telling them of your contribution as a memorial to their loved one.

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention's project for the College is to purchase an organ. This organ to be dedicated as a memorial to all Free Will Baptist auxiliary members throughout the state. It will cost $6,000, but the value cannot be measured in terms of dollars by the students and music faculty who need it so badly. Encourage your local auxiliaries to send money for this much needed addition to our music department and at the same time memorialize those in your own church who have finished their course here on this earth.

We encourage your visit to the College at any time between the hours of 8-5 on weekdays and by appointments on weekends.

If you have a child who is of college age and want him to attend a school that has the interest of the individual student at heart, then I recommend you send him to join the other 327 students enrolled at Mount Olive. Here he is in an atmosphere that will help him on his way towards developing to his potential in all phases of life—academically, spiritually, socially, emotionaly, and physically. Mount Oive College is worthy of your children and of your support.

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AREA FOUNDATION GOAL, $80,000

The Mount Olive College Area Foundation has set a goal of $80,000 to be raised during the current fiscal year.

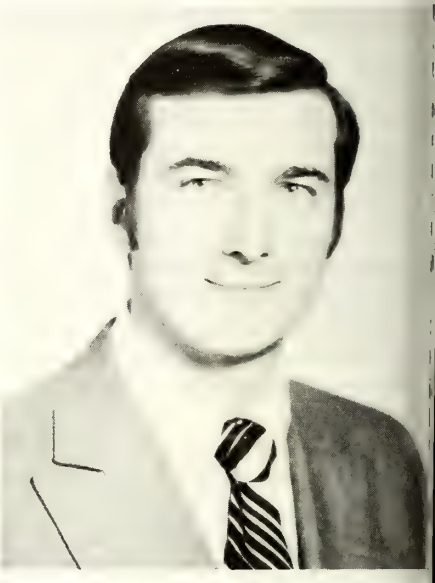
The foundation is made up of business and professional people and friends of the College in Wayne and surrounding counties. Established in 1963, the purpose of the foundation is to provide voluntary private financial support for the College. During the past eight years the foundation has contributed $400,000 to Mount Olive College.

Eugene Price, Editor of the **Goldsbor News-Argus,** is serving as president c the foundation this year. In announ ing the above goal, Mr. Price declare that it is the desire of the foundation "t elevate its level of support to a new pl teau."

The foundation is governed by a twe ty-one member board of directors wh represent outstanding business and pr fessional people in the area served b the College.

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RELIGIOUS LIFE RETREAT



Mount Olive College will sponsor Religious Life Retreat at Oriental, Nor Carolina, November 5-7. The Rev. Haro Mac Wallace, pastor of Sherron Acr Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Nor Carolina, will be the key speaker, usi the subject, "What It Means to Be Christian in Today's World."

The retreat, meeting in Oriental Fr Will Baptist Church, will begin on Frid night, 7:30 p.m., with a worship servi and discussion groups, with the Re Frank R. Harrison, college chaplain, charge of the services. Saturday w consist of discussion groups in the mo ing, recreation in the afternoon, worsh and singspiration on Saturday night. Su day morning will conclude the retre with a worship service, giving empha to Christian commitment and witness the world in which we live.

Mr. Harrison asks that pastors and l men unite in prayer for God's guidar and blessing upon the retreat, that may be a time of spiritual renewal a commitment.

Mount Olive College Dinners

Below is a list of the thirteen dinners to be held this fall for Mount Olive College:

Greene County, Thursday, October 28, 7 p.m., Snow Hill Primary School Cafeteria, Mr. George Harrison, chairman.

Edgecombe - Halifax Counties, Monday, November 1, 7 p.m., Edgewood church Fellowship Building, Mr. Rufus Harrell, chairman.

Wilson County, Tuesday, November 2, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, Wilson, Mr. James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Lenoir County, Saturday, November 6, 7 p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston, Miss Margaret Carol Banks, chairman.

Johnston - Wake Counties, Monday, November 8, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Selma Senior High School, the Revs. Stewart Humphrey and J. W. Pittman, cochairmen.

Wayne County, Wednesday, November 10, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Mount Olive, Mr. Ben Rollins, chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, November 11, 7 p.m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

Duplin - New Hanover Counties, Friday, November 12, 7 p.m., Folkstone church Fellowship Building, Mr. Leonard Hobbs, chairman.

Duplin County, Saturday, November 13, 6 p.m., Beulaville Elementary School, Mr. Arthur Kennedy, chairman.

Nash County, Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria.

Lenoir County, Friday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, Mr. John Taylor, chairman.

Beaufort County, Saturday, December 4, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Mr. Oscar Webster, chairman.

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"Help your wife," advised one home economics specialist. "When she washes the dishes, wash the dishes with her. When she mops the floor, mop up the floor with her."—1010 Illustrations, Items and Quotes.

our Church Auxiliaries

ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARIES

Dear Co-Worker:

At the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference in Spartanburg, South Carolina, in July, 1971, Mrs. Johnny Bullman of Spartanburg was elected to fill the office of vice-president which was made vacant by the death of Mrs. Walter Carter, who was serving in that capacity.

Because of reasons of health, Mrs. Louis Holliday of Manning, South Carolina, has been unable to serve in the office of secretary. The assistant secretary, Mrs. James A. Evans, Kinston, North Carolina, has been serving as secretary. At the meeting in Spartanburg, Mrs. R. H. Jackson, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, was elected as assistant secretary. Both Mrs. Bullman and Mrs. Jackson were asked to assume their duties immediately. A complete slate of officers is listed below.

President: Mrs. Norman Ard, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572

Vice-President: Mrs. Johnny Bullman, 8126 Daniel Court, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303

Secretary: Miss Linda Lambert, Box 36, Sylvester, West Virginia 25193

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. R. H. Jackson, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina 27504

Program Chairman: Mrs. J. B. Starnes, Route 3, Box 123, Newport, North Carolina 28570

Treasurer: Mrs. Carl Dudley, 202 Aiken Street, Fuquay Varina, North Carolina 27526

Youth Chairman: Mrs. Harry Brown, Bahama, North Carolina. Mrs. Brown resigned in October, 1971, and was replaced by Mrs. Jack Everett, 2813 Murray Hill Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

Yours to serve,
Mrs. James A. Evans
Assistant Secretary

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THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

Please Support the Merit Program!

The first six weeks of school has ended and there are forty-two (42) out of sixty-five (65) children here at the Children's Home who have earned a merit from the "Merit Box." However, there are very few items in the box for them to draw from. Mr. Hawley, one of the board members, has been the only one who has contributed (circus tickets and football tickets) to the merit box.

We do need to feed and clothe our children; but we also need to try to develop in them an attitude of excellence of a job well done. We call this "shaping up." So far I have seen much progress and a lot of it is because they want to draw out of "that box."

Thank you,
Mrs. Jerry Ball
Liaison Coordinator

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Sims, North Carolina, is seeking a full-time pastor. Any minister interested in serving this church please write to Mr. Abner Miller, Route 2, Box 469, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; or telephone, 237-0947.

Something Happened!

by Doris Gail Stroud
Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Albertson, North Carolina

Something happened to me the other night,
I don't know exactly what;
But I know Jesus touched my soul
And came into my heart.

When I look at the things around me,
I wonder if it were meant to be;
If God would save such a wretched sinner,
And set my soul free.

I see Satan coming into hearts around me,
And he plays an important part;
He has a way of winning you over,
And some will never depart.

He builds our hopes up very high,
And then he lets us go;
Tearing down all our dream castles,
Leaving us feeling very low.

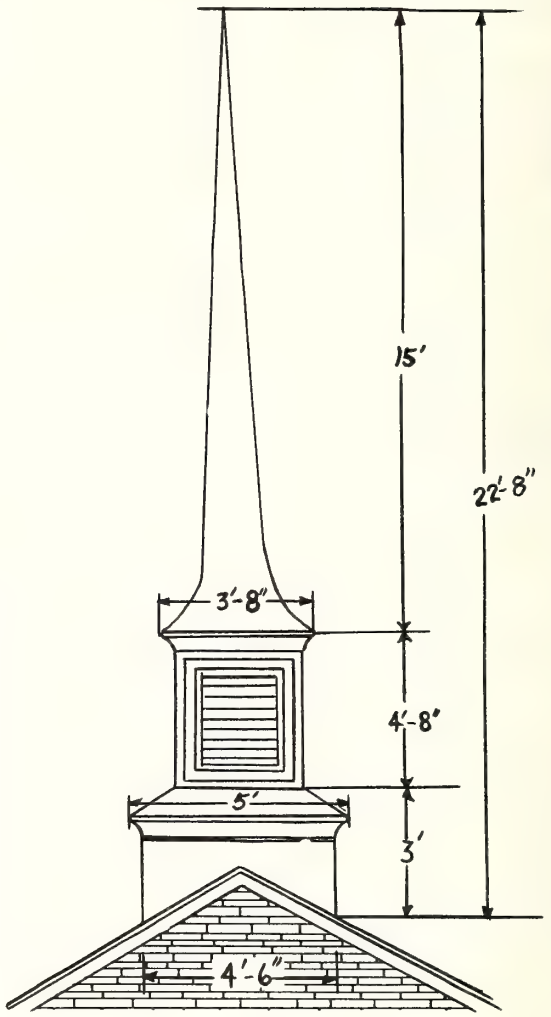
Thank God we can overcome Satan's power,
And serve the Lord each day;
Christians, if we will only have faith,
Everything will be okay.

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An elderly woman was once asked, "What is your formula for making and keeping friends?"

"Well, honey," she replied, "I follow just one daily rule: I am always mighty careful to stop and taste my words before I let them pass my teeth."—Selected.

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What does it mean to be "nequally yoked"?

Answer: I guess you have in mind "Be y not unequally yoked together with believers: for what fellowship hath rhteousness with unrighteousness? and wat communion hath light with darkss?" (2 Corinthians 6:14). This has erence to a partnership relation where o or more persons enter an agreement jointly act together on an equal basis, :h as partners that enter a convenient venant to form a business together. such an agreement the covenant would ll out the amount of work each would mise to render, the amount of money h would covenant to invest, the perit of profit each would receive, etc.

t might include the marriage of two ple. In the case of Israel and the haanite nations, Israel was required of ovah God to destroy them, leaving e alive among certain tribes; and n the domestic animals were to be troyed. Not only were these people ong some who had adapted other ans of worship than the true and liv- God, but they had become so morally rupt that they were in the grip of ial diseases and other ailments that ced them in a position of no return a healthy people. Leprosy and other eases of the day had such a profound on them that they were subject to n generations to come. Then their gion was so base and corrupt that non worship included the sacrificing their babies to demons. So God placed h restrictions upon them as to keep m completely separated from them. only contact they were to have with m was that which came in military bat. God assured them if they were dient they would achieve universal ory; but if disobedient, sure defeat. hen when it comes to the Christian . He assures the Christian victory. y are to accept the responsibility of ng holy, obedient lives, and that in doing, He will enable them to overe, not necessarily in physical com- even though He has often assured the obedient Christian victory in this category and given such victory beyond our ability to name, but particularly in the spiritual realm. The Bible says to the Christian: "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5); "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16); "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by the wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21); "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3: 36); "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and He will come unto him, and make our abode with him. . . . But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:23, 26); "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7); "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:18-20) "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8); "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

We Christians are one with Christ and thereby made one with the Father. The Father and the Son sent the Spirit into the world as another Comforter when Christ went back to heaven, where He resumed His seat at the right hand of the Father, to act in His capacity as our High Priest. When the devil accuses us, Christ intercedes in our behalf on the basis that His blood was shed for us. On this condition, when we come short of His commandments to us or sin in any way during our life of fellowship in Him, the Holy Spirit reminds us, we confess it, Christ secures forgiveness, and we continue to grow in grace as we witness for Him. We are evenly yoked through Him to all believers. He says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; . . ." (Matthew 11:29). Christ wants us to go into the world as overcomers; to go out into the hedges and highways, not eat or drink on their basis with people of the world, but preach to them the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. Also preach the condemnation or the wrath of God to those who do not believe. "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

We are not to assume any kind of a right to be unevenly yoked to unbelievers; hence as was taught the Hebrews in the Old Testament times, we are not to accept their unsaved sons and daughters for our offspring. Furthermore, we are not to have covenant relations with them in other matters. Joshua made a great mistake when he formed an alliance with the Gibeonites for they were a thorn in the flesh as long as there was one of them to be found among God's people, Israel.

Some Christians have made the fatal mistake of thinking that when they married an unsaved person their love and Christian example would so overwhelm their companion they would soon win

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STORIES

for our youth



JACK'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME

PAULINE ROTHRAUFF

THE fourth grade of Sunnydale School was going to have a Halloween party on Friday afternoon, October 29.

Mrs. Perkins, their teacher, had told them to come to school in costume that day. There would be a prize for the girl and the boy who had the most original outfits. Each would receive a flashlight shaped like a pumpkin to carry on Halloween.

Jack was excited about the party. If only he could think of a costume that would be novel enough to capture the prize! He thought and thought, but everything he thought of was similar to what someone else was going to wear.

Finally, after rummaging through the discarded clothing in the attic, he came upon one of his grandfather's old dress suits and decided to go as an old-fashioned gentleman.

His mother cut the suit down to fit him. And there were even a high stovepipe hat, a cane, and spats to go with it.

On the afternoon of the party, Jack dressed up in this imposing outfit and swaggered down the street. He was swinging his cane and feeling very grand.

Little Molly Mercer, who was his neighbor, came along with her kitten. She walked beside him for a short distance, admiring his costume. And, although Molly was only four, Jack was flattered by her remarks.

Then Molly ran on, with the kitten romping ahead of her.

"If everyone at the party thinks I look as great as she did, I'll surely win the prize," murmured Jack.

He was picturing the party and the fun he would have, when Molly came rushing back, screaming. Tears were streaming down her cheeks.

"Jack! Jack! Please help me. My kitty ran up a tree in the park and won't come down."

Jack patted her head, saying, "Don't cry. We'll coax your kitty down." And he hurried along with her.

"See! See! There she is." Molly pointed to a high bough of the tree. "I've called and called her, but she won't move."

Jack tried coaxing, but the kitten just sat and stared at him. Then he cupped his hand as if he had something in it and knelt close to the ground and called. But the kitten just sat as quietly as if she hadn't heard a word.

"I'm on my way to a party," he explained to Molly. "I'll have to go. Maybe your kitty will come down in a few minutes if we leave her alone."

"No, no," wailed Molly, holding on to his coat. "Get her for me. Please."

Jack sighed. Then he tossed down his cane, took off his hat, and began to climb the tree.

He nearly slipped several times. And twigs, sticking out, pulled at his suit. When he was close enough to reach the kitty, a tree branch jammed into his coat sleeve and ripped it at the shoulder. Jack shuddered as he heard the tearing sound.

The kitten sat and watched him, never moving an inch, as he reached over and grabbed her.

"Oh, goody, goody!" Milly clapped her hands and then held them out for her kitty as Jack descended. "Thank you, Jack. My! You look awful! You should see yourself."

And, hugging her kitten, Molly ran down the street.

Jack nodded to himself, disgusted She's probably right. I'm sure I do l awful. I can't go to the party this w he thought.

He turned toward home and then membered that they'd be waiting him at school and wouldn't start the tivities without him. Besides, he'd marked tardy if he took time to go ho and change his clothes.

I'll stop by and explain to Mrs. P kins, he decided. She'd never beli that this could happen to anyone if didn't see me.

"I must look terrible," he muttered himself as he approached the school.

Mrs. Perkins looked up when Jack tered the classroom but, before he co begin an explanation, she exclaimed, tramp costume! How clever."

The others were all assembled. someone called out, "That's a sharp c fit. How'd you think of it, Jack?"

Jack shook his head and laugh There was no use telling them now t it hadn't been planned.

He glanced around at the other c tumes. There were several who w dressed as gentlemen. Maybe that tire hadn't been such a good idea at all.

They played games for awhile then, just before refreshments were be served, Mr. Smythe, the principal, Miss Adams, the art teacher, came i the room. They were going to help M Perkins judge the costumes and dec who should receive the prizes.

How I wish I had a chance, mu Jack to himself. Oh, well, I made M happy anyhow.

After some consultation, Mrs. Perk announced the winners. "I think yo agree with Mr. Smythe and Miss Ad and me that Jack has the most origi boy's costume and deserves a prize. really did a fine job, Jack, dirtying y face and tearing your coat. I don't kn how you were able to achieve such perfect imitation of a tramp."

"I do," murmured Jack to hims smiling joyfully while the others clap and congratulated him.—My Pleasure.

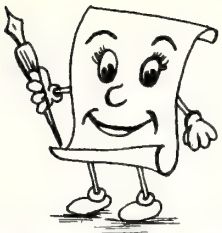
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Determination

There's no thrill in easy sailing,
When the sky is clear and blue;
There's no joy in merely doing
Things which anyone can do.
But there is some satisfaction
That is mighty sweet to take,
When you reach a destination
You thought you couldn't make.

—Author Unknown

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Halloween must be at least 2100 years old.

It was New Year's Eve for the ancient Celts, and part of their religious celebration. They believed in the immortality of the soul, which, upon the death of a person, passed into the body of a newborn child. They also considered themselves descendants of a supreme being, but worshiped other deities too.

"Druids" were their priests, religious teachers, judges, and civil administrators. They knew astrology and magic, and revered the oak tree and mistletoe. They probably worshiped in oak groves or places like Stonehenge.

October 31, year's end, was considered a good time to examine the portents of the future. They believed the spirits of the dead revisited their earthly homes that evening. And the "Druids" were convinced that Saman, god of the dead, called forth hosts of evil spirits, also. Therefore, they built huge bonfires to drive the demons away.

After the Romans subdued the Celts, a Roman festival for Pomona, goddess of fruits and trees, was added to the Celtic rites on November 1.

All Saints' Day, or Allhallows, began in the seventh century to "honor God and all His saints, known and unknown." Celebrated first when the Pantheon at Rome was consecrated, Pope Gregory IV gave it official authorization in A.D. 835. November 1 was probably chosen as All Saints' Day because it was one of four great festivals of the heathen nations of the North. It has long been a church policy to supplant heathen observances with Christian ones. All Saints' Day is still observed by Christians in some denominations.

Halloween games (like bobbing for apples) must have evolved from the festivals for Pomona. The bonfires and dinner and marshmallow roasts are reminiscent of the "Druids'" bonfires. Costumes and carved pumpkin heads recall the demons and ghosts which visited the earth on New Year's Eve.

Halloween is fun, but we must remember it is not a Christian holiday.

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God Sustains His Creation

Lesson Text: Psalm 104:1-9, 27-30

Memory Verse: Acts 14:17

I. INTRODUCTION

With all of the advances that have been in technical fields and man's successful exploration of outer space, some have been led to believe that God exercises no care over the universe which He has brought into existence. This is a form of pseudologic, however, and the vastness of God's creation and the marvelous accomplishments of men created in His image, far from detracting from His power and His wisdom, only serve to demonstrate that they are much more marvelous than we had been led to believe. As Emerson once observed: "He who has seen the rising moon break through the clouds at midnight has been privileged, like an archangel of old, to be present with God at the creation of light and of the world." Man's ability to go to the moon and to photograph Mars from the distance of only a few thousand miles, far from detracting from the glory of God and the greatness of His works, only serve to make us stand in awe at the vastness, the harmony, and the beauty of His handiwork.

The very fact that God does not have to intervene to keep the laws of nature in harmony does not demonstrate His inability to intervene, but only serves to show the perfection of His original creation.

Our lesson text for today is taken from Psalm 104 and deals with God's manifestation of His power and His wisdom through the workings of the universe.

Purpose: The purpose of today's lesson is to convince us that God is still in control of the world and the universe.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. God merits the blessing of men and is the One who blesses, while man is always the blessed (Ephesians 1:3; Psalm 104:1-5; Luke 1:42, 45).

B. While living in a world subject to change, the Christian should be aware of the fact that God will never change (Psalm 104:6-8; Hebrews 1:10-12; 13:8; James 1:17).

C. Although often we are not aware of it, God is in control of the universe and all that is within it (Psalm 104:9; Hebrews 1:3).

D. In contrast to man, the animal world knows the source of the things that are needed (Psalm 104:27, 28; Isaiah 1:2, 3).

E. Life itself is in the hand of God, and men should take note that it is very uncertain in all aspects as far as man is concerned (Psalm 104:29, 30; James 4: 13-15).

F. The Christian should come to realize that God is very great and that no one is higher than He (Psalms 104:1; 8).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Returning to the Moody Bible Institute late one evening, Joseph H....., one of our pastor's course students, stopped his car for a traffic light. A man climbed into the seat beside the student and thrust a gun into his side, then curtly ordered, 'Drive on, and don't do anything to attract attention.' Joe obeyed the gunman's order. His mind turned to the Lord, and almost unconsciously the words came from his lips, 'For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.' Now it was the bandit's turn to be startled. 'What are you talking about? Are you crazy?' he asked. This gave Joe an opportunity to explain that because he was born and Christ lived in him, he had eternal life, and that physical death would only mean eternal life in glory. The stranger snorted, 'Now I know you are crazy.' But his interest was kindled and the student continued to tell the gunman about the Saviour. Suddenly the hold-up man asked his driver to pull over to the curb, then withdrew his gun, explaining that he wanted to hear more about how to gain victory over fear a death. Opening the Gospel of John, student asked the man to read from third chapter. As Joe explained Jo 3:16, the gunman suddenly stopped h and shouted joyfully, 'I see it.' He th confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Chr and the two bowed their heads and pr ed."—From a Leaflet Published by Moo Bible Institute.

We must not forget that God's c for His creation is never withdraw Man may learn the laws of nature a how to cooperate with them for his o good; but man can never learn how get along without God, because He cre ed the laws of nature. All of God's cr tion is dependent upon Him for sus nance.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

B. A minister stopped to compliment young farmer on the excellent job he h done in clearing an overgrown farm. is truly remarkable what a man can with the help of the Lord," he said.

The farmer paused to mop his br and then replied, "You should have se what the Lord did with it before I g hold of it."

Men are inclined to put the acce upon their own accomplishments. Oft they completely overlook the part th God plays. The psalmist did not ma that mistake. The psalm of our text d scribes the glory of the natural wo and praises the power and goodness the Creator who made it and who co tinues to sustain it. Verse 23 notes t place of man in the divine plan: "Ma goeth forth unto his work and to h labour until the evening" (See Gene 3:19.)—Standard Commentary.

C. Just as one of us looking upon sor glorious manifestation of beauty in t natural world cries out, "Isn't th beautiful?" or looking out in the ea morning of a lovely day, says, "It is go to be alive!" the soul of the psalm in this chapter bursts forth in a loft expression than all these, giving prai to God: first, for having made such wonderful world; and secondly, for g ing man the capacity for understandi it.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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If you want to launch a big ship, where there is deep water.

If you want to win a lost soul Christ, go into the byways and hedg and seek the lost.—Selected.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Fannie B. Hathaway

(In Loving Memory)



n Saturday evening, October 2, 1971, called a beloved relative and faith- member of the First Free Will Baptist rch of Smithfield, North Carolina, to with Him.

Mrs. Fannie Barnes Hathaway was a ear-old native of Jonston County, th Carolina. Her parents were the William and Mamie Johnson Barnes. was the wife of the Rev. Joe C. naway, a Free Will Baptist minister. efore her health restricted her from king she was a long-time employee he Belk-Tyler Company in Smithfield was very active in her church work. was a past-president of the woman's liary and was a teacher of the junior s for many years. She and Mr. Hath- y attended the Yelverton's Grove Free Baptist Church whenever they could. uring the many years of Mr. Hath- y's ministry I am sure that many ons learned to love and respect Fan- Hathaway.

e will be missed by her husband daughter, Mrs. Gail H. Corbett of nta, Georgia. Mrs. Hathaway was a rite person to her grandchildren, ee and Voa Corbett, who affection- y called her "Ma Ma Hathaway." She also a favorite person to the many knew and loved. Yes, we will miss dearly, but our loss is heaven's gain.

nk you, Lord, for giving to me
Aunt so wonderful as she.
Help me to follow the example
Of love in her home that was so ample.
Yes, thank you, Lord, for giving to me,
Through her, a part of thee.

Written by a niece,
Vickie Wade
Kinston, North Carolina

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Questions & Answers

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him as a convert and then as consecrated Christian; but too often, it works the other way. The unsaved persuades the saved companion to participate in the social and moral ways he has been accustomed to, then to skip some services in behalf of some of these worldly functions until indifference sets in, then backsliding, and even apostasy if the Christian continues to abuse his God-ward conscience. Not only is such possible, but there have been those who testified to the fact that they were once saved, but because of disobedience to God (in whom they married) and how they responded to their worldly companion and his way of living, they grieved the Holy Spirit until He took His final departure from them, their conscience, their desires, and their way of thinking. The Spirit that caused King Saul to prophesy and to be classed in the Bible with the prophets of God, departed from him, and he went so far from God that he resorted to a witch for help to get God's message of doom for him and his lustrous son, one of the all-time great soldiers. So if we disobey God and turn to worldly companions in defiance of God's Word, need we to expect a different result? The Bible says, No!

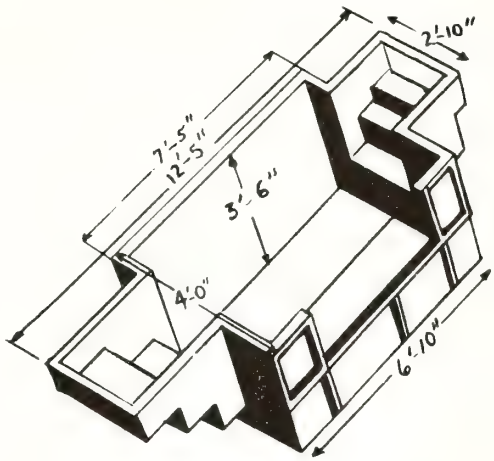
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What Think Ye of The Christ?

Youth: Too happy to think—time yet.
Manhood: Too busy to think—more gold.
Prime: Too anxious to think—worry.
Declining Years: Too aged to think—old hearts harder to get.
Dying Bed: Too ill to think—weak, suffering alone.
Death: 'Tis too late to think—the spirit has flown.
Eternity: Forever to think—God's mercy past. Into hell I am righteously cast, forever to weep my doom.

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pastor, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, will assist Mr. Armstrong; and he and the church membership invite everyone to share in these services of inspiration and renewal.

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First Union Meeting
Of the Western Conference

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will meet Saturday, October 30, with the Selma, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The moderator, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, will preside, assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Opening Devotional, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
10:15—Welcome, Host Pastor
—Response, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling
10:20—Business Session
11:00—Morning Worship:
Special Music, Host Church
Offering for Children's Home
Sermon, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional, the Rev. Royster Martin
1:15—Business Session
—News from Denominational Enterprises
—Reports of Committees
2:15—Adjournment

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Reedy Branch to Observe
Homecoming and 171st Anniversary

On Sunday, November 7, the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will celebrate its one-hundred-seventy-first anniversary along with homecoming day. On this Sunday the day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the morning worship service at eleven. The pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, who is also celebrating his eighth year with the church, will bring the homecoming message. At 12 noon the families of the church will spread the usual delicious dinner on the church grounds. At 1:30 p.m., as has been the custom for many years, the singers of the church, along with singers from other churches, will participate in an annual songfest. This has always been a highlight of the homecoming and it is believed it will be again this year.

Mrs. E. C. Davenport, chairman of the invitation committee, states: "We want you to remember this date because our friends are invited to come and enjoy homecoming day with us. We shall be looking forward to you being with us for this joyous occasion, the first Sunday in November."

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Hull Road Church
Announces Revival Services

The Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will hold its fall revival during the week of October 31—November 5. Services will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. The Rev. Charles Crisp, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist for this series of services.

The Hull Road people and the pastor, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., invite their many friends in the area to fellowship and worship with them during this revival.

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Superannuation Board Meeting

The Superannuation Board will meet Thursday, October 28, at 10 a.m., in the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church to consider the motion referred to it by the North Carolina State Convention. Also other important matters relative to the work of the board will be taken up. All interested ministers are urged to attend this meeting.

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General George Marshall speaks: "If I had my way, I'd take the torch from the hands of the Statue of Liberty and put a Bible there."—Selected.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Co-Worker:

The North Carolina State Conventi designated **October** as **Superannuati Month** in our churches. This affords an opportunity to make a special eff for this cause.

The superannuation board is seeki to assist our ministers in preparing t retirement. When one has given t major portion of his life in service to t Free Will Baptist denomination, the should be something for him to look f ward to for the inactive years. Ho ever, the board can only do what y make possible through your support the program.

You can help by receiving a spec offering this month in your Sund school, church service, league, and oth organizations of the church. Can we ford to do less than our best? So will fail to do anything. Will you h make it up by sending a generous off ing?

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Respectfully,
Walter Reynolds, Direc

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THEY WENT TO SEE NICKY

Editorial...

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THEY WENT TO SEE NICKY

They went to see Nicky.

Many wanted his autograph.

Many were thrill seekers.

Many just wanted to see this bad guy turned good guy.

Many went to see who else would be there.

Many went to hear his strange accent.

Many went to gaze upon his dark good looks.

Many went because they had read about him in "The Cross and the Switchblade" and in his own book, "Run Baby Run."

Many went to hear about how many times he had swung his blade.

Many went to hear about the rumbles he had had with the Bishops on home turf.

Many went out of curiosity.

And many went to hear about the Lord.

They went to see Nicky Cruz!

Nicky Cruz—a lonely boy rejected by his family, sent to New York to live with a brother in Spanish Harlem.

Nicky Cruz—a bizarre young man discovering manhood in the ghetto, discovering manhood in the sin-infested slums of a big city, discovering manhood too early, too mean, and too unknowing.

Nicky Cruz—a "man" in his teens, becoming a member of the deadly Mau Maus, learning to murder and to maim.

Nicky Cruz—growing older, learning to shoot without flinching, drawing blood with a strong stomach, allowing his own blood to be drawn fearlessly, hating—and hating with a passion, having an incessant desire to hate more.

Nicky Cruz—being told by a skinny Pennsylvania preacher that "Jesus loves you."

Nicky Cruz—a troubled soul, a gang warlord, a terrorist, a cursing, spitting, blaspheming infidel, learning that Jesus did love him and finally accepting that fact.

Nicky Cruz—a saved personality spreading the joy that he has found in knowing the Lord.

Nicky Cruz—telling how it was, how it is, and how it ever can be.

Nicky Cruz—the son of a witch doctor now worshiping the Lord.

A three-night crusade was held recently in Greenville, North Carolina. Nicky Cruz was the attraction. A possible average of ten thousand attended nightly. Why did they go? The same reason people always go to mass gatherings: to see, to hear, to know, to experience—and to criticize.

Nicky Cruz is not the most polished speaker in the world. Some of his remarks possibly offended the very refined; but one thing is for certain, he impressed the youth. With his looks? Yes! With his speech? Yes! With his personality? Yes! With his masculinity? Yes! With his love for the Lord? Indeed!

Many went forward—hundreds, in fact—to find peace in Christ. Some were confused, according to counselors, not really understanding why they went forward, stating that they followed a friend's example. Nevertheless, many were genuinely saved and brought out of the misery of indecision and perplexity.

Nicky Cruz—whether or not we particularly like him or his style, we must admit that he is another miracle of the Lord. More than ever we are made to realize that God can take the vilest sinner and make him clean. More than ever we are made to realize that the Potter can take the most unlikely clay and create an object of beauty to grace His shelf.

They went to see Nicky Cruz—and many of them found the Lord there too!

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WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO OTHERS

by JOYCE PROCTOR BEAMAN
Saratoga, North Carolina

s address was delivered by Mrs. Bea- at the Central Conference Woman's ary Convention September 29, 1971, ring Branch Free Will Baptist Church Walstonburg, North Carolina, of she is a member. She is the author new book, BROKEN ACRES, which sale at the Press and its branch book-

TTHEW, writer of the Gospel which bears his name, records in Mat- 4:10 these words which he quotes rt from Deuteronomy: "Then saith unto him, Get thee hence Satan: for written, Thou shalt worship the thy God, and him only shalt thou ."

rship is loving God with all our and soul and life—and doing some- to prove to Him that we do.

rship is a constant awareness of and living to show that we are antly aware of Him.

rship is the supreme dedication of ind in thinking about God—and act- a way that He may know and oth- ay know that He is a part of our ious and subconscious mind.

w often we think of religion as a e that we must explore or explain; think of God as a power that we question or quiver about. We wor- d puzzle our minds—and the minds ers—with questions of how to wor- when to worship, what part of life to give to God, the purpose of life, the religion that is best, or even if there is a religion, or at times, if there is a God.

The answers to these questions are always before us—so clearly and so simply that we sometimes pass over them in our search. For if we love God, we worship Him everyday of our lives.

We enter a church in the quietness of a morning or in the calmness of an eventide, when no one knows we are there; and we sit calmly in a pew, drop our head on the pew in front of us, and we rest and pray.

Or we kneel and drop our head in our hands and pray, "God, be merciful to me a sinner," or "God forgive," or "Thank you, Lord."

Someone once asked Calvin Coolidge whether he thought man could worship God in the open field as well as in a church. Coolidge answered: "You can, but you won't."

So we worship God in His temple by making a conscious effort to be there—alone, or among others who worship with us.

A second way we worship is through the study of His Word. Paul wrote in Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." The psalmist has written: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (119:105).

We also worship God through prayer. We talk with Him, we commune with Him, our mind touches His mind, and our spirit touches His Spirit. In our most humble state, we reach our highest self. George Meredith wrote: "He who rises from prayer a better man—his prayer is answered." One day a student entered Louis Pasteur's laboratory to find him bent over his microscope. "I thought you were praying," the student said. "I was," answered Pasteur and returned to his microscope. A little boy said, "Sometimes I pray; sometimes I just say my prayers."

Prayer is quietness, meditation, thanksgiving, communion, and worship. It is praise and a plea for others and for ourselves.

Through making a conscious effort to think about God, and creating in our being an awareness of Him through church attendance, the study of the Bible, and through prayer, we worship God. Yet, we worship Him in other very real ways, too:

We chart our course
We set our sails
We tune our lives with God.

When we do our tasks about our home —willingly, lovingly, unselfishly—we worship God.

When we take the hand of a small child and show him our Master's world, we are worshiping God.

When we wash the grimy hands and faces of playful children, or put fresh sheets or warm blankets on a baby's bed, we are worshiping God.

When we brighten a lonely person's hours with a visit, a card, a flower, a walk, or a ride, we are worshiping God.

When we are kind to our neighbors and remember them in their needs, we are worshiping God.

When we help our church or community, however small we may feel that our task may be, we are worshiping God.

When we pat a little leaguer on the back, and watch him grow taller before our eyes, we are worshiping God.

When we attend a christening, visit a newborn, make a cake for a church supper, visit a hospital room, or write a note to help quell the sorrows of the grieved, we are worshiping God.

When we attend a funeral and are reminded that life extends beyond this moment, we are worshiping God.

In Dr. Walter Alvarez's column in the **News and Observer** on September 2, 1971, he quoted from a book by David Dunn, entitled, "Try Giving Yourself Away": "More than anything else in the world, the world needs the healing influence of simple thoughtfulness, kindheartedness, and gratitude." Frank Crane wrote: "It takes so little to make people

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

NEGLECT OF THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:7

Dr. James Hamilton once related an anecdote which illustrates a vital question in the Christian life. A writer recounts it as follows: "A gallant officer was pursued by an overwhelming force, and his followers were urging him to greater speed, when he discovered that his saddle-girth was becoming loose. He cooly dismounted, repaired the girth by tightening the buckle, and then dashed away. The broken buckle would have left him on the field a prisoner; the wise delay to repair damages, sent him on in safety amid the huzzas of his comrades."

The Christian who is in such haste to get about his business in the morning that he neglects his Bible and his season of prayer, rides with a broken buckle.—*C. Lee Cook.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"If you're out of the habit of "tightening *the buckle" everyday, start it again. Just one minute communing with God in the early morning—you can face the day filled with exuberance! Let's begin today this way.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ONE OF DEVIL'S BUNDLES

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 23:36

"A Christian woman who had been living a very unhappy life, and was always overwhelmed with burdens and cares of the future, came downstairs one morning telling her family that she had had a beautiful dream, and that through it God had delivered her from all her fears and worries. She said she had seen a great crowd of people passing along a broad way, and weighed down by innumerable burdens they were carrying. To and fro in the crowd a lot of imps were passing, throwing these burdens all around, and getting the people to pick up and carry them. Among others, she was carrying several of these loads of lead, and was almost worn to death. Suddenly in the crowd she saw the face of the Lord coming toward her, and she eagerly beckoned for Him to come and help her carry her burden. He looked sternly at her and refused to touch it. He said, 'I have no strength for that: I have no grace for loads like this. That is not my burden you are bearing. It is one of the devil's burdens, and all you have to do is to drop it and you will have plenty of strength for the loads that I bid you carry.'"—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Life is really like that. Remember the little boy who had someone on his shoulders and was asked if he needed help with his burden. His answer was, "Sir, I don't have a burden; this is my brother." Do we really have any burdens?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

MEASURING THE IMMEASUREABLE

Scripture Reading—Luke 10:34

An old primitive Methodist preacher tells how, in boyhood, he used to see many people going to draw water from the village well, and he feared that the supply might fail. To find out if the water were getting less and less, one morning he descended the well steps and placed a mark on the brickwork, just above the water line. In the evening he went down again, happy to find just as much water in the well, though people had been drawing all day. A perennial spring beneath the well continually replenished the supply. So Jesus Christ, the Well-Spring of salvation, supplies every believer's need. He is "a well of water springing up into everlasting life."—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have you ever been really thirsty for a drink of cool water? Nothing else suffices. So it is with the water of life—nothing else will do. Let's drink daily!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

GOD HOLDS KEY

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:5

A consecrated missionary whose life was in peril, writes to a friend at home, "The days ahead of us are quite full of uncertainty, but 'God holds the key to all unknown, and I am glad.' He has given us a delightful peace of mind, and in His Father-care we are not only safe but secure."—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We do not know what tomorrow will bring, but we should live today as if there is no tomorrow. He will take care of tomorrow when it does come; and if we are in His care, He will take care of us too!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

THE SOUL OF A CHILD

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 19:18

"The soul of a child is the loveliest flower
That grows in the Garden of God.
Its climb is from weakness to knowledge
and power,
To the sky from the clay and the clod.
"To beauty and sweetness it grows u
care,
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild.
'Tis a plant that is tender but wondrc
rare,
The sweet, wistful soul of a child.
"Be tender, O gardner, and give it its s
Of moisture, of warmth, and of ligl
And let it not lack for thy painstaking
To protect it from frost and from bl
"A glad day will come when its bloom
unfold,
It will seem that an angel has smil
Reflecting its beauty and sweetness ur
In the sensitive heart of a child.
—*Selec*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"God lends them to us for such a s while. Let us not waste one precious ment of this time with their precious s

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

IS SUCH A LIFE POSSIBLE?

Scripture Reading—Hosea 4:9

A story is told of a minister who preached a powerful message on the rendered life; and as he made an ap to his hearers to make the surrende woman sitting near another woman s "That is excellent preaching, but I wo if such a life is possible?" The other w an smiled back at her and said: "We know the preacher lives such a life, bec I happen to be his wife."—*The Gospel ald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There is much superficiality in our u today. Isn't it wonderful to know that t is genuineness that we can have in Ch

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

CHOOSE A REAL MEASURE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 111:1

It tickles me to see an old sinner c in and pull out an old lame and dwa member of the church, lay him down measure by him, and say, "Look here I am as long, as broad, and as good as member of the church!" Why don't go and pick out one of those grand Christians? Because you would look a rat-terrier lying beside an elephant.— *P. Jones.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are not judged by our size and ture, but by our own merits. Our Go a just God.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR

SUBSCRIPTION

Rules for General Conference Bible Quiz Runoffs

Eligibility: Only those Christians rough the ages of 13 to 18 who regu-rly attend church services are eligible participate in the quiz. Bible and cular college students are not eligible r competition.

Practice Quizzing: Churches that will ve young people participating in the iz should be responsible for helping em weekly. Have your own Bible Quiz ntest.

Team: A team will consist of three (3) ntestants, these three being the top ree from your church. This team will present your church at your district m which a team will be chosen to present at your state runoff.

Winners: Three teams will be chosen the runoffs to represent your state at e General Conference next July. Each ate is being asked to have at least three teams to represent them at the Gen-al Conference.

Bible Quiz: The Bible Quiz will be on e **Book of Mark.**

Questions: All questions will be based the authorized King James Version of e Bible and will cover **only** the Book of ark. There will be four (4) types of estions. Examples follow:

Direct Question—The answer to this question must contain the essence of the answer to the satisfaction of the judges. Example: At what time was the third hour of the day? Answer: Nine o'clock in the morning.

Quotation Question—The answer to this question must be a direct and absolute quotation. Example: Who said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven"? Answer: The angels.

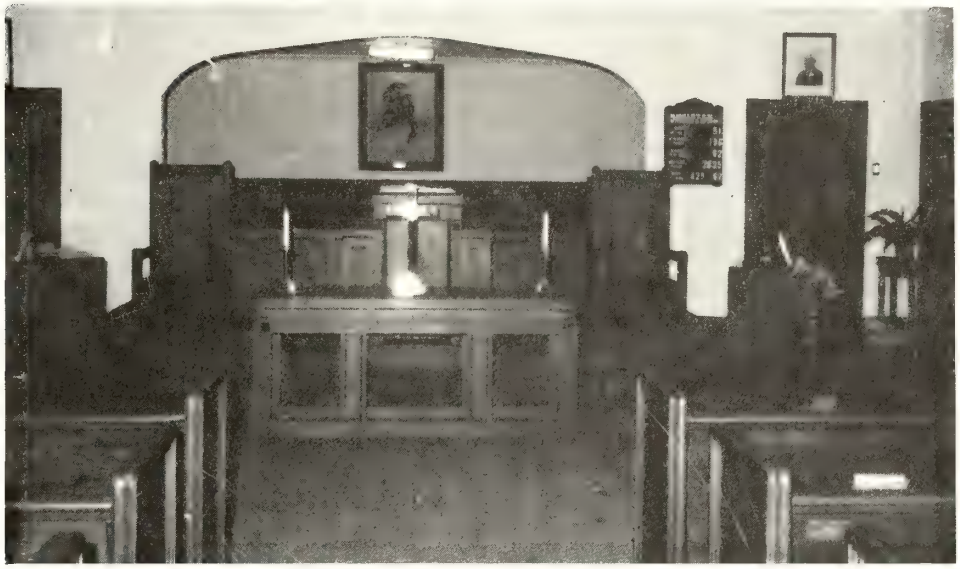
Quotation Completion — This answer calls for the completion of a quotation from the Scriptures and must be a direct and absolute quotation. Example: "There stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him saying, . . ." Answer: "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

Multiple Question—This question may call for two or more parts for an answer. Example: Paul was stoned and left outside the walls of (a) Jerusalem, (b) Tarsus, (c) Lystria. Answer: Lystria (c).

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Edgewood Church Makes Improvements

by Jean Wooten



In 1966, the members of Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, decided to begin making plans to build a fellowship building on the church grounds; and within one year this building was completed and the debt on this building was fully paid in November, 1970. In December, 1970, a dedication ceremony was held in this building; and at that time, the note for the indebtedness on the building marked "paid and satisfied" was burned.

Then in January, 1971, the woman's auxiliary decided that it was time to begin remodeling the inside of our church. Acting purely on faith we asked for the support of the church members in making our church a more impressive place to worship, and during the last of January an order was placed for new furniture for the church. A remodeling program was begun on the inside of the church by painting the walls, refinishing the woodwork, placing wall-to-wall carpet inside (a gift from Mrs. Mary Stokes, a faithful member and worker), replacing the old pews and pulpit furniture with completely new furniture, and added new pews to the choir loft. We are so happy and thankful to report that within six months all of this was paid for by the church and special donations from friends of the church.

As if we had not been busy enough during the past few months, in September an organ was purchased and placed in the church by special donations from members and friends of the church.

On Sunday, October 17, 1971, a dedication service was held, dedicating all this new property to God; and also a special prayer of thankfulness was offered for the many blessings God has bestowed upon this small church. The Rev. Swade Benson of Clayton, North Carolina, is serving as pastor of our church; and to him for his prayers, his leadership, and encouragement during these years of labor, we say "Thank you"; and also so the many Christian people with whom we have labored and found such a joy to serve God in these various ways, we say "Thank you." If it had not been for all working together, these great accomplishments could not have been possible.

(The picture shows the remodeled sanctuary.)

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We're sometimes so busy getting away from something that we lose sight of where we're headed. . . . It's not what we're leaving, but where we're going that counts!—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson Honored by Church



The Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina, honored its retiring pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson at a tea held in the church social hall on Sunday afternoon, August 22, from four to six o'clock.

Mr. Jackson had been the pastor of Marsh Swamp for eight years, but began his pastorate of the Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Smithfield, North Carolina, the first of September.

At the tea Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were presented a silver service set by the church as a token of the love and appreciation for the many duties performed by them during his pastorate. The church especially remembers the many prayers, services, and the youth work they so faithfully rendered. Many friends and members of the church attended the occasion.

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First Church, Kinston Makes Pin Awards

On September 5, Stanley Jenkins, superintndent of the Sunday school of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, awarded attendance pins to forty-two people. There were three first-year pins, two second-year pins, four third-year pins, seven fourth-year pins, three fifth-year pins, one sixth-year pin, three seventh-year pins, one eighth-year pin, two ninth-year pins, and two tenth-year pins awarded to the perfect attenders. Three members received pins for eleven years of perfect attendance; one received a pin for twelve years attendance; one received a pin for fourteen years of attendance; one received a pin for fifteen years of attendance; three received pins for eighteen years of attendance; and one received a pin for nineteen years of perfect attendance.

Other outstanding records were represented as follows: one twentieth-year pin was awarded; one twenty-first-year pin was awarded; one twenty-second-year pin was awarded; and to top the awards was the presentation of one thirty-second-year pin. The total number of years represented by this presentation was 327 years of perfect attendance in Sunday school.

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Memorial Church, Chocowinity To Have Revival and Homecoming

The Memorial Free Will Baptist Church of Chocowinity, North Carolina, has scheduled revival services, November 8-12, with the Rev. Andrew Hill of Fayetteville, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Roy Cauley, pastor, assisting Mr. Hill. Special music w be featured each evening, and a nurse will be provided for the small childrer

Homecoming will be observed at t church Sunday, November 14, with t pastor bringing the homecoming m sage. At the noon hour a picnic lun will be served on the church groun The pastor and the congregation inv all former members, former pastors, a friends to attend the homecoming ce bration; and the public is invited to t revival services and is urged to much in prayer for the success of t meetings.

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Revival Services At Oak Grove Church



Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Churc Route 1, Vanceboro, North Carolina, w have revival services November 8-1 The Rev. Clyde Cox, pastor of St. Mar church, New Bern, North Carolina, w serve as guest evangelist. He will assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Jam E. Howard. A cordial invitation is e tended to everyone to attend these s vices.

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Young World Singers to Be At Sound Side Church

The Young World Singers, who sore the gospel in word and song, will co duct a weekend revival November 5-7 the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Churc

Coming Events . . .

November 4, 5—Cape Fear Conferen Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Chur near Dunn, North Carolina

November 8—Central Conference Wo an's Auxiliary Convention Study Cour on "Evangelism," 7:30 P.M., Sarato Church, Saratoga, North Carolina

November 10, 11—Central Conferen Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church ne Snow Hill, North Carolina

olumbia, North Carolina. The services vill begin at 7:30 Friday and Saturday ights and will be concluded at the leven o'clock worship hour Sunday norning. Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. discussion session will be held with he youth.

This promises to be a Spirit-filled veekend of gospel music, witnessing, nd messages by a group which is ac-vely engaged in the work of the Lord. lready these young people have been nstrumental in bringing blessings to ound Side through their contacts with oung people at Cragmont.

The public is invited to attend this eriod of fellowship and blessing.

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ilda's Grove Church nnounces Revival

Revival services will be held at the ilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, ountain, North Carolina, the week of ovember 8-13, with the Rev. Dewey Boling of Wilson, North Carolina, as he visiting evangelist. Services will be-n nightly at 7:30 with the pastor, the ev. Foy Futrelle, assisting Mr. Boling. he pastor and the church membership vite everyone to attend and to pray for he success of the meeting.

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LAUGH LINES

by Margo Mangum

School had been in session for six eeks. It was report card time! This rst grader, of whom I am very fond, ould hardly wait to get home to his other. Proudly displaying the back de of his report card he pointed out a eck mark beside the word **Tardy.** "Oh ommy I've just been retarded one day nce I've started to school!"

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This one came to me from a neighbor mine who has a four-year-old daugh-r. The grandmother was telling the ttle girl all about God and how He is verywhere—at all times. It was grow-g dark and Grandmother remembered e had left her good broom out at the rn. The little girl was asked to get it. verheard by her mother, who was walk-g behind the afraid little girl, "God, I ow you're in there so will you please nd me the broom?"

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He who laughs—laughs and laughs.

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Heaven never helps the man who will ot act.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and uotes.

Does It Pay to Pray?

by PATRICIA COLAS OVIATT

DOES it pay to pray? It does in Charleston, West Virginia. There the city council paid $12.50 for each of eighteen prayers offered last year. Since there were twenty-four council meetings in one year, either six sessions had no prayer or else six ministers refused payment for the praying they did. If people were paid to pray, perhaps more praying would be done. But it is doubtful that the "paid" prayers would reach heaven any more readily than the "free" praying.

For the child of God, praying does pay! How does it pay to pray? It pays in **fellowship** and **favor** with God. What an awesome thought—to know that God craves the fellowship of His children! The child of God who daily and consistently shares his joys and sorrows with his heavenly Father will be rewarded in ways no unsaved person can understand. Listen to a small child talk to his heavenly Father. You may be amused at the ease with which he talks to God. Nevertheless, he has the right attitude. "Dear Father, today I got a new boat. Thank you for letting me get it. I'm having so much fun with it." That's fellowship!

Praying also pays in **forgiveness.** We are all aware of the sorrow that sin brings into our lives. But the prayer of confession will bring forgiveness and cleansing. The value of a cleansed heart cannot be measured in dollars and cents!

Praying results in **fearlessness.** Are you afraid to face tomorrow? An operation, an exam in school, a distasteful task, an encounter with an unpleasant person—all can be faced fearlessly with God on your side. You can face anything and do anything when armed with the power of God as you seek His help in prayer.

Praying can bring **fruitfulness** to your life. Have you ever experienced the joy of winning souls to Christ? "I wouldn't trade the joy of soul winning for a million dollars" is not an exaggeration on the part of some happy Christians. If we start our day with the prayer, "Lead me to some soul today," God will cause unsaved people to cross our paths, and fruitfulness will result.

We can know the will of God for our **future.** The world cannot know the future and what it holds. It resorts to astrology and fortune-telling in the hope of determining what is ahead. But with prayer, the child of God can know what God has for him. God's best plans for his life will be revealed step by step. This divine counseling is something no unsaved person can buy anywhere in the world.

Yes, praying does pay. And sometimes it pays in monetary ways. At times we can say, "It paid me to pray. God sent just the amount I needed when I asked Him for it." A Christian recently testified that he prayed for fifty thousand dollars for a building to be used for the glory of God. Within a week, that amount of money was in his hands. When he prayed, other Christians wondered at his audacity. But he said only, "I don't know any rich men, but God does. If God wants us to have this building, nothing is impossible with Him!"

Are you "cashing in" on prayer? Does praying pay in your life? Lack of prayer will result in a dwarfed, unhappy, shriveled, fearful life. Some Christians live fruitless, poverty-stricken lives even though the resources of heaven's banks are within reach. You, too, can be paid for your praying!

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).—Gospel Herald.

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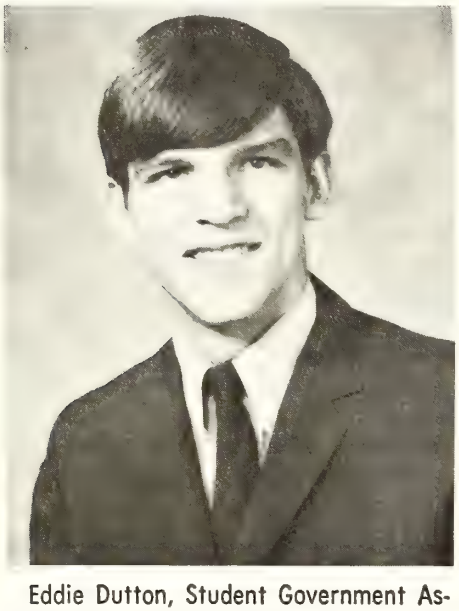
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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Art of Leadership On Campus Institute



Eddie Dutton, Student Government Association president at Mount Olive College, was selected to participate in "The Art of Leadership on Campus" institute which was held at Rock Eagle 4-H Club Center in Eatonton, Georgia, October 22-24. This institute was sponsored by the Southern Universities Student Government Association (SUSGA) in cooperation with the Humble Companies Foundation and the National Leadership Institute in Austin, Texas.

The purpose of the institute was to aid student leaders in developing leadership skills and techniques to meet the needs of the challenging 70's and to help faculty members increase their understanding and rapport with students. A total of 125 students and faculty members participated in this leadership institute.

Eddie is a sophomore at the College and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Dutton of Peachland, North Carolina. He is a member of the Peachland Free Will Baptist Church. As a freshman, he served as treasurer of the Student Government Association and was also active in the Henderson Science Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and Phi Beta Lambda. He is a Dean's List student, a College marshall, and an active member of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship.

In discussing his role as Student Government Association president at Mount Olive College Eddie says, "The goal of the Student Government Association this year is to create a sense of total involvement on the part of each student at Mount Olive College. A product can only be as good as its component parts; we are stressing to congeal the student body in an effort to make the greatest contribution to the growth of Mount Olive College."

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FOUNDERS' DAY

The twentieth anniversary of the chartering of Mount Olive College will be observed on Thursday, December 9, with a special program in the College auditorium at 11 a.m. All friends of the College are cordially invited.

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HIGH SCHOOL DAY

Saturday, November 20, 1971, is a special day for Free Will Baptist students. Mount Olive College has designated it "High School Day" for all juniors, seniors, their parents, and friends.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the Henderson Building and will be followed by campus tours and discussions concerning admission requirements, academic programs, athletic programs, student programs, student activities, campus regulations, and transferral assistance. Activities will continue until noon.

A luncheon will conclude the scheduled events, and all participants are invited to attend as guests of the College. **Plan to come!**

But if you can't, you are also invited to attend one of three general programs held on December 11, 1971; February 5, 1972; and February 19, 1972. Either of these occasions should prove beneficial. **Plan to come** and bring others with you.

Remaining College Dinners for 1971

Through a series of seventeen dinner Mount Olive College is carrying the sto of its educational ministry to the Fr Will Baptists of Eastern North Carolin and at these dinners, churches ar friends of the College are presenting the financial support. Approximately 2,5(people will attend one of these dinne and it is estimated that $50,000 will b received in gifts.

All friends of the College are invite to attend the dinner in their county, the dinner most convenient. No ticke are sold and no minimum gift is require for admission. There are only two r quirements: (1) Notify your local churc chairman or the county chairman so th the proper amount of food can be pr pared, and (2) remain for the program.

Seven dinners have already been hel in Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Pitt, an Greene Counties with overall gifts ar attendance ahead of last year. The r maining are listed below.

Jones County, Saturday, November 6, p.m., King's Barbecue, Kinston, Mis Margaret Carol Banks, chairman.

Johnston - Wake Counties, Monday, N vember 8, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Selm Senior High School, the Revs. Stewa Humphrey and J. W. Pittman, cochai men.

Wayne County, Wednesday, November 1 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Aud torium, Mount Olive, Mr. Ben Rollin chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Cou ties, Thursday, November 11, 7 p.m Midway School, the Rev. C. Felto Godwin, chairman.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties, Friday November 12, 7 p.m., Folkstone churc Fellowship Building, Mr. Leonar Hobbs, chairman.

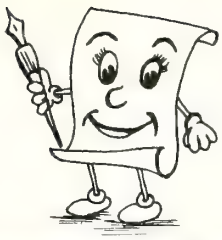
Duplin County, Saturday, November 13 6 p.m., Beulaville Elementary School Mr. Arthur Kennedy, chairman.

Nash County, Wednesday, November 17 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children' Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chair man.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquo tank Counties, Thursday, Novembe 18, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth High Schoo Cafeteria.

Lenoir County, Friday, November 19, 7:3(p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant Kinston, Mr. John Taylor, chairman.

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NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

he press, radio, school, and sponsors ure us to remember Heart Month, Nai al Allergy Month, American Art ek, Letter Writing Week, Save Your ion Week, Brotherhood Week, and at le t 39 other nationally noted weeks ar months. But we are prone to for- ge our special church observances, un- le we remind each other. So I'm re- m ding you:

lovember is Children's Home Month. What can your auxiliary do for a spe- ci project?

he Week of Prayer offering should go, "r strings attached," for normal ex- pe ses. Make it an especially large one th year. If your church operates on a bu get, its quota may have been reach- ed I think, however, that the Week of Pr yer offering can exceed the budgeted an unt.

hile it was still called "Orphanage," on a month in our church was "Or- ph nage Sunday," and the superintendent al ys reminded us that the total Sunday sc ol offering would go to the **Offering Ho e.** Maybe he said it on purpose: I'm sure he realized that the whole re- sp sibility for its existence rested on Fr Will Baptist pocketbooks. It does ag n, and we need to give more.

ch auxiliary has a share in its dis- tri project and in the state project, wh h is raising $4,000 to buy a van for th Children's Home.

ut we females like to do something co rete. We enjoy giving showers so we can see the towels, sheets, and pil- lo ases that are brought. Well, don't ha a shower. They might get 2,000 dis towels and no sheets.

ch cottage needs bedspreads cost- in approximately $8 each. How about cu ing a picture of a bedspread like a ji w puzzle, let each woman buy a pa , gradually pasting the picture back int a complete spread? I'm sure the ho emother would let you know which co age got your spread, and what color th bought.

n you imagine keeping house with- out a vacuum cleaner? The Children's Home has none. Perhaps your group would give one to them.

Let's make November an exceptional Children's Home Month.

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

MISSIONS

Winterville Bank Underwrites Mailing of Paper to the Joneses

The Bank of Winterville, Winterville and Greenville, North Carolina, underwrote the cost of airmailing "The Free Will Baptist" to missionaries Harold and Sandra Jones for one year. The Joneses are serving the Free Will Baptist denomination as missionaries to the Philippines. The cost of mailing the paper airmail is 60 cents per issue. This will enable the Joneses to keep up with the current news of the denomination; whereas, it usually takes from two to three months to receive the paper through the regular mail.

Mr. C. D. Langston, president of the bank, stated: "Sandra Jones was a valued employee to the Bank of Winterville while her husband was pastor of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, and I am glad that the bank can help in this small way."

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The Harold Joneses Write

(October 4, 1971)

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are all doing fine. Today is a rainy day in Quezon City. A typhoon is headed this way but is supposed to pass south of us. It really feels cold today after all the hot weather we have had. The temperature is in the low 70's.

We are getting deeper into the study of the Tagalog language now. Tomorrow we have our first oral test. We seem to be learning rather well. We are studying hard and trusting the Lord to give us a good command of the language.

We received a tape from Brother Joe Ingram last week of the North Carolina State Convention's Mission Rally and really enjoyed it. It made us feel as though we were in a service there in North Carolina.

Language school will last until the end of March, 1972; and we will probably be moving to Palawan in May. We will have to get our house constructed during April. We are really excited about this work the Lord has given us. We believe He has a great blessing in store for us and all the Free Will Baptist people.

The plan we believe the Lord has given to us to reach the people of Palawan is to visit each person with the gospel message—house to house, person to person. This is the New Testament way and we believe the church of today has got to get back to this basic method of reaching the people for Christ.

Our girls are doing fine. Misty is picking up English rather well, but she has some Tagalog words she uses quite often, like **soging,** which means "banana." Wendy is really enjoying kindergarten.

We truly appreciate your concern for us and our work. Remember us in your prayers, that we might be a blessing to our God and to the Free Will Baptist people.

God bless you,
Harold, Sandra, Wendy,
and Misty Jones

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A grocery store in Beverly Hills, California, greets Sunday morning callers with a locked door and this sign:

"Gone to Church. That's where you ought to be."—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Worshiping God Through Service To Others

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happy. Just a touch, if we know how to give it; just a word fitly spoken; just a readjustment of some bolt or pin or bearing in the delicate machinery of life."

Surely, if we love Him with all our heart, soul, and life, we cannot drift beyond Him, and **all** we do will glorify Him. We worship Him in moments of weakness in the helplessness of the words: ". . . My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). We worship Him in quiet faith in days of strength.

"To worship is," said the late William Temple:

"To quicken the conscience by the holiness of God,
To feed the mind with the truth of God,
To purge the imagination with the beauty of God,
To open the heart to the love of God, and
To devote the will to the purpose of God."

Most of all, we worship God through service to others. Did not Christ say, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 18:34)? Did He not say, ". . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40)? Did He not say, ". . . Go ye into all the world, . . ." (Mark 16:15)?

What are the most meaningful words in the spiritual world: God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, love, forgiveness, others?

When Charles R. Brown of Yale University was addressing students on a western campus, he said, "I come from a larger university than this. It is larger than Columbia or Yale or all the universities combined. It is the University of Life. Our colors are black and blue, for we learn our lessons by hard knocks. In this university there is but one examination day, and in that examination, there is but one question: 'What is life?' Let us ask the Great Teacher of all ages, and hear His answer by word and deed: Life is service! 'Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.' "

Albert Schweitzer, in **Out of My Life and Thought**, tells of the time in his life when he determined to find something beyond himself to give his life to—and that was human service. William James said, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it—others."

A missionary agricultural school in India closed its doors to all except Christian students. "A Christian graduate will teach others, and he is worth a hundred times as much as a non-Christian."

Adam Clarke, the great biblical scholar of 200 years ago, lies in Westminster Abbey. On his tomb is a candle, burned to the near socket, and around it these words: "In burning for others, he himself was consumed."

When the wife of the late Bishop Frederick Bohn Fisher took an Indian child into her arms, she did not know that the burning child was tortured by typhus, but three days later she was dead. Her heartbroken husband wrote this tribute for the stone that marks her resting place: "She died serving."

Father Damien, after working 11 years among the lepers at Molokai, was writing to a friend. He started to write the words "the lepers"; suddenly he stopped as if paralyzed. He had seen the fatal white spot on his own hand. Then he crossed out the word **the** and wrote **we** lepers.

Communism says, "What is yours is mine, I'll take it." Capitalism says, "What's mine is my own, I'll keep it." Christianity says, "What's mine is ours, I'll share it."

Service to others give Christianity a universal meaning. Someone has said that doctrine may divide, but service unites. Also, it has been said that service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on God's earth. Too, service may be described as the material with which we build a stairway to God. How high is your stairway? How substantial is your stairway?

Service begins in a heart full of love which asks: How much do I really care? Do I love others enough to accept the challenge of learning to care for them and love them—not with my love, but with God's love so that I may know and practice forgiveness, humility, patience, understanding, and love?

Service should begin at home. Did you hear about the little girl who said, "Mommy, I wish you were as nice at home as you are in Sunday school"? Or about the little boy who asked his dad to describe a Christian. When the father finished, the child asked, "Dad, have I ever seen one?" Service begins at home and spreads to our neighbor and to the world.

How shall we serve? Let us se humbly, forgetting self, lifting God others—not caring who gets the cred willing to do any task, great or sm May Jesus look at us and say as He when He walked on earth: "She h done what she could." Sometimes become old or ill or weak, and we t useless; but as long as we can pray others, our lives are not lived in vain

Let us serve quietly, even at tim secretly. We do not serve to glo self, but God. Sometimes I believe do not get much credit in heaven that which we get credit for on ea Yet, for purposes of illustration, I sho like to tell you this: Once, when I v younger, I helped, secretly I hope, an colored woman very much in need. kept asking me what she could do in turn. I insisted that there was noth she could do. Then, as she insisted, day I said, "If you really want to something for me, pray for me." La a member of this church said that he noticed a change in my life at abou certain time, which was the same ti that I had made the request to the colored woman, and he wondered whe er I could account for it. We ser God rewards!

Service is going, doing, and acting. is also staying, waiting, hoping, praying.

An old Quaker of 82 years said, " going to live 'til I die; then I'm going live forever." This is the challenge worship and service: to live, really li until we die. We don't want to be the little child who lost her birth c tificate and cried, "I've lost my exc for being born." Remember, "If my ligion's not all that it ought to be, trouble's not with God, the troub with me."

Thomas Carlyle wrote in **Sartor sartus:** "Always there is a dark shad in our sunshine—the shadow of selves." Are we big enough and Ch tian enough to forget self and se others?

Longfellow wrote:

"Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing
Learn to labor and to wait."

Another writer penned these words

"Our lives are albums written through
With good or ill, with false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears."

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

uestion: Please explain: ". . . Take no thought for your life, what ye eat; neher for your body, what ye shall put on (Luke 12:22).

nswer: Heavenly-mindedness seems to be that which Christ our Lord is here illstrating in Luke 12:19-34, which is a art of the "Sermon on the Mount." Also He calls attention to God's provide ce in that you quote and influence us to have confidence in it. He says that we should not worry about things that are only temporal, admonishing the believer not to be overanxious concerning such since we are to have only a temporary need of them. It is only right that we make due preparations in due time for our temporary needs. He even uses the industrious ant in Proverbs to show us this: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise; Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?" (Proverbs 6:6-9).

The New Testament also teaches us to be industrious. "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10); "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. . . . And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers" (Ephesians 4:8, 11). (See and compare Genesis 3:19.) God has so designed us and the rest of His creation that after man sinned he was better off when kept actively engaged in physical activities in order that he should live comfortably and maintain the race.

Because too many put more attention on providing for the comforts of the natural man He brings admonitions to us through the written Word urging us to ". . . seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). (See Luke 12:31.) But in the same tone of sincerity He admonishes us to be an example in all things to those who are not Christians. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in spirit, in faith, in purity. . . . Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Timothy 4:12, 16).

God's Word teaches us to think right. "For as he (a man) thinketh in his heart so is he: . . ." (Proverbs 23:7); "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12); "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself" (Galatians 6:3). If a person thinks himself to be better in any way than he is, his own "self" is the first to be deceived. Any of us may do this when we fail to so dedicate ourselves to Christ that we, for the first part, think of Him to the end that we forget self. The Bible says: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33); "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5); "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16); "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21); "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17).

No person on earth that has been born physically or naturally only may come up to God's standards; but as Jesus indicated in John 1:3-5, it requires that one be born spiritually in order for him to have the mind of Christ, which is certainly required of one before he can have the mind of Christ; and until then no one can seek first the kingdom of God and it is in this Christlike attitude that one evaluates things as they really are. The early apostles who sold all they had and placed the money in a common treasury had the right idea except the fact that they were dealing with some who either had not been born again or those like some Christians of our day are, have been saved, but have not entered fully into the joy of the life they now live; hence, they act like they did before they were saved when it comes to this world's good. Some seek first wealth, the kind that insures them of ease in this life rather than that which assures them of both. The Christian can truly say and mean it if he wants to. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. . . . But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 19); "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

Paul, when he was nearing the time of his execution, could say: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). But before this he said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20); ". . . I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31).

This new life in Christ Jesus, when lived in its fullness, causes a man to hate the things he once loved and to love those he hated, when he was fully dedicated to the natural way of life. The Christian who is instructed as the Bible teaches that we should be is given over to the Holy Spirit in a similar manner in which the twelve disciples were when Jesus called them from their fishing nets to make of them fishers of men. What a change came into their lives after their experience at Pentecost, and what a change comes to one in this our day when he has so given himself over to the watch care and instructions of the Holy Spirit! He, like Paul, will become all things to all men for Christ. Christ will be in him and with him in such a real way that men everywhere as they see him, will take knowledge of him that he has been with Christ. Men so observed Peter and John and why, with the same Holy Spirit here to be in us and with us, may not that be said of you

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STORIES

for our youth



NICE THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN

ANNA HARTZES

"NICE things always happen to my friends, but nothing nice ever happens to me," Philip moaned to Mother after school one day.

"What do you mean, nothing nice ever happens to you?" Mother asked, a puzzled look on her face. "Wasn't getting a new glove for your birthday a nice thing?"

"That's not the same. You're supposed to get nice things on your birthday," Philip answered.

"We're having blueberry pie for dessert tonight. That's something nice," Mother said.

Philip shook his head. "You don't understand," he insisted. "I'm talking about the nice things that happen to my friends, like John. You know what John told me in school today?"

Mother shook her head.

"He said he's going to fly to his uncle's for the weekend. His uncle is paying for his trip," Philip said. His tone dared Mother to find something that happened to Philip to compare with that.

"Last month Larry got ten dollars from his grandfather—for nothing," Philip continued. "Can you imagine anything like that ever happening to me?"

"You know your grandfather is not a rich man," Mother said. "And your uncles have a hard time meeting their financial obligations with the large families they have."

"I know," Philip said. "I don't expect them to hand me money and flying trips. It's just that I wish something nice would happen to me sometimes besides on my birthday and on Christmas."

He saw a distant look cross Mother's face.

"I wish something nice would happen to me, too," Mother sighed. "Like seeing you straighten up your room and keeping it straightened. But wishing for something nice like that to happen is as foolish as your wishing for a money-bag to drop from the sky."

Philip frowned. He hadn't really expected Mother to understand what he meant by nice things happening.

That night after Mother cleared the dinner table and washed the dishes, Philip's parents decided to go shopping again for a living room carpet.

Big deal, Philip thought silently. Looking over carpet samples again. It was boring listening to his parents try to make up their minds as to what quality and color of carpet to get.

This time they went to a carpet shop in a shopping center. As the salesman helped Philip's parents, Philip thought about John and Larry. They would never be found in a boring situation such as this.

To break the monotony, Philip went to the show window and looked out at the people walking by. Many cars passed along in the street. Everyone seemed in a hurry to Philip, probably to go to interesting places, away from where Philip was.

He watched a family stop at the show window to look at the carpet samples on display. The parents and three of the four children seemed very curious. The youngest child, a girl of about four, wasn't interested. She was bored like Philip.

She walked away from the family. Suddenly Philip was aware of something wrong. The young girl was heading for the street. Surely she knew that she should not go into the street? Surely she would stop at the curb? She s foot into the street.

Cars sped by fast. It was getting d She was small. The drivers might see her. Her parents were not awar the danger threatening the girl.

Philip raced out the door and to girl. He snatched at her arm. He p ed her back to the curb just as the t of an oncoming car screeched to a shr ing stop.

The little girl broke into tears. Ph knew his sudden lunge at her, the n of the tires, and the closeness of the had frightened her. She could not sibly be crying because she was h Philip had caught her in time.

"She was going into the street grabbed her," Philip told the girl's ents.

Philip heard the driver of the groan, and he turned and saw the dr wiping at his face with a handkerchi

"I didn't see her until I was right her. He grabbed her just in time," driver said to the girl's parents while pointed to Philip. Then the man sh his head and drove off.

"Tricia, don't ever take off like again," the woman told her daugh While the family fussed over Tri Philip hurried back into the carpet sh

His parents had wondered where had disappeared, so Philip explain They were relieved that he had not b harmed while helping the child.

The next morning while Philip wa in the schoolyard for the bell to r his friend John said, "I received a le from my aunt visiting in Europe. is sending me a surprise."

"You have more nice things hap to you," Philip smiled. "I wish I rich relatives." Of course, Philip di wish to exchange his relatives. He m ly wished that they were rich.

Larry arrived at school and joi them. "Guess what?" he said. Ph and John waited to hear what spe thing he had to say.

"My aunt called Mother last ni She said some boy saved my little co from getting run over," Larry said.

Another girl was nearly run over night, Philip thought.

"What happened?" John asked.

"My uncle and aunt and cousins w looking in this shop window at the sh ping center. Tricia got away from th and started across the street. The came within inches of hitting her."

"Tricia?" Philip said. "Was that Adams Carpet Shop."

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What Does Sunday School Mean to The Church?

by Jane Groves
Wilmington, North Carolina

The following address was delivered by rs. Groves at the Eastern District Sunday hool Convention, as a part of the pro- am given by the Wilmington Sunday hool. Mrs. Groves is a member of the ilmington Free Will Baptist Church, here the Rev. W. L. Bronson is pastor. he Convention voted to have the address inted in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST.

AVE you ever considered just exactly what purpose the Sunday school rves?

Well, to begin with, it's a learning ation—not only for our children, but for der folks, too. For many of us, Sun- y school was the first contact we had ith such colorful biblical characters as avid, Noah, Jonah, and even Jesus rist himself. Don't you remember how cited you became when the preacher gan his sermon and you discovered that was saying some of the very same ings your Sunday school teacher had ready told you; and how you could in ur own little way, preach along with m? These are some of the most bless- memories we have from our child- od—those we got from Sunday school and our children (if we are doing our bs as parents as we should be doing em) are experiencing the very same ings now. They are singing, "Jesus ves Me" and "Into My Heart" without inding who hears them; and we as old- folks should learn something from ese innocent children—that Jesus **does** ve us, and we shouldn't be ashamed to ll the world about it!

You know, many churches have done vay with Sunday school simply because when there are too few children to attend the older folks seem to think there's really no need to have a Sunday school. But even though we as adults can't color our little Bible story pictures or get a pretty red star by our name on the roll book, we can still go to Sunday school and take an active part in the lesson. We can't really do this during the preaching service, because if your preacher is like mine, he doesn't want any competition from the congregation. But in Sunday school we **can** voice our opinion, and we **can** learn something.

Sunday school also serves as the foundation of the church. A progressive Sunday school almost always indicates a progressive church; and likewise a church which has gone through a period of trials and tribulations usually has a Sunday school that has gone through the same trying period. Why does the Sunday school have this effect on the church? Because Sunday school is where we get many of the ideas we need to build a better, stronger, Christ-serving church.

Now suppose you've heard some of the teen-agers in your Sunday school and church complain that it's too much of a drag—that there's not enough action going on. May I suggest, that instead of bringing religion **down** to their standards, we bring their conception of religion **up** to our standards. There's just nothing to compare with that good old-fashioned religion. I'm young myself, and I do not believe that most of our teen-agers really and truly want the tambourine-playing and drum-beating religion that many of our churches are allowing today. They want something separate from the world even though they don't like to admit it. I attended a church service one time where this modern type of music was played, and the only way I could tell that it was a spiritual song was that once in awhile over all the noise, I heard Jesus' name. That really convinced me that the old-fashioned religion that was good enough for my mother and daddy is good enough for me, too. Let's encourage our youth to examine their own lives to see if maybe the drag at Sunday school and church is not really coming from within themselves. It's sort of like the drag on a fishing reel. When you get a big fish on your line, the drag has to be adjusted so the fish can be landed; and likewise, if we let Satan act as a barrier in our lives to make Christianity a bore, we need to let Christ act as the drag and adjust our lives to get us back on the right path.

Sunday school is truly a blessing to a church, and we should always be seeking ways to improve it without making it lose its true meaning.

May God bless each of you and every Sunday school and church you represent.

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The Bible is not meant to be taken as a capsule and hurriedly swallowed, but as meat and bread, chewed by the teeth of thought, digested by meditation, and used by faith for daily strength, comfort, and guidance.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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GOD ESTABLISHES MORAL ORDER

Lesson Text: Romans 2:12-16; Galatians 6:7-9

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:7

I. INTRODUCTION

From the very first God established moral order in man. Adam and Eve were created perfect but they still had to observe a moral order applicable to Eden. It was simply that they obey God and not eat of the tree He had forbidden. When they disobeyed God, the moral order was broken and they had to leave the garden.

Throughout the ages since, God has dealt with man on the terms of some kind of moral order. In Old Testament times it was the law; in our times, the age of grace, it is obedience to the will of God—trusting and obeying Him, and doing what His Spirit leads us to do. Those who have lived by His will have blessed others through their observance of God's moral order.

An African once said, "I have never seen Christ, but I have seen Dr. Livingstone." David Livingstone was a great missionary to the dark continent who literally burned out his life for the Africans. One of his missionary associates once remarked, "I instinctly think of the Master when I think of Dr. Livingstone." Well may each of us ask himself the question, "Does the world see Jesus in me?"

What our world needs is not more pretty preaching and more intricate church organization, but more practicing of what we preach, more giving reality to our profession, and more emphasis on the kind of moral order that honors the Master. A young girl who had been saved from a life of terrible sin by a sainted Christian woman was at the point of death. The woman asked if she had thought of God. "It has not been hard to think of God," said the girl, "since I met you."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Tell the introduction to the Book of Romans.
2. What is the background of the Epistle to the Galatians?

B. The Moral Law Written in the Heart (Romans 2:12-16)
1. The moral law is written into the hearts of men, but it does not save.
2. There are various groups that teach that men who have not heard the gospel are not lost.
   a. The universalists teach that all men will eventually be saved.
   b. The reincarnationists believe that men will have an opportunity when they are reincarnated in another body in another life.
   c. Jehovah's Witnesses believe that man will have an opportunity after death to accept Christ.
   d. The modernist teaches that God would not be just to punish men for something they had never heard about.
3. They forget that God is sovereign and we cannot understand His ways.

C. Do Not Be Deceived (Galatians 6:6-9)
1. Men deceive themselves if they think they can mock God.
2. If men sow to the flesh they shall reap the things of the flesh.
3. If men sow to the Spirit, then they shall reap the things of the Spirit —everlasting life.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. An editor tells of a girl who was thinking of entering a hippie colony. She consulted a counselor who asked her if she had considered the probability of pregnancy. The girl had considered it, and she explained that it did not present a large problem. If she had a baby she would simply put it up for adoption.

"But hippies don't adopt babies," the counselor said. To this the girl readily agreed. She was thinking of adopti into some normal, non-hippie family.

"Then," said the counselor, "you a seeking for yourself privileges that a possible for **you** only because **other** pe ple choose to live by the rules of stab society.

The editor then inquires where t conventional moral standards came fro and what they are for. He answers th they grew out of human experience, th they are the distilled wisdom of the rac and that their purpose is to keep me and women out of trouble and to pr mote happy living.

It is true that conventional morali has proved its worth in human exper ence, but its basic standards are not h man discoveries or inventions. They a revealed from God, and they are bui into the very nature of humanity. Ma is designed to live as a responsible mor being.—Standard Commentary.

B. A story has been written by Fre erick Hall about that lad who playe such an important role in the miracle the loaves and fishes. It tells how th boy reported that exciting incident t his mother when he returned home tha evening at sunset. When with eyes sti big with the wonder of it all, he had to how his five barley loaves and two drie fishes had increased in the Master' hands until the vast crowd had been fe to a sufficiency, he added, "I wonde Mother, if it would be that way wit everything we gave Him?"—Selected.

C. If one allows his old sinful natur to control his actions and he sows hi wild oats, he will most surely reap foul harvest. On the other hand, if on allows the Holy Spirit full control of hi life, he will receive "eternal life."

"According to an Eastern fable, Luke man, a servant, turned his master int an honest man in this way. One day th master told him to go into a field an sow barley. Lukeman sowed oats in stead. At the time of harvest his maste went to the field to inspect the crop an was surprised and annoyed to find gree oats thriving where he expected to se barley. 'Did I not tell you to sow bar ley here?' he demanded of Lukeman 'Why, then, have you sown oats?' Thi enraged his master. 'What foolish ide is this?' he shouted. 'Have you eve heard of such a thing happening?' Luke man shrugged his shoulders. 'You your self are constantly sowing in the field o the world the seeds of evil, and yet yo expect to reap in the resurrection da the fruits of virtue. Therefore, I though

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

Black Mountain, North Carolina

CRAGMONT: Present and Future

by the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

As a representative on the Cragmont ssembly Board of Directors, I submit you this information as to the present d future of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., ack Mountain, North Carolina.

agmont Assembly—Present

Presently there are on the campus at agmont the following buildings: (1) e old or "main building"; (2) the "Mas- y House," building No. 2; (3) the "Floyd ouse," building No. 4; (4) the "Taber- cle-Gym," building No. 5; (5) the motel ne-units), building No. 3; (6) new dor- tory, building No. 6; (7) new dormitory, ilding No. 7.

These are the buildings presently lo- ted on our campus. There is also at esent an outstanding indebtedness of 0,000 to be repaid.

agmont Assembly—Future

The proposed construction program for agmont which has been adopted calls f six separate phases.

Phase I consists of four parts: (1) Re- ir the roof of building No. 4, (2) repair e main building as needed to maintain eration of the first floor, (3) build ildings No. 6 and 7, and (4) install six ght lights. (The roads were also re- ilt as a part of this program which is completed.)

Phase II originally called for the con- uction of two more cottages as/if they e needed.

Phase III calls for the construction of chen and dining facilities. This will e precedence over all future plans due the dictates of present need.

Phase IV is the construction of a much eded chapel for a better means of wor- p. This improvement needs to be de in terms of both comfort and seat- g capacity.

Phase V calls for the renovation or re- val of the "main building." This will ve to follow the construction of dining facilities. I must add that no official decision or unofficial decision has been made!

Phase VI calls for the construction of a swimming pool and a general upgrading of our recreational facilities and equipment.

These are our assets and our needs both present and future. This year we have had seven conferences (six youth and one woman's auxiliary), averaging 120 participants each; as well as our ministers' week with 50 attending. There has been several weekend retreats by various church groups. Also some families and individuals have visited our encampment. Cragmont has for the second consecutive year served more than 950 Free Will Baptists in our Saviour's name!

In summary, the future of Cragmont Assembly is not really dependent upon a plan of construction; it lies rather within the hearts of the people and churches of our denomination. The future of Cragmont will be as bright and glorious for the Lord as we allow it to be. I believe Cragmont's future is secure. I believe that you, the Free Will Baptist people, will rally to this arm of our church in strengthening this part of our church's ministry!

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Manager Needed for Cragmont

The Cragmont Board of Directors is now receiving applications for the position of manager(s) for the 1972 camping season. We would like to have a husband and wife team as managers if possible. If you are interested in this position please submit a written application to the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, Secretary of Cragmont Board, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851. The matter of contract will be discussed and decided upon with the Board of Directors.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"Yes. How did you know? Did you see it?" Larry asked.

"I stopped a girl there named Tricia from getting run over," Philip said, unable to believe the story was about him.

"Wow!" Larry exclaimed. "I'll tell my uncle it was you. He was sorry that he didn't get to thank you or get your name. He wanted to turn your name in to his civic club so they could give you a medal for bravery and for doing something courageous."

"A medal!" John shouted to Philip.

Philip blushed. "I didn't do anything to get a medal." He couldn't imagine anyone wanting to give him a medal for something so small.

"I wish something like that would happen to me," John said. "I'd like to have somebody award me a medal for doing something nice."

"Me, too," Larry said. "I wish I could make something nice happen to somebody and get a medal for it."

The school bell rang, and they started for their classroom. As they walked, Philip thought over what his friends said. When Philip stopped Tricia from running into the street, he had done something nice for her and for her family.

Since Philip felt nice things didn't happen to him often enough, maybe he could make up for it by making nice things happen to others. He could start by making something nice happen to Mother, like straightening up his room and keeping it straightened.

Mother had known what he was talking about after all.—My Pleasure.

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Questions & Answers

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and me? When it is not said of us, we need to go back for another infilling. Then we may be what Isaiah 40:31 says of us, and we shall then, and not until then, so act.

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The Sunday morning church bell tells the spiritual death of the member who does not come.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

Worshiping God Through Service To Others

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Have you ever sung the following words?

"Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer shall be for others.

"Others, Lord, yes, others,
Let this my motto be,
Help me to live for others,
That I might live like Thee."

This is the secret: To be like Christ and to live for Christ, we must live for others.

Whittier, in "Eternal Goodness," wrote:

"I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care."

We cannot drift beyond His love and care, for He has promised, "Lo, I am with you alway." Can we say that we are with Him—and that we will stay with Him always through worship in the beauty of holiness, and through serving Him with gladness and joy?

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St. Claire Bible Class

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also, I might get barley by sowing oats.' So abashed was the master by his servant's reply that he turned abruptly and spent the rest of the day in solitude."—Programs for Christian Living.

Paul encouraged the believers to be faithful in their ministry. He knew how easy it would be to grow tired or discouraged and become negligent after sometime of serving. It takes grace, patience, stick-to-itiveness, but a harvest of blessings are in store for those who keep on serving and loving and witnessing.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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"If you are too busy or too tired to attend worship services regularly, my friend, you are just too busy to die; but you will anyway."—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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Inside: The editor speaks on Woman's Lib.

Editorial...

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WOMEN SHOULD WANT TO STAY WOMEN

We were waiting for some of our lovely, robust lady friends to write something on this, but since they haven't, we will.

A woman is a woman, and champions of the Woman's Liberation Movement had better watch themselves. No matter how strong, their muscles aren't quite so developed as a man's; and as trite as the expression may be, they had better not put more in their mouths than they are able to chew!

A show horse was never meant to pull a plow; and one doesn't go coon hunting in a frilly dress. A woman is a woman and will ever be a woman. Oh no? Well, maybe this will convince you: According to people in the know, even though an operation to change the sex will succeed in altering the fleshly and perhaps the psychological characteristics of a person, the bone structure will remain as it was. And, if a woman (heaven forbid) decides to undergo the multiple operations required to become a man, when "his" bones are unearthed generations hence, anatomists will declare that "he" was really a woman.

Thankfully, few women go so far as to play the man's role this convincingly—to change their physiques; but, some do dress as men and disdain to be thought of as anything "less." Yet, what self-respecting woman should want to be more than a woman anyway? The Lord made them male and female; He designed specific roles for both; and He never intended for them to go outside these defined boundaries (in our opinion).

This is not to say that any woman isn't as capable as any man. This is not to say that any woman can't do any job as well as any man—but should she really want to? Isn't a woman supposed to be a woman: a pretty picture in a pretty dress with bouncy, shiny hair and fluttering eyes and a silken voice; with a certain becoming weakness and tenderness—and helplessness? Isn't this man's idea of womanhood—and God's?

It has been aptly said that when a man won't do a job it's up to the woman to do it. Maybe so, but that doesn't mean that a woman should seek a job that ordinarily falls to a man. There are some things that only women can do, and there are some other things that only men can do or should be allowed to do. Recent court rulings, however, have made it unlawful for companies to refuse positional employment to anyone for reasons of sex.

By necessity some women have become the "man" of the house in that they have become the chief breadwinner, disciplinarian, teacher of respect, garbage-toter-out, and mower of lawns—as well as mother and comforter. Some women, especially the outdoor type, have a natural propensity to do things which require certain physical stamina usually allotted to men. Contentions are that some women, while engaged in manly activities, can be as much of a woman when thus occupied as when they are nursing their babies or embroidering fancy tablecloths. Still we can't help but believe that doing manly things will alter (however slightly) their femininity.

Woman's Lib preaches liberation, but what does womankind want to be liberated from? Why is being a woman classified as a type of slavery? Isn't womanhood something to be proud of? Only a woman can give birth to humankind. This fact in itself should be enough reason for any woman to wish to remain a real **woman.**

Females who project brawny muscles are not appealing to most men—and women might as well admit it, they are not much good without men! Leather-jacketed, shag-haired, loud-mouthed, ego-seeking girls are not top prizes anywhere. Most men don't want women to compete with them financially, physically, or prestigiously. Hollywood stars can tell sad stories of how marriages get shaky and collapse when the woman excels the man.

Somehow (call it old-fashioned if you like) we feel that the good Lord intended the wife to be in subjection to her husband. Formerly in the wedding vows, the female partner promised to love and *obey,* but now that's for the birds! We *do know* that the Lord created Adam before Eve and that Eve was given to Adam to be his *helpmate*—not his *ruler!* What we *don't know* is why some women can't remember this.

No, women should not be subdued or have their heads lowered to the block; but neither should they raise their heads above the man to rob him of his dignity or his divine heritage!

Many prayers were prayed at "Mama's knee," because most of our mothers were real women, content to be mothers and housekeepers. We applaud them and would want them to be no more or no less. If femininity has suffered and is on the decline, it might be very much the fault of man who has placed improper demands on the "weaker" sex. Be that as it may, we are still of the strong opinion that some women just can't be satisfied, that when they raise up this dust they will find something else to kick about. Woman's Lib might very well prove to be a hollow yell in a rusty drum!

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Use It or Lose It!

by
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oronto, Ontario—When Jesus told His , "To every one who has will more iven, but from him who has not, even t he has will be taken away," it ded like a very unfair proposition. f the United Appeal said, "This year e going to raise money from the to give to the rich."

ctually, I believe Jesus was stating w of life. Simply: USE IT OR LOSE Use your opportunities or you'll lose n.

wo thousand years ago Jesus gave us parable of the nobleman who gave of his three assistants money to st while he was away being crowned of his province. Upon his return, alled these men together to find out t they had done with the money and t their profits were.

he first man reported a tremendous —ten times as much as the original unt! The king was pleased and rewarded the man with the governorship of ten cities.

The next man also reported a splendid gain and was made governor over five cities.

But the third man brought back only the money he had started with. "I've kept it safe in my handkerchief," he said, "because I was afraid; for you're a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours . . ."

Angry that the man had not even deposited the money in a bank to earn interest, the king ordered his other assistants to give the man's money to the one who had earned the most. "But sir," they said, "he has enough already."

"Yes," the king replied, "but it's always true that those who have, get more, and those who have not, soon lose even what they have."

This parable has some important lessons for us.

It tells us that God has given to each of us a gift to use for Him, as the nobleman gave each servant money to trade with.

That gift may be life itself, the **one** life each of us has to live. It may be our soul, the unique personality which we can give to evil or to God. It may be ability, the particular talents we can use for self or Christ. It may be the new life Christ offers, that we can receive or reject, keep to ourselves or pass on to others. It may be opportunity that comes our way, for selfishness or for service.

Each of us has a gift and also the responsibility to invest that gift for God. "God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. Are you called to preach? Then preach as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies." (See 1 Peter 4:10, 11.)

We are all faced with the inescapable choice: Will I be like the first two servants in Jesus' story—hardworking, faithful, adventurous? Or will I identify with the third servant who thought, "My master's hard. If I don't succeed maybe he'll take it out of my hide. So instead of working and risking it, I'll hide his money away in a napkin."

There's something of this servant in each of us.

So often we're afraid to risk being part of God's future; it's easier to worship the past. So we wrap our gift in a napkin and say, "Let's just keep doing things the way we always have."

Everytime we act like that slothful servant it's because we have a wrong view of God. When we see God as a harsh taskmaster, we shrink back in guilt and fear.

But God isn't an ogre who wants to crush us. He seeks to challenge us to our best. He has built into our human personalities a drive for fulfillment. If we live on the growing edge, in radical obedience to His will, moving out for God, then we are happy; but if we pull back into our cozy cocoon then we fossilize, dry up, and live in frustration.

Day by day we are being evaluated as to what we do with our opportunities. Some day every believer will have to stand before Christ to be judged and have his life laid bare before Him. Each of us will receive whatever he deserves for the good or bad things he has done in his earthly body. (See 2 Corinthians 5:10.)

Jesus will ask us, as the nobleman asked his servants: "What have you done with the gift I gave you?" The test will not be greatness, but faithfulness. Have we done the **best** we could with what we **have?**

We don't work for Christ for what we get out of it, but for the sheer love of God and men. Being a Christian may be tough, but it's also the most rewarding life there is!

"To everyone who has will more be given. But from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away." Clearly, Jesus was saying to us that we don't really possess anything unless we enjoy it and use it. If we use the opportunities God gives us, we get more. But if we neglect the opportunities, we lose them. Our attitude of faith or faithlessness makes the difference.

USE IT OR LOSE IT! That's the message of this story.

Dare today to let Christ be all—or nothing!—From Stan Izon.

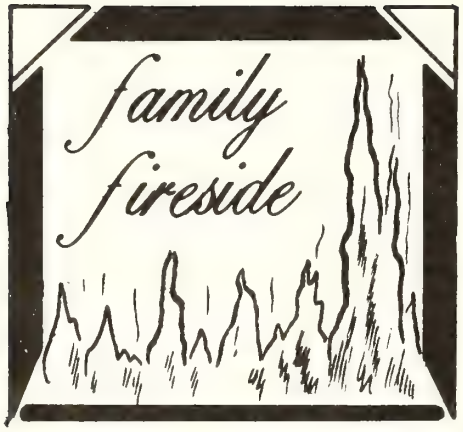
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Cheer for Sorrow

When life's troubles gather darkly
'Round the way we follow here,
When no hope the sad heart lightens,
No voice speaks a word of cheer;

Then this thought the shadow scatters,
Giving us a cheery ray;
When the night appears the darkest,
Morning is not far away.

—Author Unknown, 1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

FEAR NOT

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:18

Fear not! What'er betide you,
In all the coming days,
Your Lord will walk beside you.
In His appointed ways.

His hand will surely guide you,
When friends and helpers fail,
And His pavilion hide you,
When foes and fears assail.

Fear not! Turn backward never,
Whatever may oppose;
Look unto Jesus ever,
And in His love repose.

And when life's little story
At eventide is told,
Then, in the morn of glory,
You shall His face behold.

—*H. B. Hartzler.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

In reading the above verses, doesn't it give us what we need to face each day totally without fear and misgivings? It makes us look forward to each day with greater anticipation. And just think that's only the beginning!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BOUND BY A GOLDEN CHAIN

Scripture Reading—Psalm 41:9

A gentleman had found a place for a ragged street Arab, and was walking with him to it. He was stopped by a gentleman, who after a short conversation said, "You are not walking through the street with that dirty lad, surely?" "Why not?" said the gentleman, "he is my friend." Overhearing the first remarks the lad was slinking away, but the answer made him the lifelong, devoted follower of his new-found friend. Jesus deigns to call us His friends; are we as grateful to Him?—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The word "friend" has many definitions, but never enough. There are not enough words to define or describe it. To be without friends would be the next "worse thing" to being without God. We can have both!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

HOW MUCH ROOM IS NEEDED?

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 17:17

"Is it true," asked a student, "that all the people in the world could live in Texas?" "Yes," replied the professor, "if they were friends." And if they were not friends even the world itself is too small.—*The Homilope.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We cannot say too much about friends. They are worth their weight in gold. That is one thing we cannot have too much of—friendship. How thankful we should be for friends. They are everywhere for the asking.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

IN THE POOR HOUSE—BUT THE KING'S DAUGHTER

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 3:13

While a student, I preached in the town of Genesee, New York. One of my appointments was the Sunday service at the County Farm. There was in the institution at that time a brave little old lady who had once lived in an atmosphere of culture and security. But misfortune came her way and she was spending her sunset years in the County Home. . . . While I was chaplain at the institution, the doctors told her she was fatally sick and was not far from the end of the trail. So she sent for me and said, "I have just one request. When it is over, I want somebody to sing at the last service, 'I'm a Child of the King.'" I shall never forget the day we laid her to rest. . . . All was drab and drear and disconsolate, and then a transfiguration took place. A deep, rich contralto voice was singing over the pine box: "I'm a child of the King! A child of the King!" And she was! She was a child of the King, and had moved out of a poor house into her Father's house of "many mansions."—From a Tract Published by the Christian Publishing Society.

PRAYER THOUGHT

From this we could do some teaching and learning. As we search our own souls—am I a child of the King? If we are, we can live it and sing it. And in so doing, we will bring others into His kingdom.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

BEWARE OF THE CROWD

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:18

"Don't trouble yourself about me, sir, I'll slip into heaven with the crowd someday," said a careless sinner to a Christian who was urging upon him the necessity of conversion, before it might be too late. The Christian replied "My friend, you have mistaken the place—the crowd is on the way to hell; therefore, if you slip in with the crowd, you will slip into hell. Scripture says, '. . . for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it' (Matthew 7:14)." He had not thought of that. How you?—*Good News*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have you ever crossed a creek by [illegible] of a "footlog"? It's not easy—you have to place your foot just so to make it. But the feeling you have when you get across! It was well worth it. How much more so should it be to "walk the straight and narrow and have everlasting life! We can do it. Will it be worth it?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

HOPELESS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 71:5

It was Sir Thomas Lipton of England, the multimillionaire, who shortly before dying, said: "I'd give up every trophy in my collection for the one I haven't got—that is a hope of heaven and eternal life." He was well-known as a winner in both English and American boat races.

Another high railway official when dying confessed: "I have lived too much for secondary things in life—not the main thing!" Eternal life may be had for the taking, by faith, in the new birth, through the death of Christ, and because of God's love and the abundant grace of God!—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There are not many things we can have "just for the taking." The thing we want most of all can be had that way. Are we taking advantage of this give-away?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

THE CHANGELESS ROCK

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 53:10

There is an old saying of Samuel Rutherford's, "Believe God's love and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea."—*The Dawn.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Let us anchor ourselves to that Rock. Our sea will have its ebbs and flows, but we will be safe—always.

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The A B C of Salvation

A ll have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.—Romans 3:23

B ehold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1:29

C ome now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—Isaiah 1:18.

—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quo

OLD-FASHIONED SERVICE AT SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

by the Rev. Davie Brinson, Pastor

The members of the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, y, North Carolina, enjoyed an old-fashioned service held on ay evening, October 24, sponsored by the youth of the ch.



Saint Mary's Youth Choir

The service began at 7:30 p.m. with the ladies attending in r dresses and wearing bonnets that were typical in the late 0's. Some men came dressed in overalls, while some wore knicker pants and lace shirts of long ago. The youth of the ch came dressed in like fashions. The lighting inside the ch was provided by the old-time kerosene lamps.



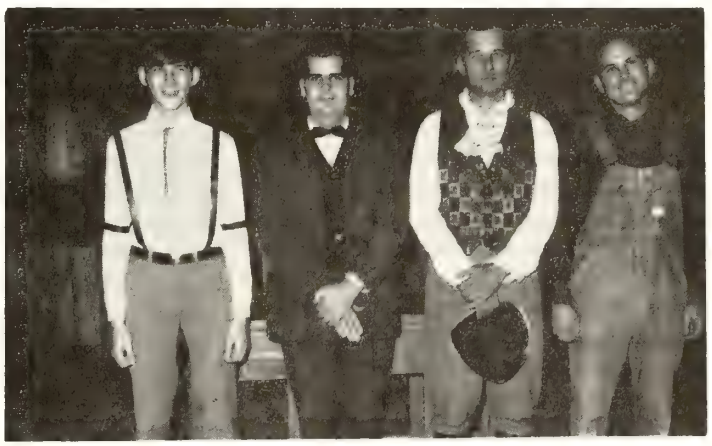
Some Ladies of the Church

The service opened with the congregation enjoying singing many old-time songs such as "The Old-Time Religion," "There's Power in the Blood," and many others. The real highlight of the service came when the Saint Mary's Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Brinson, rendered special music and gave spiritual testimonies.



A Group of Junior Girls

A wonderful time was experienced in this special service for our Lord in remembering the worship services of long ago. May God bless all the people who endeavor to serve Him in this age and in the ages to come.



Four Gentlemen of the Church

CONTEMPLATION

by Karen Register

f here really is a God
l like to find Him,
now Him—
t so far, there's just nothing."

lives with me (the one who says this),
d God lives with both of us;
she doesn't even know
r third Roommate!

Lord, let me be the television screen
On which she watches your channel—
Until she has a real, live performance
In her heart, too.

Please?

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When you have nothing left except God, then for the first time you become aware that God is enough.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

A good Sunday school class knows where it is going, supports the church financially, urges members to attend worship services, encourages the youth program, has no inactive roll, stresses individual friendship, contacts every absentee every week, goes into the homes of all new members, keeps an accurate prospect list, gives priority attention to new members, and works closely with minister and superintendent.—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Revival Services at Stancil's Chapel Church

Revival services will begin at Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, Monday evening, November 15, and continue through Saturday evening, November 20. The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, will be bringing the messages each evening at 7:30. Each evening there will be special singing and good gospel preaching. Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of these services possible.

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Hull Road Church to Host The Central Conference

The 223rd annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina, Wednesday and Thursday, November 10, 11, 1971. The scheduled program is as follows:

Wednesday, November 10

Morning Session

9:00—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
10:00—Devotions, the Rev. James Lupton
10:15—Welcome, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., Host Pastor
10:20—Response, the Rev. C. L. Patrick
10:25—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Harry Jones
—Recognition of Visitors
—Appointment of Committees
10:45—Report of State Convention, the Rev. C. F. Bowen
10:55—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
11:05—Report of Superannuation Board, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
11:15—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
11:30—Morning Worship:
Introductory Sermon, Dr. Michael Pelt; Alternate, the Rev. Tex Barrow
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. Charles Branch
1:25—Business Session:
Partial Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Executive Committee
Report of Central Conference Missions
Report of Trustees
Report of Central Conference Historian, Mrs. H. L. Spivey
Report of Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs Jr.
3:15—Adjournment

Thursday, November 11

Morning Session

9:00—Final Registration
9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Charles Crisp
9:40—Business Session:
Reading of Minutes of Previous Day
Recognition of Visitors
Report of Obituary Committee
Report of Temperance Committee
Report of Resolutions Committee
10:30—Report of Ordaining Council
10:40—Report of State Mission Board, the Rev. Joe Ingram
10:50—Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
11:05—Report of Church Finance Association, the Rev. Hubert Burress
11:15—Morning Worship:
By the Ordaining Council
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. Dallas Carter
1:30—Business Session:
Final Report of Credentials Committee
Treasurer's Report, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.
Final Business and Adjournment

(**Please Note:** All reports to be placed in the minutes of the conference must be turned over to the clerk. All boards and committees are requested to have copies of reports for delegates printed for distribution at the convening of the conference. Each speaker is expected to stay within his time limit.)

Reedy Branch Church Announces Revival

The Reedy Branch Free Will Bapt Church near Winterville, North Caroli announces its fall revival for the we of November 15-20. The guest speak for these services will be the Rev. Char Crisp of Greenville, North Carolina. S vices will begin nightly at 7:30 with t pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, assisti Mr. Crisp. Music for the revival will under the direction of Mr. Blanie Mc with Mr. Tommy Manning as organi The public is cordially invited to atte and be much in prayer for the succ of the meeting.

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Friendship Revival November 15-20

Revival services are scheduled for t Friendship Free Will Baptist Chur Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, t week of November 15-20. The servi will begin nightly at 7:30 with the R F. B. Cherry of Wilson, North Caroli as the guest minister. Each service v feature Bible preaching, gospel singi and spiritual fellowship. The supply p tor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, will ass in the services. You are invited to tend and to bring your family friends.

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Angola Church Announces Revival

The Angola Free Will Baptist Chur Route 1, Maple Hill, North Carolina, hold its fall revival during the week November 14-19. Services will be each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Jo nie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Ca lina, serving as guest evangelist.

The church membership and its past the Rev. O. B. Everett, invite the pub to be in attendance. Visiting sing are urged to participate.

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Rockfish Conference Held at Hickory Grove

The Rockfish Conference met Octo 30 at the Hickory Grove Free Will B tist Church near Hamlet, North Caroli The conference was reported success with the host pastor, the Rev. Bo Bunnells, delivering the conference m sage. A picnic lunch was enjoyed those attending.

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A child is not likely to find a Fat in God unless he finds something of in his father.—1010 Illustrations, Po and Quotes.

The Present Task

by SHARON B. MILLER

"ERE, Jan, file these for me when you have a minute."

Nodding, Jan raised her head and stared reflectively at the tall, willowy figure moving down the aisle between the rows of desks. Nothing had changed. The only difference made by her promotion to personal secretary to Mr. Darrell, vice-president of Landen Insurance Company, was that she now was closer to the filing cabinets.

I might as well accept the fact, Jan thought, I'm just everyone's "girl Friday." That didn't give her peace of mind about her job, however. Frowning, Jan stared at the cream-colored folders. She was advancing, as far as the insurance company was concerned; but what about her Bible school training? This wasn't her vocation—taking dictation, filing, and running coffee-break errands. She was prepared to teach children. She ought to be out working in children's crusades or vacation Bible schools, not stuck behind a metal desk.

Sighing, Jan pushed the files aside and resumed her work. They'd have to wait, but, of course, she'd do it— for Anita or anybody else who asked. Sometimes she felt that she'd be glad when the new offices were finished. Then she would have her own private area and be out of the turmoil that prevailed in the office. Jan reminded herself that she would miss the friendship of the other girls. It would be lonely working alone. If only —But it was folly to waste time thinking about quitting when it would be another year before Dean would be finished with school.

"Jan, do you have this account?" Lynne Daniels leaned over her shoulder to show her the name on the sheet of paper.

"Let me check," Jan said, going through her files. "Hmmm. I think that was one I took into Mr. Darrell's office a while ago. Would you like me to see if he's finished with it?"

"I'd really appreciate it," Lynne said, "especially if you could get it before he has time to go through it. I neglected to put on an item that he wanted."

Jan smiled understandingly. "I'll try."

Lynne turned to go and then hesitated. "Jan? Are you free for coffee break? There's something I'd like to talk to you about."

"Sure," Jan nodded. "I'll meet you in the coffee shop."

Somehow she had known it was coming. Lynne had been dropping hints for several weeks that she and her husband were having trouble. Now she wanted to talk. Jan closed her eyes a moment and prayed for wisdom. It had been this way ever since she had taken her first job with Landen Insurance as file clerk. Even in that lowly job the other girls had sought her out to tell her their troubles and to ask advice.

When she had told Dean about her shoulder's popularity with the girls at work, he hadn't laughed, as she had expected he would.

"You're understanding. That's one of the reasons I married you," Dean had said with a twinkle in his eye. "You're a good listener, and the girls probably realize that what they tell you won't go any farther. It's a good way to witness for the Lord, too, you know."

Dean was right, but at times the trust others gave Jan was somewhat unsettling. She had been almost frightened at the change in atmosphere from that of the religious publishing house where she had worked part time during Bible school and where she and Dean had met. Yet, she realized that one couldn't win souls for Christ and associate only with the church. Still, Jan often wondered just how great her influence for God really was. The lives of the other girls were so diffeernt from hers outside the office, and there seemed so few times when she could witness by anything other than her daily walk with God.

When Jan became discouraged, Dean encouraged her with the thought that God could use all persons, regardless of their position in life, if they allowed Him to work through them. After a time of prayer and Bible study, she felt renewed and ready to face the office world of petty argument and harried business.

Jan grabbed up a handful of files to take to Mr. Darrell. There would be plenty of fuss if she didn't get them in when he needed them, and there was the Anders' account, the one Lynne had failed to bring up to date.

Just as she pushed back her chair, Jan caught sight of the file in question. It was lying on top of a pile on the far corner of her desk. Mentally she breathed a prayer of relief and thanks. She was spared all the problems of having to ask for the file back. And, for a change, she enjoyed not having to be the scapegoat for someone else's mistake. Sometimes she felt that the other girls deliberately tried to make things difficult for her, knowing that she had to be honest and aboveboard in all her dealings.

Jan sloshed the remaining coffee around in the bottom of her cup as she listened to Lynne. She almost felt embarrassed hearing the trouble Lynne and her husband were going through, and yet she could understand the desperate need of the other girl to tell someone.

"What can I do, Jan?" Lynne asked, leaning toward her across the small table.

"I think you should talk to your minister, Lynne. I'm not qualified to act as a marriage counselor," Jan said carefully. "He would be able to discuss your problems with you and Perry. I really think that would be the best thing to do."

The other girl looked down at the table in silence for a moment. "Jan, we don't even have a minister we can call on. We haven't bothered to find a church to attend. Do you know of a minister who could help us?"

Jan nodded. Why hadn't she thought of it before? Pastor Maxton would be more than happy to try to help two young people who were having problems.

"I'll pray for you, Lynne," Jan said softly, as she left Lynne at her desk to go back to her own.

"Thanks—thanks a lot, Jan. It's great to know somebody cares." There was a new light of hope in the girl's eyes, and it moved Jan deeply. Suddenly she realized the desperate loneliness and fear of the person who has no one to care for him. She realized, too, that she would be in the same boat if it were not for

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

by
CATHIE GARRIS, Student
Mount Olive College



Nineteen Wayne County students have been named first-place winners from an estimated 3,500 who entered the 1971 Veterans Day essay contest on the theme, "What America Means to Me." Miss Cathie Garris, freshman at Mount Olive College, won first place among essays entered from Mount Olive College.

America is not just a place; it is an emotion, a feeling, and a way of life. America has heart, body, and soul. She is a storehouse of opportunity, freedom, challenge, responsibility, and love.

America is an opportunity in that she offers a rich library of resources from which one can draw. One can develop himself and better himself which allows him to make contributions to things around him. By bettering oneself, he can participate in our history.

Because each person can explore, question, and think, America is the land of individuals. These things alone enable an American to become the individual God meant him to be. This is a unique factor—the noble dream of America. It is the land of individuals.

Everyone is challenged in America. Every person is challenged to make the most of himself and his surroundings. Challenge makes one stronger. He is challenged physically in that America satisfies any sport or other interest one may have. Mentally, he is challenged by the educational facilities offered here. Spiritually, his soul can reach the mountaintop where he can truly put race, creed, and color in the background and put his fellowman and belief in God first.

Responsibility to be something, to do something, to be a contributing member in society prevails. The ocean is made up of many drops of water, all coming together to become the beautiful, majestic, and everpowering body that it is. So it is true with Americans. Each one of us coming together and assuming our responsibilities can make America the beautiful, majestic, and ever-powering nation that it should be; for it is the individuals who make and create our nation.

Love is "faith, hope, and charity." Love is caring and sweating. Love is working, lifting, and believing. It takes all of these things to make America the place it should be. Faith, in the principles on which our country was built; hope, that we can meet the challenge placed before us to help our nation along the road to greatness; charity, that enables us to rise above petty differences and weld ourselves together in unity.

And so America is the policeman, the doctor, the lawyer, the Indian Chief, and you and me. All must accept the opportunity, the freedom, the challenge, the responsibility, and the love to fall in behind the stars and stripes.

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Craven County Dinner

The Free Will Baptist churches of Craven County contributed $2,098.11 at their annual dinner for Mount Olive College held October 18 at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, North Carolina.

The Craven County dinner was the second in a series of seventeen si duled this fall at which contribution excess of $50,000 to Mount Olive Coll are anticipated.

Members of the steering commi which planned the event included, Ralph A. Morris, New Bern, chairm Mr. S. Woodrow McCoy, Cove City; J. T. Wilson and the Rev. Willie Stil New Bern.

Participating churches, the amount their contribution, and chairmen wer Core Creek, $363.00, Woodrow McC Croatan, $50.00, Elwood E. Williams Gethsemane, $15.00
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Church to Observe College Day

Pearsall's Chapel Free Will Baptist urch, Beulaville, North Carolina, will serve Sunday, November 14, as Mount ive College Day. Dr. W. Burkette aper, president of Mount Olive College, ill teach the young people's Sunday hool class at 10 a.m. and will deliver e message at the morning worship serve. The Rev. S. A. Smith is pastor of e church.

Harrison to Conduct Crisis Ministry Seminar



Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, will conduct a five-session crisis ministry seminar with the Lenoir Memorial Hospital Chaplain Corps, beginning November 10, 10 a.m.—12 noon, at Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Kinston, North Carolina. The seminars will be oriented toward the hospital chaplaincy program but will be open to other ordained clergymen who may wish to attend.

The seminars will include the following topics:

November 10—The Chaplain and Counseling

November 17—The Chaplain and Hospital Visitation

November 24—The Chaplain and the Personnel

December 8—The Chaplain and the Emotionally Disturbed

The Rev. James A. Evans, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, is chairman of the Chaplain Corps.

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Mount Olive College Dinners

Below is a list of the eight remaining dinners to be held this fall for Mount Olive College:

Wayne County, Wednesday, November 10, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, Mount Olive, Mr. Ben Rollins, chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties, Thursday, November 11, 7 p.m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.



LINES

By Margo Mangum

Not too long ago while waiting for a friend in front of a store (loaded down with bundles), my burden became much lighter when I overheard a lady reading her husband's fortune from a weight card: ". . . you are dynamic, a leader of men, and admired by women for your good looks and strength of character." Laughing, she continued, "It has your weight wrong too."

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A few years ago, when our son was quite young, we were going through an old trunk that contained our "valuables." Among the collection I found my husband's dogtags (he being a former Marine). My son put these around his neck and proudly explained to his friend who was present, "These were my daddy's. He used to wear them when he was a dog."

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Man is the only one of God's creations that laughs.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties, Friday, November 12, 7 p.m., Folkstone church Fellowship Building, Mr. Leonard Hobbs, chairman.

Duplin County, Saturday, November 13, 6 p.m., Beulaville Elementary School, Mr. Arthur Kennedy, chairman.

Nash County, Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria.

Lenoir County, Friday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, Mr. John Taylor, chairman.

Beaufort County, Saturday, December 4, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Mr. Oscar Webster, chairman.

THE PRESENT TASK

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the Lord. Even with a husband, a family, and friends, no one really cared and understood as the Lord did.

It was several days before Lynne brought up the problem to Jan again, and then she mentioned only that she and her husband had visited Pastor Maxton and that things were looking up at home. As she turned to leave, Jan touched her hand.

"Lynne, would you and your husband like to come to dinner Sunday afternoon? Perhaps you'd even like to attend church with Dean and me. We'd really like to have you." She held her breath, half expecting her invitation to be turned down.

Lynne hesitated, her eyes suddenly filling with tears. "I'm sure we'd like that very much—both invitations." Then she hurried back to her desk.

Lord, Jan prayed as she worked with tear-blurred eyes, Lynne isn't the only lonely soul around me. Use me here. Allow me to find peace in this place of service for you so that souls might be brought into the kingdom of God.

"Jan, would you come in her for a moment and bring your notebook." The voice of her boss on the intercom brought her mind back to her duties.

"Yes, sir." Quickly she picked up her pad and pencil and went into the plush office.

The letters went quickly, and, as Jan prepared to leave, Mr. Darrell motioned for her to stay a moment.

"I wonder if you would mind my asking your personal opinion on a matter, Jan?" the large, dark-haired man asked.

"Not at all," Jan replied, sitting on the edge of the seat.

"As I said, it is a personal matter," her boss went on, and Jan nodded understandingly, "but I know that a number of the girls take their problems to you, and I just, well—To put it bluntly, Jan, what would you do if you had a child who was rebelling against everything you had ever taught him and was headed for trouble in spite of all your attempts to stop him?"

"I'd pray about it, Mr. Darrell," Jan said, without stopping to think. "Man's power is limited, but with God finding the answer is never impossible." Abruptly she stopped, realizing that the sort of answer she'd given probably wasn't the one he had wanted to hear.

"Yes," Mr. Darrel said slowly, "that is what you would do, isn't it?"

Jan nodded, staring at the blue carpeting. What had made her blurt out such an answer? What did Mr. Darrell know about the power of prayer and what God could do in impossible situations? Well, he had asked, and that was just what she **would** do. As she stood up to leave, Mr. Darrell nodded to show that he was finished. But as she opened the door, his voice stopped her.

"Jan? Would you mind—praying about it, I mean?"

Smiling, she shook her head. "I'll be glad to, sir."

As she typed the letters, Jan mulled over the happenings. She was the one who had rebelled inside at having to work in an office until Dean finished his master's degree in religious education. There had been no alternative; yet it had seemed such a waste of her Bible school training. She had been graduated equipped to work with children, and the fight within herself against having to waste her calling and training for the Lord's work in an office had destroyed the peace of complete, dedicated service to God that she had once known.

Lord, forgive me, Jan prayed as she sat at her desk. If only I'd realized at first that this was the task you had for me for the present, I might have been more effective in service for you.

Someday the doors would open for her in the field of child evangelism. Of her calling she was certain, but for now what was important was to witness in the place God had placed her. For the first time since Jan had arrived at Landen Insurance, she realized the value of being willing to serve anywhere and at any time.—Gospel Herald.

Nixon Calls for Family Scripture Reading To Mark National Bible Week Observance

President Nixon called on families across the nation to mark Thanksgiving Week by beginning the practice of regular Bible reading to "add a new perspective to each day's activities and gain fresh insights on how better to serve both God and their fellowman."

Mr. Nixon, in a statement marking the beginning of National Bible Week on Sunday, recalled that every President had placed his hand on a Bible in taking the oath of office.

"In its pages Presidents, public servants, and citizens of all ages have continued to find the principles on which we have built the American way of life," he added.

his role as honorary chairman of Natio

The President issued the statement Bible Week, which is sponsored by Laymen's National Bible Committee, organization of men and women seek to foster greater knowledge of Script The first observance was held on P Harbor Day in 1941.

As Mr. Nixon issued his statement, thur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Co Associate Justice and national chairm of Bible Week, urged all Americans read a passage from the Bible on Thar giving Day.

Goldberg suggested Psalm 100 as "appropriate expression of gratitude God." He specifically cited the fou verse of the Psalm: "Enter into his ga with thanksgiving, and into his cou with praise: be thankful unto him, bless his name."

Also participating in Bible Week several cooperating organizations, cluding the American Bible Society, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese's Dep ment of the Laity, the Jewish Commi for National Bible Week, and the U Center for the Catholic Biblical A tolate.

The text of Mr. Nixon's statem follows:

"National Bible Week once again s mons Americans to draw upon the dom of a book that has influenced ge ations of men and women.

"In our own country the hand of ev President has rested on the Bible as has taken the oath of office; and in pages Presidents, public servants, citizens of all ages have continued find the principles on which we h built the American way of life.

"One of my distinguished predeces once said that if our democracy is to main the greatest hope of humanity must continue abundantly in the f of the Bible. The truth of these w is made consistently clear, and cha after chapter of our history attest their meaning in our lives.

"As we celebrate both Bible Week Thanksgiving during the next sev days, I encourage families across country to begin reading the Bible r larly, and thus to add a new perspec to each day's activities and gain fres sights on how better to serve both and their fellowman."

(News from Laymen's National B Committee, New York City, New Yo

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain how some ll us sinners after we are saved. I ought we were saints.

Answer: We are saints if we have en regenerated, or as Jesus called it, en born again. (See John 3:3-5.) Com- re with, "Beloved, when I gave all igence to write unto you of the com- on salvation, it was needful for me to ite unto you, and exhort you that ye ould earnestly contend for the faith hich was once delivered unto the ints" (Jude 3).

Saints are holy ones. People are made ints or holy by the transforming power Christ. All Christians, that is, re- nerated people, are saints or holy ones d they were so made when they exer- ed saving faith in the Lord Jesus rist in obedience to the teaching of the ble. The Word of God has this quick- ing power.

Compare "And they said, Believe on e Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be ved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31); "He at believeth on the Son hath everlast- g life: and he that believeth not the n shall not see life; but the wrath of d abideth on him" (John 3:36); with or the word of God is quick, and werful, and sharper than any twoedged ord, piercing even to the dividing under of soul and spirit, and of the nts and marrow, and is a discerner of e thoughts and intents of the heart" ebrews 4:12); "For I am not ashamed the gospel of Christ: for it is the wer of God unto salvation to every one at believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek" (Romans 1:16); "for the eaching of the cross is to them that rish foolishness; but unto us which are ved it is the power of God. . . . For er that in the wisdom of God the rld by wisdom knew not God, it pleas- God by the foolishness of preaching save them that believe" (1 Corin- ans 1:18, 21); "For though we walk in e flesh, we do not war after the flesh: r the weapons of our warfare are not rnal, but mighty through God to the lling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:3-5); "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled" (Titus 1:15); "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3: 5-7); "Seeing that ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22, 23); "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:18).

Here is another interesting comparison of Scriptures: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17); "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matthew 17:20); "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people" (Acts 6:8); "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord" (Acts 11: 24); "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (Acts 16:5); "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17); ". . . for whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23); "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" (1 Timothy 3:9); "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving seed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1); "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7); "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12); "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:2); "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)" (Hebrews 10:23); "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" (2 Corinthians 5:7); "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:26, 27); "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Romans 6:3); ". . . I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31); "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20); "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:24).

That saints as well as the unsaved people are referred to in the Bible as sinners is just as clear as any doctrine mentioned in it. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God" (Romans 3:23-25). Compare with, "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth

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STORIES for our youth



GOOD ENOUGH

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

CLASSES were over for the day in Mrs. Turney's room. While waiting for the bell to ring, she and her students were having a general discussion period.

Mrs. Turney was saying, "Now remember, we have a lot to prepare for next week. Start thinking about the science fair, and have your posters and displays ready by Thursday. Then on Friday we'll have our six weeks' math exam."

Some of the students sighed and groaned. They didn't want to be reminded.

"I don't know what to put on my poster," admitted Jane, hoping someone would give her a suggestion.

"May we use any subject we want to?" asked Ricky Allen.

Mrs. Turney finished straightening her desk and stood. "You may use any subject that we've covered in our science class. But remember to get the facts accurate and make it interesting, for the judges will award a white ribbon for the best display."

"I already know what I'm going to do," Jimmy Beach declared proudly.

"I'll be fortunate if I get a green ribbon," admitted Ricky. The class laughed, and then the bell rang. School had ended for the day.

There was the usual commotion on the school grounds. When the buses pulled out, Ricky was waiting for Jimmy by the water fountain. "Are you coming over this afternoon? We could shoot a few baskets before dark," said Ricky.

"Not today," answered Jimmy. "'Mom said I could stop on the way home and get the poster board for my display."

"Ugh! Don't mention it!" Ricky didn't want to think of the work ahead of him. He went on home and played with his basketball alone. After supper, there wasn't enough time for homework, much less working on a poster. Before going to sleep, he made himself decide what to do.

I'll use that "Invisible Human Plastic Kit" Mom gave me for my birthday, he thought. (It was a model of a human being with all the parts of the body. He had never put it together.) I can draw a large skeleton on my poster and then glue the plastic heart and lungs and other organs in their correct places. I can write over to the side what they do for the body.

He sat up in bed. Suddenly he was excited. Hmmm! That's a good idea! I might even win a white ribbon! It was unusual for him to get excited about schoolwork, yet right now he felt like getting up and getting started right away. But then he thought, Aw, there's plenty of time. I'll do it later.

But time passed too quickly. The next thing Ricky knew it was the night before the fair, and he hadn't even started on his poster. And if that wasn't enough, he was loaded with homework!

Ricky cleared the dining room table and covered it again with books and papers. Guess I'll do my homework first, he thought. Then I can spend the rest of the time on my poster. He did his math, but things didn't go so well. In his rush, he made all kinds of mistakes. He spent more time erasing than working. Finally, he laid it aside and reached for his science materials.

Just then his sister Mabel walked and picked up his math paper. "Are y going to hand this in?" she asked.

"Sure. What's wrong with it?"

"Well, in the first place, it doesn look very neat. I think you should co it over."

"Aw, it's good enough," said Ricky.

"But look!" insisted Mabel. The wo was jumbled and smudged from erasin There were even two holes where he h erased too hard. "If I were your teac er, I surely wouldn't accept a paper loo ing like this," she declared.

The boy looked at the paper a bri moment. It did look messy. "It'll c sis. It's good enough. Besides, I haver got time. I've got to finish this post tonight."

Ricky worked quickly and silentl With a black crayon he drew a lar skeleton. Then he glued the heart a lungs and other vital organs in the proper places. Off to the side he prin ed a little information about each. had intended doing much more than th but he was just too tired and sleepy.

Mabel came in again and looked ov his shoulder. "I have some colored pe cils," she said. "You could use the to draw the blood vessels and veins you'd like."

"Aw, that's too much work!" declare her brother. "Besides this is goo enough. I don't think anyone else w have one like it. I might even win ribbon."

Mabel shook her head doubtfully. S wished that her brother would spend little more time on his work and not satisfied with having things just "goo enough" to get by.

It was late when Ricky went to be He still had thoughts of winning a ri bon, and he knew just where he'd p it in his room.

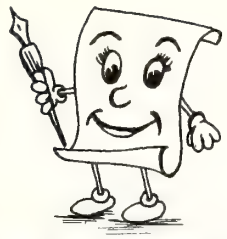
The first thing the next morni Ricky looked at his poster. It was t same poster, but somehow it didn't lo very good in the daylight. Maybe Mab was right. Maybe he should have spe a little more time on it. Aw, well, i good enough, he thought. He picked up carefully and walked to school.

His classmates had already start putting up their displays. Mr. Redmon the principal, had given them permissi to use the hall so the whole school cou see them. There were colorful poste everywhere. It was an interesting di play.

Ricky put up his and walked down t hall, stopping every now and then look. He turned to go outside, but

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GRADE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Nothing quite describes that first rning cup of coffee. Sitting in an sy chair, with both feet propped up, even better.

The sense of taste is intricately linked h the pleasurable sensations of life. ste, sight, odor, and texture all have art in the enjoyment of food. Lumpy, en creamed potatoes couldn't possibly te good. Blue cake icing looks poison.

You almost know how a plate of crisp, d chicken tastes before you try it. really enjoy it though, you must get se enough to smell and feel.

Doctors have recently found a rare ease in which taste buds die com-tely, or the sense of taste is distort-e. One man said that the gravy of hly flavored roast beef has a scant te, like the odor of crankcase oil. other said that very salty things taste ghtly bitter.

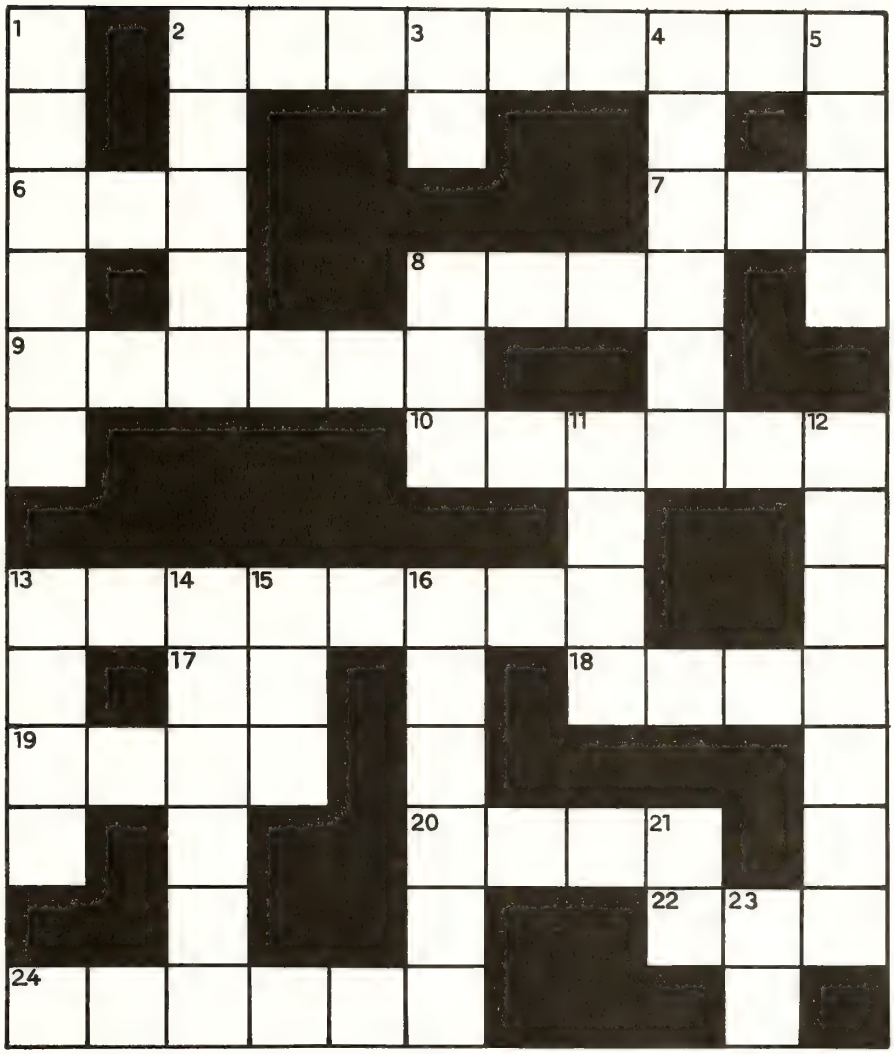
What causes a loss of taste for spiritual ngs? Why should people who have n active in church work for years sud-ly quit? Is it selfishness? Sickness? s an insecure foundation shaken by se doctrine? Did they fail to find ritual food at church? Is it the ser-ns or a lack of fellowship and friend-ess? Is it our fault or theirs?

"How sweet are thy words unto my te! . . ." (Psalm 119:103); "O taste d see that the LORD is good: . . ." alm 34:8). The Lord can only be ted in a spiritual way; and the Bible ull of comparisons of daily bread and ritual bread. Acts 14:17 refers to G ". . . filling our hearts with food d gladness." First Peter 5:2 tells the ers to "Feed the flock of God . . ."—ybe because Jesus had told Peter to d His lambs and His sheep.

don't know why some people lose ir appetite for spiritual fellowship or rch attendance; but when I'm there, metimes think of the people who are sing, and I wonder what happened. ght they come back if I would take e to ask?

BIBLICAL CROSSWORDS

by KAREN REGISTER



ACROSS

2. Foes of Israel in 2 Chronicles 32
6. Rowing tool
7. Noah's son
8. Son of Zeruiah—2 Samuel 2:13
9. "High Place" (two words)—Deuteronomy 32:49
10. Owned a talking mule—Numbers 22:29
13. Old Testament prophet
17. Article
18. Prophet of postcaptivity
19. Unsaved condition
20. Great-grandmother of King David
22. Reared the Prophet Samuel
24. The promised land

DOWN

1. "_____Wind"—Psalm 107:25
2. First high priest
3. Pronoun
4. "House of_____"—1 Chronicles 4:21
5. "This _____Jesus shall come"—Acts 1:11
8. Patient man
11. Gospel writer who was a physician
12. Last Old Testament prophet
13. "The _____of his countenance"—Psalm 42:5
14. Land ruled by Og—Numbers 21:33
15. Insect in Proverbs 30:25
16. Brook near Garden of Gethsemane—John 18:1
21. Masculine pronoun
23. Exclamation



GOD CONQUERS EVIL

Lesson Text: Romans 5:1-11

Memory Verse: Romans 8:37

I. INTRODUCTION

Only faith in God can keep one from being pessimistic about the future in the world in which we live. There is so much of evil and immorality. One cannot look ahead and see a very bright future for our country; but if we have faith in God, we can believe in the ultimate victory of righteousness. Dr. Wilbur M. Smith has said, "I have never seen a believer in Bible prophecy who was pessimistic about the future." The whole Bible teaches that God is all-powerful and that one day He will triumph over the forces of evil. This truth will keep Christians from pessimism.

Our lesson today is concerned with the fact of how God deals with sin in the life of the individual. William R. Newell has pointed out that in Romans 3 Christ is set forth as the propitiation for our sins; in Chapter 4, He was raised for our justification; and in Chapter 5, we have peace with God through Christ.

Since our lesson for today deals with the blessings of justification, it might be well to get a definition of justification clearly fixed in our minds. The Westminster Shorter Catechism defines justification: "Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone." It is something that God does for man. Justification affects our standing before God. We are lost sinners undone and helpless before God. Through justification God imparts to us the righteousness of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we can stand before Him just.

This chapter which we have under consideration (Chapter 11) naturally falls into two parts. The first part (vv. 1-11) gives us the blessings of justification, and the second part (vv. 12-21) deals with our sanctification. In this lesson we are concerned with the first section of this chapter.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Since the Lord Jesus Christ has satisfied the demands of heaven, the people on earth may have peace through faith in Him (Romans 5:1; Colossians 3:15).

B. The believer is not promised a smooth road or a life without any trouble, but he is promised grace sufficient for every trial or problem (Romans 5:2, 3; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 10:34-39; John 15:18-20).

C. As the Christian grows in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus, his faith and hope will also increase because he has proved the faithfulness of God (Romans 5:3-5; cf. Hebrews 11:1).

D. There was nothing in man himself to cause God to justify him, but God did it on the basis of man's faith in Another (Romans 5:6-8; 3:24-26).

E. If God could love man while man was His enemy, could God love him less now that he is in God's family? (Romans 5:9-11; 8:32-39).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Let's picture our lesson on the power of good over evil in terms of a line and a rectangle.

One of the worst names you can call a young person is "square." Those who are older can recall when "square" was a complimentary word. A square person was someone who was fair and honest. So was a square shooter. A square deal was that kind of transaction; a square meal was a real feed. To square accounts meant to pay your debts. Something done "on the square" meant that there were no cut corners.

"Straight" was a good word also in years gone by. "Going straight" meant living a clean, moral life. A straight thinker knew what he was talking about. Straight-forward meant honest, fra candid; straight spoken meant that k of speech. Straightway meant direct immediately, forthwith.

The opposite of "square" a "straight" is "crooked." And the b way to prove that something is crook is to lay it alongside something straig like a tape. As we have defined t words, we're sure we can call Je square and straight. In Him God gave a perfect standard by which to measu our lives. Let's try constantly to m sure up, straight and square.—Standa Commentary.

B. Two men fell out over some ima nary slight. One of the men began hate the other and the hatred beca possessive. He said many harsh thin about his onetime friend, and hurt reputation very much. The other m knew that such hatred would eventua destroy the hater quicker than the hat so he decided to do something good t his enemy. At every opportunity he de onstrated his love by doing sec things to help his neighbor. It w never revealed what ultimate effect th had, but would you say that the seco man was able to overcome evil in his li by the help of God, much easier th the first man?—The Advanced Quarte (F.W.B.).

C. "The story of the slave girl remin us of God's power and willingness save. The late Dr. Torrey told of experience of knowing a young girl in midwestern city who 'went wrong' or, he put it, 'was betrayed by a man.' H family rejected her and made her an o cast. This began a downward trend th brought her into the companionship robbers, forgers, and other crimina She became a member of one of N York's worst gangs. One night she w told by a Christian layman that if s ever became sick of the life she was l ing, she should call him and he wou try to help her. Some months later s remembered this promise and went the layman's house. There he and wife led her to the Lord. Dr. Torr later met her at a summer Bible conf ence and found her to be a fine, Chr tian woman, with all her sins blott out. She expressed some fear that Torrey might tell others of her past. assured her that God had blotted out her sins, covered all her past, and one need know. God does so forgive.

"King Henry of England had a very bellious son who plotted against father. Driven from England, the l later became sick and during his illn

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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sash of color made him stop. He cross- the hall and stood in front of a poster t was sure to be a winner. It was t like his—and yet it wasn't!

The plastic organs had been painted ir natural colors. The description was tly printed and even told how much od it pumped daily! He leaned for- d to read the name in the bottom ner. Jimmy Beach! This was Jimmy's ter! Ricky didn't have to wait till n to know the judges would be arding this poster a white ribbon!

"How do you like it?" The voice rtled him. It was Jimmy.

"I like it," Ricky admitted truthfully. s great!"

"I saw your poster," said Jimmy. Then silence was awkward. "You could e done the same thing," he added.

"I know," Ricky said quietly.

The two friends stood shoulder to ulder, looking at the excellent poster. y were thinking the same thoughts. e had not been satisfied with making poster just good enough to get by, he ld probably win a ribbon, too.

Ricky was eleven years old, but in that minutes he had learned one of the t important lessons of his life. He ked at his friend and winked. "You w, Jimmy, I know now that you get of something only what you put into From now on, doing things just 'good ugh' is not going to be good enough me!"—My Pleasure.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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ught of the kindness and goodness of father. Repenting, he sent a mes- ger to ask his father's forgiveness. king refused. Upon receiving the s of his rejection, the son asked to placed in sackcloth and ashes. This sage was relayed to King Henry, who y then believed in his son's sincerity. had made a mistake in not under- nding the son's repentance. We may assured God knows the heart and ry sincere, repenting sinner will be eived and forgiven. We must think od as a loving God."—Illustrating the on, 1967.

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ever insist that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it.—0 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

Questions & Answers

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in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me" (Romans 7:15-21); "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. . . . If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:8, 10); "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13); "God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy savings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged" (Romans 3:4).

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Someone asked D. L. Moody one day, "Mr. Moody, you are a man of faith. Why are you always asking people for money? Why don't you just trust God?" Mr. Moody replied, "I am a man of faith; and if you'd show me a man who has a thousand dollars for the Lord's work, I'd have faith enough to ask him for it."—1010 Illustrations, Poems and Quotes.

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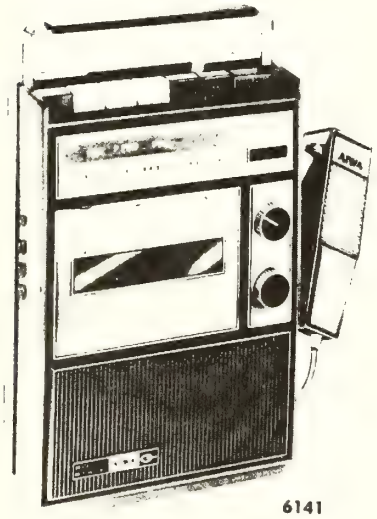
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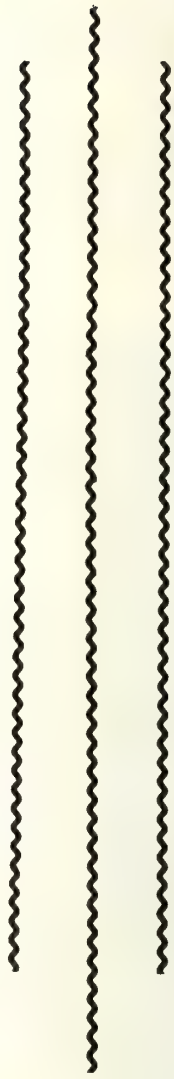
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GOD NEVER SAID THAT!

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He had just come into his room where his mother was straightening up toys, rocks, shells, clothes, and many other things he had strewn. He had in his hand a crude cross carved from laminated wood which his father had found the day before. The cross was about four by five inches, carved crudely, yet beautifully, and easily handled by the little six-year-old boy.

He placed the cross on his bed and knelt reverently before it, hands clasped and head bowed, and he began to move his lips inaudibly. The cross for him was not any object of worship, but it was a symbol that reminded him of God. That is why he placed it before him.

His mother was nearly moved to tears as she watched her precious child talk to the Lord. She caught her husband's eye, indicating that he should watch also. It was a cherished picture indeed, a little child kneeling in prayer, unashamedly talking to his heavenly Father.

As quickly as he had knelt, the little boy arose from his praying and related to his mother, "Mommy, I just had a talk with God." His mother nodded, "That's nice Dear; God likes for you to talk with Him."

At that the little boy responded, "I know; He said that I could use this cross as a gun," whereupon he began shooting about the room with the cross in his right hand, making sounds with his mouth typical of some wild west show.

His mother and father were speechless, but after a few gasps they were able to reprimand him, however gently, that the cross was never intended to be used in such a way.

The little boy had not meant to be sacrilegious. The cross made a perfect gun so far as he was concerned. He knew also that it had a sacred meaning and that his parents would never allow him to use it in a frivolous manner. He knew also that God's approval would make it all right; so his childish imagination had gotten carried away.

How many of us big Christians make God say just what we want Him to say? How many of us answer our own prayers the way we want them to be answered, giving God the credit or discredit (as the case may be) for our acting as we do? How many of us pray beautiful prayers but live ugly lives, believing that our interpretation of His answers justifies our doing so? Many of us, to be sure.

Very few adults would take a cross and use it as a "gun" or handle it in such a manner as to desecrate its meaning. Childish innocence made it excusable in the case of the little boy, but adult wisdom would not allow us to consider doing such a thing. Yet, many of us do things worse than desecrating the symbol of our Lord's dying. We shame Him openly by talking and praying like a Christian and living like something totally different!

The little boy knelt in front of his parents, making a profound impression upon them—and certainly God is able to excuse his childish prank. However, adult people must realize that their "pranking" God will not be excused—that kneeling before Him in front of others will make little impact upon a God who sees within as well as without. Unless one is sincere, wrapping oneself in good intentions and speaking heavenward in sweet, wordy phrases will never open the gates of the temple nor move the heart of God!

Advice: Make the cross what it's supposed to be. Allow it to remain a symbol of our Saviour's sacrificial dying for all mankind. Let it remind us of God, but never let it become an object of adoration. At the same time, make not of it a toy that will be disregarded as unimportant.

Advice: Make life what it's supposed to be. Allow it to be used for the purpose God intended. Make life a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. Let it not be an artificial representation of the real thing.

Questions: Have you talked to God lately? Did He talk to you? What did He say? Careful now. . .

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BUILDING ON A SURE FOUNDATION

by Mrs. Laura Carawan
Deep Run, North Carolina

This message was delivered by Mrs. Carawan at the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention at Folkstone, North Carolina, on September 23, 1971.

Mrs. Carawan was brought up in the Salvation Army in Bowling Green, Kentucky. From 1943-47 she was a missionary co-worker in the mountains of Virginia, under the sponsorship of the Church of God; then in 1947 she came to North Carolina, married, and continued in the Salvation Army for sixteen years.

In November, 1969, Mrs. Carawan and her husband, Hugh, united with the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run. Since then her husband has passed away.

This fine lady will be sixty-five in January. Her zeal for the Lord is as great as ever. Everyone who meets her receives a great blessing. (The editor knows Mrs. Carawan quite well and can testify to her love for Christianity. She puts Christ first in every activity of life and uses every talent to benefit His kingdom's cause. Her keen intelligence is complimented by good common sense which she exercises in every situation. She is deeply religious without being unfavorably pious. She is humble and attentive to the Lord's Word. One is able to feel that the Lord is indeed alive while conversing with her. Laura Carawan is a valiant soldier in the Lord's army.)

TEXT: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

VERY few of us today, especially the ladies, ever think of ourselves as being builders of any sort. So why this theme for the woman's auxiliary convention?

I'll tell you why. Because it is a subject of utmost concern to all of us—to women as well as men—and, at the same time, it is one which too many people in this busy, modern world are ignoring. But there is no excuse for ignorance or negligence, in regard to this all-important matter.

Whether we realize it or not, whether we are even interested in the topic or not, whether we know a hammer from a saw does not alter the fact, in the least, that we are **all** builders—not just for this present time, but for eternity! Therefore, it is well to ask ourselves **how** we are building. Most of us do stop now and then to ponder over our life—how we are spending it. We all want it to count here in this world, and so it should. But by far the most vital question to ask first is this: **On what are we building?**

Any structure, to withstand the test of time, traffic, severe winds, and storms must have a strong, solid support or foundation. So, rather than discuss the building process itself, we want to consider the foundation that Paul tells us about.

But first, let's note the folly of building without a sure foundation. Most of us have watched small children at play, observing their tendency to build. Rocks, gravel, sand, spools, anything they can pile up becomes their little "castle." My little three-year-old granddaughter collects all her stuffed toys and every pillow she can find, stacks them one on the other, in any order, until—well, we all know what happens eventually. They all come tumbling down. The blocks, the gravel, can all go only just so high, then slides or falls. Some children seem to enjoy the tearing down about as well as the building up process; so they very patiently begin all over again.

The application here is this: Alas, too many adults are playing this same childish game with the precious lives that God has entrusted to them. They treat them as though they were mere gifts not to be accounted for. But when their building comes crashing down, it will not bring laughter as to the child; rather, grief, sorrow, loss, and heartache may be the result.

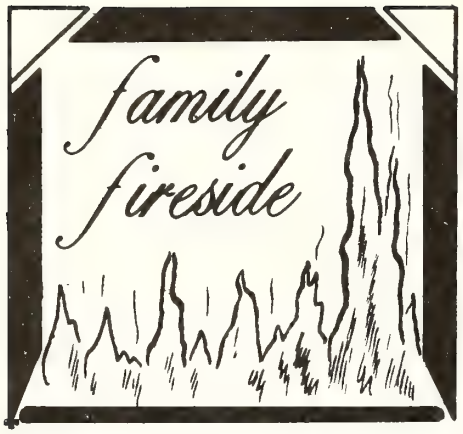
We only have to look around us—perhaps no further than our own home and family—to find people who are trying to build their lives on that which is unstable and perishable. Job tells us about these people "whose foundation is in the dust." Can you think of anything more unstable, unsettled, than dust? It can be dislodged by a mere breeze, picked up and placed somewhere else, until the next breeze comes along! Do you know people like that? Just a little whisper of false doctrine—even a little gossip—will dislodge them. They are here today, apparently good church members; maybe tomorrow finds them somewhere else. I have a name for such people, "spiritual transients" with no foundation.

First, there comes to my mind those who are trying to build on their **own merit**—leaving God out of their lives completely. They wouldn't dare speak so rudely, but by their actions they say, "This life is mine; so, God, it is not your business what I do with it." No, few, if any, would say it, but their actions speak louder than words. They claim no dependence whatsoever on Him; neither do they give Him any credit for the measure of success He allows them to have in this world.

Then there are those who build (and I'm afraid they outnumber any class of builders I have in mind) on **church membership.** "Oh, no!" you say. Yes, we know for a fact that there are many in the churches today who have never had a "born-again" experience with Christ. Talk to some of them; they will readily admit it! Many mistake conviction for conversion—and get no further. Satan deceives them into thinking they are "all-right" because they are baptized and joined the church, thus soothing their consciences. It is possible for them to engage in the activities of the church, even to teaching others; but unless conviction is followed by repentance and saving faith, no one is a member of the true church which, someday, Christ will present to His Father! I want to be "among that number," don't you?

A third class of people (and there are many of these also) are building on **good works.** My! what shaky structure this becomes—nothing with which to face God and eternity! A nurse once said to me, "I know God won't let me miss heaven because of all the good works I've done in my life." "The Lord help you," I answered, "for even thinking that the kingdom of God can be entered on good works alone. Without a Godly sorrow

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

"Home, Sweet Home"

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:6

The author of "Home, Sweet Home," John Howard Payne, a genial-hearted, kind little man, was walking with a friend in the great city of London, and pointing to one of the aristocratic streets in Mayfair, where wealth and luxury had the windows closed and curtained lest the least warmth and light should go out, or the smallest air of cold winter come in, where isolated exclusive English comfort was guarded by a practical dragon of gold; he, this tiny man with a big heart, said: "Under those windows I composed the song of 'Home, Sweet Home," as I wandered about without food, or a semblance of shelter I could call my own. Many a night since I wrote those words that issued out of my heart by absolute want of a home have I passed and repassed in this locality, and heard a sweet voice coming from within these gilded, furlined, comfortable walls in the depth of a dim, cold London winter warbling 'Home, Sweet Home,' while I, the author of them, knew no bed to call my own."—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

Maybe we can be as this man. Just by reading and hearing about heaven makes us want to sing and tell about it—and to spend eternity there. We're standing on the outside now with earthly trials and many joys, but just think what we have to look forward to—forever!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Why the Minister Was Thankful

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:14

A preacher going to a country church one Sunday morning, was overtaken by a deacon who remarked, "What a bitterly cold morning, sir. I am sorry the weather is so wintry." "Oh," replied the minister, "I was just thanking God for keeping His Word." The man stared at him. "What do you mean?" he asked. "Well, over three thousand years ago God promised that cold and heat should not cease, so I am strengthened by this weather to emphasize the sureness of His promises."—*Gospel Gleaners.*

Prayer Thought

We are continually reminded of the sacredness of keeping promises. Keeping our word to our God and to our fellowman is something He expects of us, because He always keeps His word.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The Blessing from "Asking the Blessing"

Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:4

I went into a restaurant one day and, after bowing my head and giving thanks for the food, a waitress came over to the table and said: "Pardon me, but you must be a Christian. I have looked for three months for a Christian to come in here, because I would like to be saved." I knew of at least fifteen professing Christians who were eating in that restaurant, but apparently not one of them had bowed his head, and said, "Thank you, Lord." Here was this woman watching for a Christian and wanting to be saved, but seeing no one to help her.—*From "A Sure Remedy," by Dr. Walter L. Wilson.*

Prayer Thought

Sometimes our actions speak so much louder than our words. There could be someone, somewhere, watching each of us. Oh, if we could only not let anyone down!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Everything Not Lost

Scripture Reading—Philipians 4:6

A man stood in the street and gazed at his bomb-wrecked home. Then he said to his wife: "This morning someone came into our dugout and told me that we had lost everything. It's a lie. Thank God, I've still got health and strength to carry on with my job. I still have you, my dear, and the children. Thank God, you're all safe. Hitler hasn't smashed my faith in the love and wisdom of God, or my faith in the ultimate victory of right. I still have hope for the future. I can still call my soul my own. I am still alive and ready for action again. So I reckon that you and I ought to thank God that we have saved far more than we have lost. Houses and buildings may be wrecked and ruined, but you and I can still hold on to things which can never be shaken or destroyed."—*Church Standard.*

Prayer Thought

What a beautiful testimony! This man had not really lost "anything." He had "everything." We have to have material things to live, but we have to have what this man had to "really" live. Do we have that?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Be Thankful

Scripture Reading—Psalm 100

One of the weekly duties of a young American girl in India was to visit a certain group of high-caste Hindu women—all younger than herself, mere girls, most of them, though already wives. She taught them the life of Christ by telling them a new chapter in it each week, as they sat about their apartment, idly busy over their embroidery frames. She had come at to the account of His death on the C and was quietly relating the incident those six hours, when she caught the s of sobbing—in the room, she thought. paused, looked keenly about, saw no unusual, concluded the sound must come in through the high lattice from women's courtyard, and went on with reading. Presently the sobs came a unmistakably from a young girl whose was almost turned toward the Ame girl. Quickly she knelt by her side, a gently, "What is the trouble? Are yo In pain? What can I do to help y Through her raining tears the Hindu h en girl answered, with sobs, "Oh, I c bear it—another word! He suffered and you said it was for me! Oh, I c bear it—I love Him so!" Said the Ame girl when she told it afterward, "A never knew till that minute how lit had loved my Saviour—I who had shed a tear over His suffering for me.

Have you ever thanked Jesus for for you?—*Happy Hour.*

Prayer Thought

Maybe we can learn a lesson from story. If we can read and tell others God, it will make us realize more than how much He loves us today. How we have to be thankful for!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

The Ones Who Never Gave Than

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5

An honest farmer was asked to dine a gentleman, and there asked a blessi the table as he was accustomed to home. His host said jeeringly, "Th old-fashioned; it is not customary adays for well-educated people to at the table." The farmer answered with him it was customary, but that of his household never prayed over food. "Ah, then," said the gentle "they are sensible and enlightened. are they?" The farmer answered, " are my pigs."—*Christian Herald.*

Prayer Thought

The above indicates honesty in the t sense of the word. Could we in the fa such ridicule compare with this farmer' tions? We can start today!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Let's Not Conceal It

Scripture Reading—Acts 28:15

A kind uncle who had just returned Paris brought his little niece a fine Fr doll. "Did you thank Uncle for the be ful present?" asked her mother, as the girl rushed into the house all aglow enthusiasm over the new toy. "Yes, M ma, but I didn't tell him so." This i way with much of our gratitude. If are thankful to God, tell Him so. If are grateful for the kindness of a frien

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he Children's Home truly appreciates s kind, generous gesture by the tele-ne company and would encourage inesses, organizations, and individuals remember the Home in a similar way. se interested are urged to call the erintendent.

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Memory is the diary that we all carry ut with us.—Wilde.

A Letter From the Superintendent

Dear Friends of the Children's Home:

November is the month for **Thanksgiving!** It is my honest, heartfelt opinion that we should praise the Lord in this Thanksgiving season for His many blessings upon the Free Will Baptist Children's Home during the past year. Our many accomplishments seem to prove that the year has been successful! So please take a few moments right now to thank God and ask for His continued blessings upon this great ministry!

We wish to express our thanks to **you** and your people for your continued support of the Children's Home. We recognize how valuable you are to us; we could never have done what we have without your having done what you did! Our special State Convention offering was one of the best ever, totaling $11,034.49. So please accept our sincere appreciation!

November is "Children's Home Month" and Sunday, November 21, is "Children's Home Day" in our Free Will Baptist churches. Turkey folders have recently been mailed to each church (all surplus ones should be saved until next year and we would appreciate hearing from you as to whether we are sending too many or too few). We urge each church and other organizations to use these and other means to raise at least $1 per member to the Home. An honor roll of all organizations who send this amount will be published in **The Free Will Baptist.** Please lead your church, Sunday school, or other church auxiliary to meet its goal so as to be included on this honor roll.

A comparison of our total November income for the past two years reveals $27,367.40 received in 1969 and $23,827.94 in 1970. Since the State Convention met in September our income has dropped off considerably. Therefore, we need at least $35,000 this November in order to overcome the above deficits. Can we count on you to help us reach this goal?!!

Please don't forget that there will not be a special Thanksgiving Day service at the Children's Home this year. It is felt that our children deserve to spend Thanksgiving with their families and friends. We urge you to plan to help us make our Founders' Day in May, 1972, the big event of the year on our campus!

Will you, please, send us your Thanksgiving gift? And remember to call on us if we may be of assistance to you in any way!

Sincerely yours,
Cedric D. Pierce Jr.
Superintendent

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Biblical Crosswords

(Answers to Last Week's Puzzle)

Across	Down
2. Assyrians	1. Stormy
6. Oar	2. Aaron
7. Ham	3. Ye
8. Joab	4. Ashbea
9. Mt. Nebo	5. Same
10. Balaam	8. Job
13. Habakkuk	11. Luke
17. An	12. Malachi
18. Ezra	13. Help
19. Lost	14. Bashan
20. Ruth	15. Ant
22. Eli	16. Kedron (Cedron)
24. Canaan	21. He
	23. Lo

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ATTENTION, YOUTH!

The Youth Fellowship Convention of the Central Conference District will be held Saturday, November 20, at the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The youth groups are reminded to bring their money for the Joneses' house in Palowan, Minimum (missionaries to the Philippines).

The quotas for each AFC is $15; for each YFA is $25.

Please make your plans now to attend. The Winterville church has a very interesting program planned for this occasion. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

DEBRA CARAWAN, Secretary

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The middle of the road may not be the most exciting place to be, but at least you'll be farther from the ditch—on either side.—Selected.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Otter's Creek Church Announces Revival

The Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of November 22-27. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Dewey C. Boling of Clayton, North Carolina. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrelle, assisting Mr. Boling. Everyone is invited to attend and to be much in prayer for the success of the meeting.

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Cragmont Assembly Report For October, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of October, 1971:

Balance September 30, 1971		$2,259.91
Receipts		
Churches	$ 69.75	
Sunday Schools	88.74	
Sunday School Convention	25.00	
Unions	25.00	
*Calvary Mission	288.13	
*Calvary Woman's Auxiliary	311.80	
Total Receipts		808.42
Total to Account For		$3,068.33
Operating Expenses		334.06
Balance October 30, 1971 (In Checking Account)		$2,734.27
On Savings		2,262.17
Grand Total		$4,996.44

*Money donated by the Calvary Mission and Woman's Auxiliary is to be used for repairs to the main building.

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Missions Day to Be Held At Saratoga Church

Missions Day will be observed Sunday, November 21, at the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, Saratoga, North Carolina.

The Rev. Joseph Ingram, Director of the North Carolina Board of Missions of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, will be guest speaker at both the Sunday morning and evening services. Mr. Ingram will deliver a missions message at 11 a. m. and will present a program of color slides of the field work in Mexico, Africa, and the Philippines at the 7 p. m. service.

The Rev. Charles Branch, pastor, and the local congregation extend a welcome to everyone.

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NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this means to thank each one of you, my ministerial brethren, church members, members of churches I have pastored, and my many friends, for the many visits, cards, flowers, gifts, and prayers for me during my stay in the hospital.

I was in the Johnston County Memorial Hospital, Smithfield, North Carolina, from October 19-30, 1971.

I am much better now, and I hope to be well soon and active in my pastorate, the Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina.

Again, may I say, "Thank you."

Ranton H. Jackson

MINCHEWS TO BE HONORED

The children of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Minchew will be giving a recep in honor of their parents' golden w ding anniversary on November 21 f two until five in the afternoon at Holiday Inn located at Highways I-95 U. S. 70-A in Smithfield, North Carol Interested persons are invited to atte

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REQUEST DENIED

by Karen Register
Kinston, North Carolina

You said, "No,"
And I said, "I don't hear you, God."

I sneaked and schemed,
Concocting elaborate plans
To make it "Yes."

I wept and anguished,
Fought and pleaded,
Refused to acknowledge
Your answer.

Finally in frustration
I asked, "Why not?"
Then you told me
And I had to agree.

When will I learn that
You are on my side?

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

By Larry Christense



The Christian Family i not a book for those who ar seeking a simple prescriptio for temporary relief of th symptoms of a sick home Unless you are prepared t re-examine some of your mos basic habits and beliefs abou family life, don't bother t read it. David Wilkerson says "This book should be read by pastors, by students, teachers and above all, by parents!"

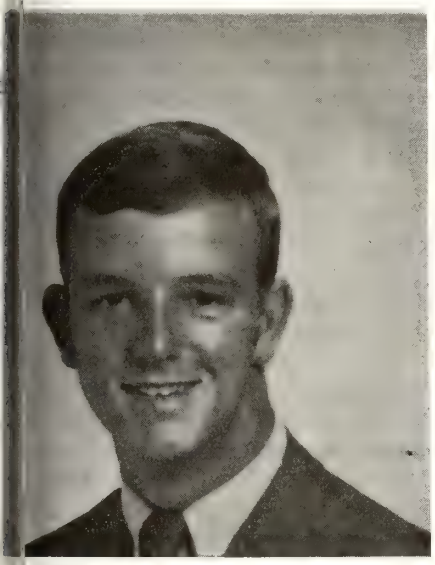
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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

A LETTER TO HIS PARENTS

y a Student at Mount Olive College



Dr Mama and Daddy,

onight I experienced one of the gr atest things that has ever happened to e. I found a great and loving Friend. To tell how it all started, a group went to a religious life retreat this weekend, an what they brought back with them is ust unbelievable.

I walked into my room tonight and it w filled with boys. I didn't know what w going on but I was curious so I came in nd sat down. I listened to them talk fo awhile and they seemed to be filled wi a joy greater than the world has ev r known. I wanted to be a part of th joy so I asked what was up? That w all it took because the room lit up lik the sun had come from behind a gia at cloud.

hese guys really experienced God last weekend and they brought this experi- ere back with them. I could tell that H was in the room because I felt warm all over. I thought I was close to God th se many years but after tonight I felt lik I only saw Him from a distance.

his thing that has hit Mount Olive C lege is really great, and I hope it will spread like wildfire. I know one thing, I really love God and all His creations. This feeling is just too great to hold back. I want to tell everyone I see about my experience with God tonight in my room. I've always heard that God is love and now I know for sure that He is love. He has filled my heart with love for everyone and everything. I hope everyone gets this joy sooner or later.

Well, got to go now; bedtime and I've got to say my prayers.

Love you all,
Rudy

The above letter was written by Rudy Edmundson, a student at Mount Olive College. This letter was written to his parents and not for publication at the time of its writing. His roommate saw the letter and asked if he would share it with "The Free Will Baptist." Rudy is from Hamilton, North Carolina, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edmundson.

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Tapped for Honorary Fraternity

Fifteen students from Mount Olive College were tapped recently for membership in the Nu Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa national honorary fraternity.

The students are: Gary Bailey, Vikki Best, Del Carter, Cynthia Everett, Tim Harper, Steve Herring, Dennis Lawson, Danny Mercer, Marilyn Miller, Allen O'Neal, Vickie Radford, Mike Scott, Cathy Smith, Brent Sumner, and Chris Yeager.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa bestows on those junior college students who have "established academic excellence as judged by the college faculty."

Initiation ceremonies will be held in about two weeks.

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Outstanding Young Women For 1971

Six alumni of Mount Olive College have been selected Outstanding Young Women for 1971, according to an announcement today by the Mount Olive College Alumni Association. They were nominated by the organization earlier this year on the basis of their achievements.

The program recognizes young women between the ages of 21 and 35 for their contributions to the betterment of their communities, professions, and country. Serving on the program's Board of Advisors are the national presidents of women's clubs, headed by Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, honorary president of the General Foundation of Women's Clubs.

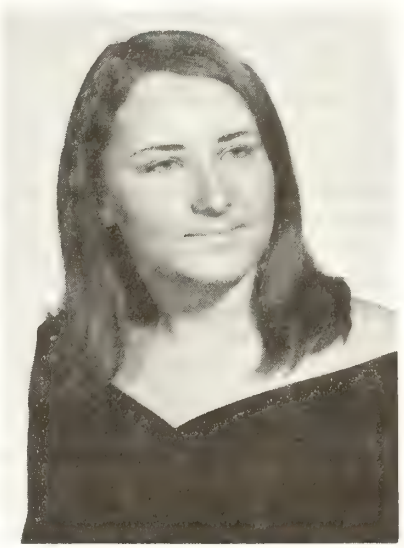
Complete biographical sketches of all nominees are featured in the national volume, "Outstanding Young Women of America," and these women are now in competition for their state's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award.

The volume will be published this month, and the following nominees will be included: Melissa McCoy Barnett, Kinston; Linda Dianne Brown Riley, Fayetteville; Sandra Freeman Outlaw, Mount Olive; Nelda Boswell Futrell, Wilson; Johnnie Rose Whitman, Mount Olive; and Mary (Lorena) M. Wyatt, Winterville.

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My Impressions of Mount Olive College

Joy Bundy, Student
Mount Olive College

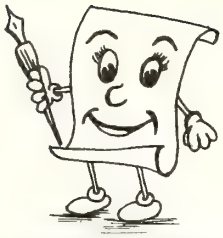


Miss Bundy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bundy of Farmville, North Carolina, and is a member of King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County.

About two years ago I seriously began to think about college and which school I would attend. Being a Free Will Baptist, I had naturally heard about Mount Olive College. I also had friends that attended Mount Olive. Whenever I had asked them about the school, they were

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GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Pictures and windows are somewhat alike. Both are framed—on or in the wall—with the same view day after day. You examine them frequently and enjoy them, memorizing each detail, or ignore them completely, forgetting they're there.

I enjoy windows more. The setting is the same, but always changing.

A cardinal sparkles for a moment among the green leaves and red berries of the dogwood, and I always wish he would stay. The sparrows like the maple tree, their patches of grey, brown, black, and oh yes, yellow, blended with its green, brown, and yellow leaves and grey, brown, and white bark.

Fleecy "animals" floating about the sky start me daydreaming. But the moment the clouds turn dark, I recall outdoor errands left undone. The same winds that push the clouds rush me too. But without the window I wouldn't have known a storm was coming.

And how many neighborhood ball games I've watched, in which nobody wins and no one loses! Football lasts from the first chill of autumn until it's really too cold, and then a little longer. Softball heralds spring and persists through the summer. The games resemble the serials—continued tomorrow, until someone gets too tired to play, or gets a cold, or moves away.

Haydn, Beethoven, and Bach have written majestic musical tributes to God in nature. We who can't express our feelings creatively but want to vocalize praises to our Maker must seek other vehicles for communicating our emotions. Poetry akin to Van Dyke's "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," says it for us. Or Scripture like Psalm 104 and Psalm 8. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Psalm 19:1).

An enticing view of trees and a small patch of sky is a constant reminder of God's glory in nature.

The efficiency, air-conditioned house of tomorrow may not need windows, but I'll be happier if the architects leave them in.

our Church Auxiliaries

North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

(Treasurer's Report—End of Second Quarter—October 31, 1971)

Balance in Bank July 31, 1971		$1,842
Receipts		
General Fund	$ 25.00	
Promotional (CSF)	140.92	
Denominational Enterprises	4,904.18	
Total Receipts		5,070
Total For Which to Account		$6,912
Disbursements		
Convention Expenses and Allocations	$ 378.90	
Denominational Enterprises	4,904.18	
Total Disbursed		5,283
Balance in Bank October 31, 1971		$1,629
Summary of Bank Account Balances		
General Fund		$1,362
Interest		267
Total		$1,629
Banks		
Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company		$ 862
Tarboro Savings and Loan		767
		$1,629

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES REPORT

	Itemize	Received	Disbu
Home Missions	$	$ 96.98	$ 96
Foreign Missions		66.98	66
Missions (Designated):			
Mexico	45.00		
Mexican Missionary Salary	90.00		
Timmons	37.40		
Mexican Institute	50.00		
Pam Temple	67.20		
Central Conference	15.00	304.60	304
Harold Jones		19.34	19
Faye Barrow		1,300.58	1,300
Mount Olive College:			
General Fund	98.39		
Alice Lupton Scholarship	34.50		
J. C. Griffin Scholarship	16.00		
Memorial Organ	70.00		
Chapel Fund	147.55		
Books	20.00		
Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship	100.00		
Spiritual Life Retreat	100.00	586.44	586

Mount Olive News

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l of enthusiasm for it. Their enthusm, along with the facts that Mount ve was affiliated with my religion as ll as being a highly regarded junior llege, made me decide to go there.

After that it seemed that everywhere urned I was hearing or seeing someng about Mount Olive. I frequently w ads for Mount Olive stressing it as he College That Cares." As it drew he for me to begin college, I began to nder if Mount Olive is really as great its ads and my friends had made it und.

ery Student: An Individual

From the very first I found that it is. ound that the faculty and staff, as well the students, were friendly and eager help in any way they could, from ofing me a ride to the auditorium to lping me work out my schedule. A dent at Mount Olive is really a "per-n, not a number." Furthermore, he is couraged to be an individual. To me is is one of the most important adntages a college can offer.

The Mount Olive College campus is o impressive. All but one of the ildings are relatively new and very dern. The Moye Library is a beautiful ilding. The library is small compared the libraries of larger schools, but it ntains the very best. The dorms at unt Olive are all new and air-conditned. Each room even has its own frigerator!

Spiritual Development

I feel though, that the most important feature that Mount Olive has is that it contributes to the total development of a student. The religious life program of the College is very evident on the campus and in the lives of the students. It doesn't force itself on the student though. Chapel is held every Tuesday; students are encouraged to come, but not made to come. To encourage attendance, students at Mount Olive often take part in the service. Rap sessions with the College Chaplain, the Rev. Frank Harrison, are frequently held. Students are encouraged to talk about anything on their mind. The College also sponsors a Religious Life Retreat. Under the guidance of the Religion Department, about fifty students spend a weekend in prayer, meditation, and fellowship.

Mount Olive College also cares about the social lives of its students. There are several clubs with membership open to the entire student body. All the clubs at Mount Olive are quite active and host several meetings and get-togethers, along with having many projects. This is an excellent way for students to meet each other and then get to know each other better. One of the most active clubs in the College is the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. In addition to this, the Student Government Association of Mount Olive College is very active and schedules activities to keep the students busy.

I know now that Mount Olive College is really "The College That Cares."

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ee Will Baptist Children's Home:			
General Fund	285.20		
Clothing	430.00		
Van	302.10		
Allowance Fund	22.00		
Betty Jean Summer Camp	20.00		
Thanksgiving Offering	38.00	1,097.30	1,097.30
perannuation:			
General Fund	63.00		
Adopted Widows and Ministers	21.00	84.00	84.00
agmont Assembly		630.12	630.12
e Membership Fees (Children's Home)		60.00	60.00
na Phillips Loan Fund		29.14	29.14
mp Vandemere		65.00	65.00
hristian Service Fund:			
Mount Olive College	140.92		
Missions	140.92		
Children's Home	105.70		
Cragmont Assembly	105.70		
Superannuation	70.46	563.70	563.70
Total Receipts		$4,904.18	$4,904.18

0% CSF retained for promotional—see receipts $140.92.

Mount Olive College Dinners

The remaining dinners for Mount Olive College are:

Nash County, Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties, Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria.

Lenoir County, Friday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., King's Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, Mr. John Taylor, chairman.

Beaufort County, Saturday, December 4, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Mr. Oscar Webster, chairman.

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Outstanding Young Men of America

Eight Mount Olive College alumni have been chosen for inclusion in the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," according to the Mount Olive College Alumni Association.

Nominated by the organization earlier this year, the men were chosen for the annual awards volume in recognition of their professional and community leadership, a spokesman said today.

Sponsored by leading men's civic and service organizations, "Outstanding Young Men of America" honors men between the ages of 21 and 35 whose demonstrated excellence has marked them for future leadership in the nation.

Nominations for the awards volume are submitted each year by civic organizations, Jaycee chapters, college alumni associations, and military commandants.

President Nixon, complimenting the awards volume, has said, "Outstanding Young Men of America presents a most fitting testimonial, not only to the success of many of our young people, but also to their awareness of the debt which they owe our free society."

Publication date for the 1971 edition is this month, and the following young men will be included: Hanson Rufus Malpass, Mount Olive; N. Raji Qubein, High Point; Randolph McPhail King, Mount Olive; Howard Daley Seymour, High Point; William Rankin Crowder Jr., Greensboro; Fletcher Brent Baker, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Milton Turnage, Goldsboro; and Howard Franklin Bryan, Statesville.

BUILDING ON A SURE FOUNDATION

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for sin, all your good works will perish with you."

If this were true (good works saving one), all doctors, nurses, and who knows who else, would steal into heaven without being redeemed—and we know no sin can enter there! Of course, good works are essential, and the Christian must produce them; but they have to be cemented together with much faith in order to hold fast. Here, we ladies of the auxiliary must be especially cautious. It has been said that the women's organizations are the "backbone" of any church. We are organized and meet together for one reason: We are interested in doing all we can for our church and for humanity. We want to relieve our pastor of every burden we can, so that he may be free to preach the gospel and attend the weightier, spiritual matters of the church. We certainly can't emphasize this need too strongly: the need for more women who are willing to work. But let us be very sure that, as individual workers, we mix lots of faith with our works; else, God will not recognize them, and they will be burned and the ashes scattered to the wind, and the place will know us no more. "Only what's done for Jesus (and in His name) will last."

These, and many other things we could mention, are as "sinking sand." They cannot stand the test of time—certainly not eternity! Builders for eternity? Then it is most important that our building has as its base, or foundation, the solid Rock, Jesus Christ. Paul tells us that there is no other foundation. No man or woman can lay another. All structures otherwise built will one day collapse. And the higher we build, worldly-wise, the greater will be the fall—the loss!

Let's take, for example, the great man Paul. He was great in the eyes of men before his conversion. He had a courage, a zeal, a determination, rarely, if ever, surpassed. Oh, how God could use a few such men—and women too—in your church and in mine; but only **if** they are well founded on the Rock, Christ Jesus!

Paul was proud of the services he thought he was rendering for God. Notice, I said, "he thought." Paul was sincere; he was dedicated to a cause; but his sincerity and dedication were pointing in the wrong direction. So God humbled him—even blinded him to his present purpose—in order to show him that he had no foundation at all. (Right here is a valuable lesson for each of us: It is highly possible for us to be deceived into thinking we are on the right foundation, when in reality we have no foundation that is sure and solid.)

Paul witnessed the collapse of all he had worked so hard for. In a moment least expected, it all came crashing down. His former greatness vanished. He had to get away—break all ties with the past; and, in Arabia, he had to dig long and deep into the Scriptures until he was sure he was well established on the Rock, Jesus Christ. Only then could he go back and start building anew on the one "sure foundation" so wonderfully revealed to him three years before, on the Damascus road.

No wonder Paul cried, "Other foundation can no man lay . . ." He knew from actual experience the consequences of building without a firm foundation. He had built high, only to be brought about as low and humble as ever a man could be—save our Lord and Saviour himself.

Can't we see the folly of building without a **sure** foundation?

Then, we want to know what our foundation is really like, the one that Paul says is laid for us. In Isaiah 28:16 we find a beautiful and complete picture of this same foundation. In this one verse we are given the answers to these questions: Who laid it? What is it like? Is it tested and proved adequate? What is its effect on our lives? ". . . Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, . . ." First, it is God who says, "I lay." The word "stone" can refer to a gem, and I'm sure it does here, meaning something of great value. In combined form, it can also denote "completeness." So this phrase answers at least two of our questions. God has laid for us a foundation both priceless and complete. (God's work is always complete; He never leaves anything half done, as man is often prone to do.)

Then he adds that it is a "tried stone." We remember that Jesus was tried (1) by the devil (Luke 4) who came to Him at a time when He was weak, tired, and hungry, much in need of physical refreshment. (Satan is still using the same tactics today; he knows our weaknesses even better than we know them ourselves.) Then He was tried (2) by men. Luke 20 relates in part how they questioned His authority, His divinity, and tried to trap Him into proving that He was not the Son of God, as He said. Then (3) the greatest testing of all, I'm su was when the Father himself must nee leave Him alone in the darkest hour His suffering. It seems to me that that hour when He cried "My God, w hast thou forsaken me?" that He w most human than anytime in His life and yet at the same time He was tru divine.

Jesus Christ is, indeed, a "stone tested soldidity to bear the vast supe structure of man's redemption."—Co mentary. **All** the weight of **all** mer sins, throughout **all** generations, was la upon Him. Such incomprehensib weight! Beyond all human understan ing! Yet, "thanks be unto God," it cou not crush Him! Oh, what a redeeme Oh, what a foundation have I! It h been tested in all points. Had Jes Christ failed in just one trial, no oth in heaven or earth could have been fou good enough to take His place.

Because of this testing, He has becor the "precious Cornerstone." The corne stone is the best and usually the mo costly stone in the entire structure, function being to support two conne ing walls. So, as the Cornerstone, Jes Christ is portrayed, not only as o Foundation, but as our Mediator, our on Connection with God, the Father.

Isaiah then calls Him a "sure fou dation." Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:1 ". . . the foundation of God stande sure, having this seal, The Lord knowe them that are his. . . ." The seal prov its authenticity: confirms its genuinene

Isaiah further assures us that "he th believeth"—all who build on this su foundation—"shall not make haste Haste indicates fear. We hurry for fe of missing an appointment, of being la we also hurry to try to escape that whi we fear to encounter. Much of the hu bub and hurrying around us today caused by some sort of fear, either our conscious or subconscious mind. know personally people who are afra to be alone and quiet, lest their ov thoughts trouble them. So they "ma haste"—they take off, from one place another. But "he that believeth" w never have cause for alarm; he will nev need to run from his own falling stru ture. All who build on this "precio stone" need never be afraid, for in H alone is safety and security. Truly has been rightly called the "Pearl greatest price!"

Now, **how** do we reach this sure fou dation? Luke 6:48 tells of a man ". which built an house, and digged dee and laid the foundation on a rock: a

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain how some us sinners after we are saved. I ught we were saints.

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n the Scofield Bible Notes at the foot Page 1194 the following discussion of occurs: "The literal meanings of the rew and Greek words variously ren- ed 'sin,' 'sinner,' etc., disclose the e nature of sin in its manifold mani- tations. Sin is 'transgression,' an rstepping of the law, the divine ndary between good and evil (Psalm 1; Luke 15:29); 'iniquity,' an act in- ently wrong, whether expressly for- den or not; 'error,' a departure from t (Psalm 51:9; Romans 3:23); 'miss- the mark,' a failure to meet the di- e standard; 'trespass,' the intrusion self-will into the sphere of divine hority (Ephesians 2:1); 'lawlessness,' spiritual anarchy (1 Timothy 1:9); 'un- ef,' or an insult to the divine ver- y (John 16:9). Sin originated with an (Isaiah 14:12-14); entered the ld through Adam (Romans 5:12); was, is, universal, Christ alone excepted mans 3:23; 1 Peter 2:22); incurs the alties of spiritual and physical death esis 2:17; 3:19; Ezekiel 18:4, 20; mans 6:23); and has no remedy but in sacrificial death of Christ (Hebrews ; Acts 4:12) availed of by faith (Acts 38, 39). Sin may be summarized as efold: An act, the violation of, or t of obedience to the revealed will God; a 'state,' absence of righteous- ; a 'nature,' enmity toward God."

short, the Bible depicts sin as that ch ought not be; and the sinner, as who does that he should not do, be- e of a motivation force one yields to is contrary to the nature of God and new nature in man. When a Chris- sins, in that act he reveals the un- ural fact that he who has been saved aith still possesses his old nature and if he is a mind to do so he can al- the old nature to be active and e him to sin, transgress the law of , do that which he should never do, and thus put down the new nature or the new man in Christ—the new creation in Christ Jesus. This idea fostered by some professed Christians that one cannot sin and therefore is not a sinner after he has been regenerated or born again is without Bible basis. A man that sins is a sinner, and since missing the mark one hairbreadth, means that a person has sinned. All of us are guilty; but again consider that John has said, "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his truth is not in us" (1 John 1:10).

Paul did not only write ". . . all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23); but when quite a matured Christian he said, "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members" (Romans 7:23); "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body" (Romans 8:22, 23). These verses, without doubt, make clear the fact that a Christian, though generally active in the realm of Christian services as Paul was; yet he is keenly aware of the fact that the old nature is still present and that through it the best of Christians are tempted and that they sin at times which tells them and us they still are sinners. This will be our plight as long as we live in these bodies that have a sinful nature.

I was saved from sin when I repented; I am kept saved from sin as I live in harmony with Christ and His word. I shall be saved from the presence of sin when I acquire a new body like unto Christ's glorified body. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Philippians 3:20, 21); "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

Knowing that we Christians are only sinners saved by grace, we should follow Paul's injunction: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication" (1 Thessalonians 4:3); "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5: 22); and Peter's "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). When we follow these inspired injunctions, we shall have nothing to fear for we, in this obedience, will grow in grace and knowledge of Christ; and like Paul said was true of him, we shall be dying to the world, to the flesh, and to the devil and will be becoming more like Christ in the passing of time.

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Practical Rules for a Happy Married Life

Never both be angry at once.
Never speak loudly to one another unless the house is on fire.
Let each one strive to yield oftenest to the wishes of the other.
Let self-denial be the daily aim and practice of each.
Never taunt with a past mistake.
Neglect the whole world besides rather than one another.
Never make a remark at the expense of each other.
Never part for a day without loving words to think of during absence.
Never meet without a loving welcome.
Never let the sun go down upon any anger or grievance.
Never forget that marriage is ordained of God, and that His blessing alone can make it what it should be.

—20th Century Christian.

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The Time to Trust

When nothing whereon to lean remains,
When strongholds crumble to dust;
When nothing is sure but that God still reigns,
That is just the time to trust.

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SKATEBOARD AND NEW SLED

FLORENCE JANSSON

PETER wished it would snow. He wished there would be a thick white blanket of snow spread out over the countryside—and over Hickory Hill, which was just beyond his house. Hickory Hill was a perfect place for sledding except for one thing. There was no snow as yet this year.

Peter had had his new sled ever since his birthday two weeks ago. And there hadn't been even one little flake of snow in all this time. Oh, well, Andy's skateboard was fun, too. And you didn't need snow for that.

As if Andy had heard him thinking, he turned the corner neatly and clattered to a stop in front of Peter's house.

"Hi," Peter called.

"Do you want to take a ride?" Andy offered, pushing the skateboard to him.

"Yes!"

Peter went down the block and around the corner. He skated around the block and came back to the starting point.

"Oh, that was too short. May I go once more?" he panted.

"Sure," Andy agreed.

Peter went around the block again and was back in almost no time. This was almost as much fun as sledding. He wanted to keep on and on. But it was Andy's skateboard.

"It's your turn," Peter said. He wished that Andy would tell him to keep going one, two, three, or maybe four more times.

But Andy just said, "O.K.," and away he went.

It seemed to take a mighty long time for Andy to skate around the block. Peter knew that it only seemed long to him because he was waiting. He waited and wished that he could have another turn.

But Andy didn't even slow down when he got around the block. He just yelled, "Yippie!" and kept going.

Oh, that's not fair, thought Peter. Then he remembered that the skateboard belonged to Andy, and that Andy really had been very kind to share it with him.

As he came around the next time, Andy stopped. "It's your turn," he panted. "Go around twice—three times."

Andy was a good friend. He came over almost everyday. He was always on his skateboard. And he always shared turns in the kindest sort of way. If it rained, they played table tennis in Peter's basement.

Sometimes they went over to Andy's house. But when they did, they always had to play with Andy's little sister Debbie and her building blocks for awhile. And they had to let Debbie play some of their games with them. It wasn't much fun to play with such a little kid.

At last one Saturday morning when Peter awoke, he could sense a sort of stillness all around. Even before he looked out the window, he knew there was snow on the ground. There was a thick, white blanket of snow all over everything—all over Hickory Hill! "Wow!" he yelled as he hurried to get dressed.

Pulling his sled, Peter climbed Hickory Hill, happy in the thought of coasting down. Already several boys and girls were there with their sleds.

Soon Peter was speeding down the hill. This is happiness, he thought. This is real happiness.

"Yippee!" he yelled as he reached the foot of the hill. Some boys and girls had come only to watch. They were standing at one side, cheering, laughing, and talking.

Peter saw Andy in the crowd. D bie was holding on to his hand. It v strange, but he hadn't thought of An He wished that he didn't have to th of him now—or of Debbie. They wo want to ride his new sled. Well, wouldn't think of them. He would act if he didn't see them.

Quickly Peter started back up hill, pulling his beautiful new s Somehow it didn't seem so beautiful, new, and so special as it did bef Peter couldn't keep from thinking h Andy had always shared his skateboa As Peter walked along on the crun snow, the sounds of his footsteps so how shamed him. "Skateboard—r sled," they seemed to say as if to mind him of something he had for ten.

When Peter was halfway up the h he stopped. He got on his sled and w back down as fast as it would take h He went straight to Andy and Debbie

"Oh, that's neat," Andy grinned.

"I want to ride," Debbie begged.

"It's your turn," Peter said.

"May I pull Debbie up the hill ride back down with her?" Andy ask

"Sure," Peter replied happily. wait here. I'll take Debbie back up on my turn and ride back down w her."

Peter felt even happier than he felt at first. He felt a whole lot h pier. It was twice as much fun to sh his new sled with friends. It was th times as much fun, really, for there Debbie, too, no matter if she was lit He was even glad that she could h twice as many rides as Andy and would have.—My Pleasure.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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press it, that the friend and you may the better for it.—*Record of Christian W*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Don't we remind ourselves of this l girl sometimes? When we love a pe let's tell him so. When a friend does so thing for us, let's thank him. When we anyone, anywhere, just a smile will l if it comes from the heart. And all of must come from the heart if it is to l Let's start enjoying our privileges more

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"The Bible promises no loafs for loafer."—Youth's Living Ideals.

LAUGH LINES

By Margo Mangum

A thousand pardons for using personal experiences, but they're the ones I know best and maybe the least read.

This one came to me from many years ago when I was going through a very "impressionable age" — for myself and others.

Being asked by my brothers to go with them to hear a friend of theirs who was great with the accordian and also a good guitarist, I eagerly accepted. It was a rare thing indeed—to receive an invitation to go with them anywhere!

Upon arriving and after hearing their friend play a few melodies on the accordian (all the very latest hits), the accordian was put away and the man picked up his guitar. Looking my way very intently, he started strumming and talking—and to every sentence I answered with, I thought, a very appropriate answer.

Looking across the room at my brothers and then all around—I could see smiles, turning finally into hysterical giggles.

To my utter chagrin—putting it very mildly—the young man was playing "The Talking Blues." The laughter was so rude it because I had answered his every question with a logical answer, not knowing that the questions were part of a song.

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You cannot force people to laugh—they must laugh of themselves or not at all.

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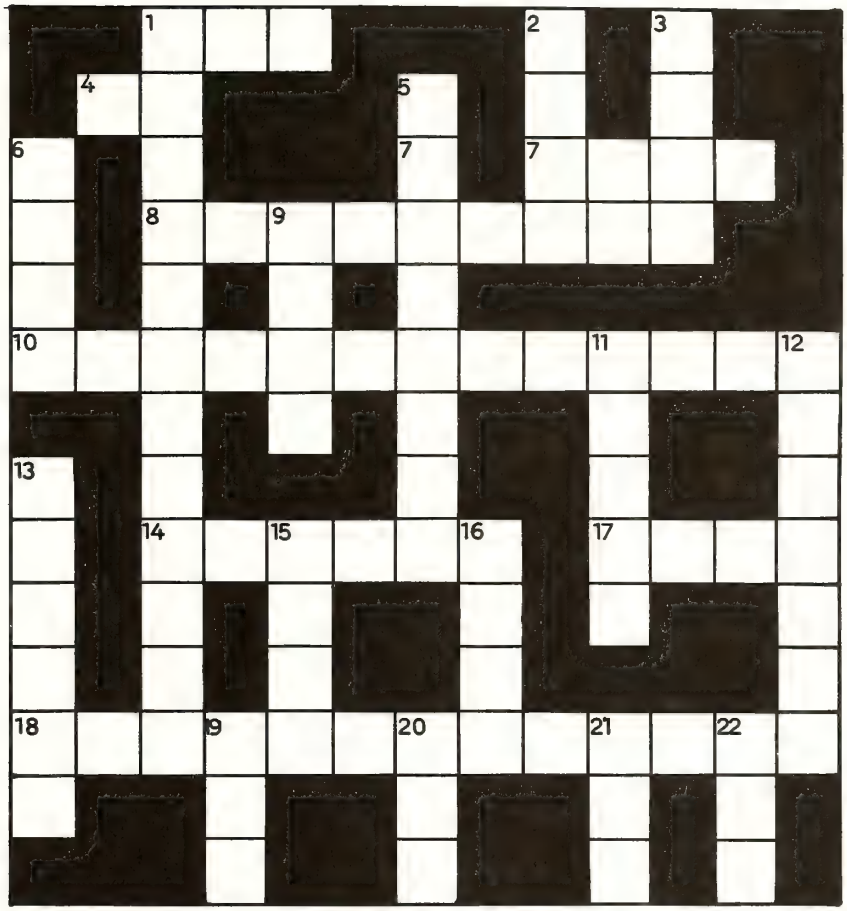
"Instead of trying so hard, as some of us do, to be happy, as if that were the sole purpose of life, I would, if I were a boy again, try still harder to deserve happiness."—James T. Fields.

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Keep your words soft and sweet,
You never know when you'll have
them to eat.

Biblical Crosswords

by KAREN REGISTER



ACROSS

1. Sea crossed by Hebrews
4. Old English for pronoun "you"
7. "All we like sheep have _____ astray"—Isaiah 53:6
8. Place of burial—Luke 23:53
10. Jesus' most famous discourse (three words)
14. Not with disciples when Jesus appeared—John 20:24
17. Word expressing action
18. Governor of Judea at time of Passion —Matthew 27:2

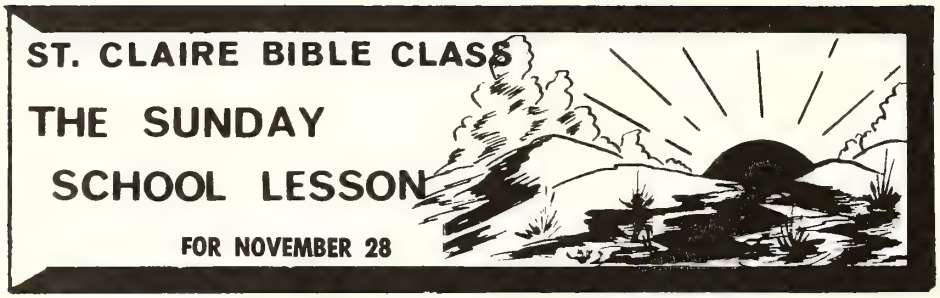
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Most men believe that a woman's place is in the home. They expect to find her there immediately after she gets off work.—Selected.

DOWN

1. "There shall be a _____ of the dead"—Acts 24:15
2. Old English for "near"
3. One of the communion elements
5. "The place of the skull"—Matthew 27:33
6. Judas' sign of betrayal
9. "They that _____ iniquity"—Job 4:8
11. Main type of tree in Garden of Gethsemane
12. Roman tax: "_____ to Caesar"—Luke 23:2
13. Owner of tomb where Jesus was laid
15. Victor in 1 Kings 16:22
16. Stride
19. King of Hamath—2 Samuel 8:9
20. "Truly this man was the _____ of God"—Mark 15:39
21. Abraham's nephew
22. Number of "lost tribes"

(Answers in Next Issue)



God Brings the World to Fulfillment

Lesson Text: Romans 8:18-24; Revelation 11:15

Memory Verse: Revelation 11:15

I. INTRODUCTION

In preceding lessons we have taken into consideration God's purpose in each individual life in the church and in the Jewish nation in its relationship to God and the other nations of the world. In our lesson for today the scope of God's sovereignty will be enlarged, and we shall be privileged to observe Him behind the scenes of world history, shaping and controlling all events for the accomplishment of His ultimate purpose for the world and its inhabitants.

One of the petitions in the prayer which our Lord gave as our model was that the kingdom of God might come and God's will might be done on earth, even as it is now done in heaven. Though it might appear that the world is making small progress toward the realization of this ideal condition, we have the definite promise of God that in the fullness of time it will come to pass; thus, we can labor on in the cause of our Lord with the full assurance that though evil might triumph for a season, the ultimate victory will be ours. As Paul has observed, 'If God be for us, who can be against us?" This we can know: God has a purpose for the world, and He will shape all things, both present and future, to assure the fulfillment of that purpose. As Kemphis has observed, "Man proposes, but God disposes."

Our lesson text for today is composed of two selections from the New Testament: the first, Romans 8:17-24, deals with that glory which shall be revealed in the children of God and compares it to the former estate of the world; the second, Revelation 11:15, refers to that proclamation from heaven that the kingdoms of this world had become the kingdom of Christ, and that He would reign over it forever.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
1. Review the introduction to the Book of Romans.
2. The Book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus Christ.
3. Name and discuss briefly the order of events for the end time.

B. The Present Time (Romans 8:18)
1. This is a time of suffering.
2. The time of glory is yet to come.

C. The Expectation of the Creation (Romans 8:19-24)
1. All the creation suffered from the fall of Adam.
2. The creation will be delivered in the future.
3. The body of man will be redeemed at the millennium.
4. Our souls are the firstfruits of the redemption.

D. The Millennium (Revelation 11:15)
1. The millennium will come after the tribulation.
2. Christ and His saints will reign.
3. All of the earth will be affected.
4. The animal life of the earth will also be affected.
5. It will be a time of unparalleled peace.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. There is something solid and dependable about a brick. I like to believe my faith in a future life is just as substantial as a brick in a building; and the way I must take to assure life eternal, as the Bible describes it, is just as clear-cut and understandable. In fact, it's as plain as A-B-C.

A is for **ask.** What does the unsaved sinner ask for? Forgiveness, and he must repent before he can be saved. "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

B stands for **believe.** Hear and Paul's promise to the jailer as reco in Acts 16:31, "And they said, Be on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou be saved, and thy house."

C stands for **confess.** Again promise is clear: ". . . if thou shalt fess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shal saved" (Romans 10:9).

Let's add a **D** for good measure. T saved in Christ **do** good. Paul tells Galatians 6:10, "As we have there opportunity, let us do good unto all especially unto them who are of household of faith."

Of course the whole way to heave not paved with four bricks, or descr in four words. Let's look at this A-B again.

A also stands for **accept; B** stands **baptism; C** stands for **continue;** James tells us to be **"doers** of the Wo —Adapted from Standard Lesson Comm tary.

B. A great naturalist tells us that single wasp discovers a deposit of ho or other food, he will return to his and impart the good news to his panions, who will rush forth in g numbers to partake of the fare w has been discovered for them. Shall who have found honey in the Rock, J Christ, be less considerate of our fel men? Should we not hasten to tell the good news? Common huma should prevent us from concealing great discovery that grace has enable to make.—Charles Spurgeon.

C. We are told that Alexander wept because he had no more world conquer. Napoleon spoke highly of Ch contrasting Christ's conquest by with his own through force. He k his empire was only temporary at most. Already his empire was pas away. But the kingdom of Chris eternal.

In the days of his prosperity, Ju the Apostate is said to have pointed dagger to heaven, defying the Son God whom he commonly called the lean. But when he was wounded in tle, he saw that it was all over for He gathered up some of his clotted b and threw it into the air shouting, "T hast conquered, O Galilean."

Indeed, our Lord Jesus has conque In His kingdom He will rule forever ever. How wonderful to be a par God's kingdom!—Ray O. Jones.

UILDING ON A URE FOUNDATION

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en the flood arose, the stream beat hemently upon that house, and could snake it: for it was founded upon a k." The key words which answer our estion are "digged deep."

Digging is hard, humble, back-bending rk, one that requires undivided attion. The "digging" we must do to ch this firm and sure foundation may lude much humble, knee-bending rk, with our whole attention centeron that one goal.

Jesus himself said, 'He that humbleth himself shall be exalted; but he that exeth himself shall be abased" (brought).

James also admonishes us to "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and shall lift you up." Which brings to the better picture: Exalting oneself being brought low, or walking humbefore the Lord and letting Him lift up? He has promised and He will so!

Yes, in this case, the way **up** is first **wn.** Down on our knees! Have the rms of life shaken you? Are you rful? Insecure? Perhaps you never gged deep" and reached the solid k, Christ Jesus. If not, there's still emedy: Let go the old shaky structure start digging! Dig deep until, like l, you know beyond a doubt that 've found that **rock.** Then you can ly sing, "On Christ, the solid rock I nd."

We've sung many times that beautiful hymn, "How firm a foundation, ye nts of the Lord, Is laid for your faith His excellent word!" But I wonder if have ever noticed the question orge Keith asks in the third line? hat more can He say than to you He h said, . . ." I've sung it a thousand es, more or less, without thinking ut it.

Let's think about it now. How much iner can He make the way than in se three lines we've referred to here? "wayfaring man, though a fool" need miss it. And yet how many smart, cated folks all about us are building the paltry, trivial things of earth, t which is bound to crumble and de. So many try just about everything ore they finally turn to the Lord.

Now, in closing, let's paraphrase this e question and say, "What more can **do,** than for us He has done?" God laid our foundation sure, complete, and everlasting; but He didn't stop there. If we were building, most of us would need a **loan;** so He has loaned us the material with which to build. Then we would need an architect to draw up plans for us. But God has taken care of that too. He has the plan all drawn up. In His Word He tells us just how to use the material He has loaned us.

What more can He do than for us He has done?

In view of all this, is there any excuse for putting up a cabin on the sand, when we have all the help we need at hand, to make it a beautiful temple, in which the Spirit of God may dwell—and which will stand for **eternity?**

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Tried This Yet?

Mrs. Green: How do you keep your children out of the cooky jar?

Mrs. Wise: I lock the pantry door and hide the key under the soap in the bathroom.—Gospel Herald.

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The reason some people don't recognize opportunity is because it usually comes disguised as hard work.—Selected.

Churches and Ministers Available

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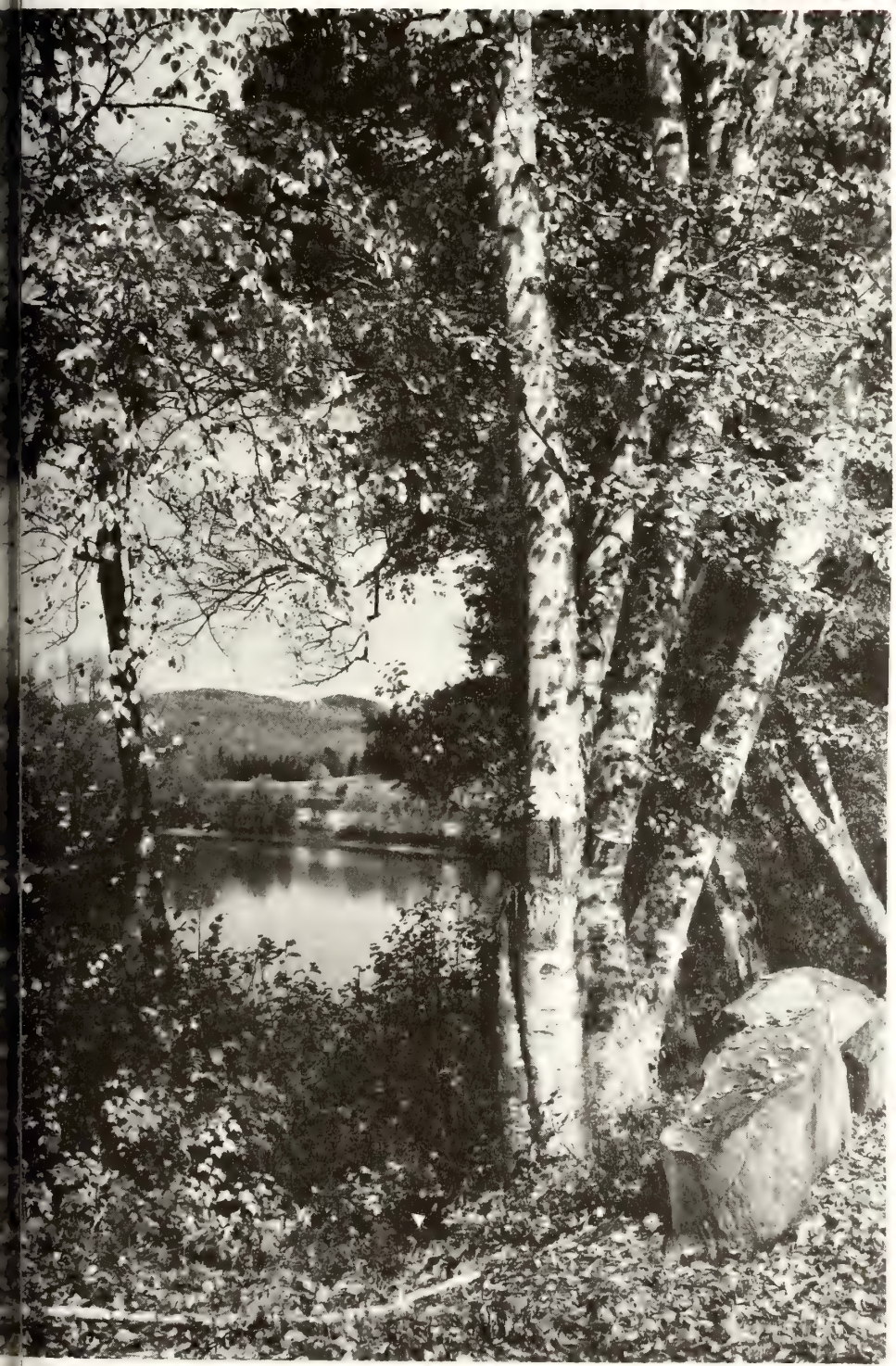
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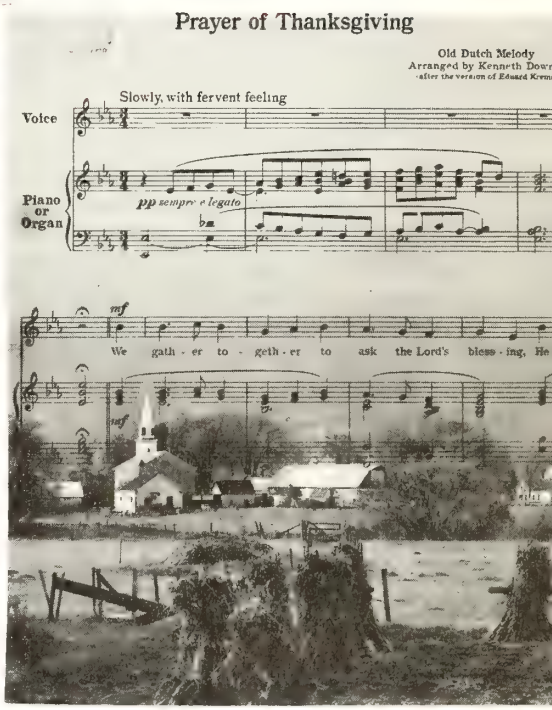
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A WALK IN THE COUNTRY

Editorial...

A WALK IN THE COUNTRY

You walk down the road, out into the country where no one has bothered to cut the weeds and bushes on the ditch banks; where no one has bothered to kill the beetles, the grasshoppers, the crickets; where the butterflies fly unconfined, free; where the goldenrods raise their yellow heads, the fuzzy milkweeds sway gently, the cornfield daisies spot the grass, the green clover.

You walk where weeds are beautiful, seen only by those who stop to look, to feel—yes, to smell; where the leaves are orange, yellow, purple even, the reddest of reds, and speckled with brown and black; where pine cones are works of art in their varied formations on fallen branches; where lichens cover a fallen log, a mushroom pushes upward from out of the sod.

You walk where the ditch is partially filled with water, some running, some standing still; where moss grows up the bank and a frog leaps in splashing the water and slightly startling you; where a bird calls his greeting, answered by another; where a field mouse scurries away, rustling the brush; where the dog fennels are turning brown and seeding out in lacy profusion; where seed pods from some unknown plant burst open and spill on the ground; where the tiny yellow, white, and multicolored butterflies dart about from weed to weed, lighting upon their seemingly out-of-season flowers that so many eyes neglect to see.

You walk where the fresh odor of the outdoors greets your sense of smell; where you can breathe, breathe deeply and unrestricted, knowing that each added breath will be as pleasant and as satisfying; where the sun is the brightest, the sky the bluest, the clouds the whitest, and the breeze the gentlest; where thoughts come rapidly without effort; where the heart feels peace; where there can be happiness even in sadness; where heavy burdens for a moment lose their pressures; where the soul is alive and well, knowing that God is there.

You walk further. You stoop to pick up a leaf, disdaining to crush it with your foot, not caring that they think you a little funny when you fondle it in your hand, knowing that it is one of God's creations not to be ignored. You pause to watch a cricket hop out of sight beneath the ankle-deep brown grass, wondering where he's going and to what end.

You touch the clump of clover, moving it with your fingers, hoping that just maybe you will find a four-leafed one for somebody's good luck. You strip a weed of its seed, letting them filter through your fingers, helping nature to scatter them for the spring crop.

You walk further. You pick up a twig broken by a recent wind, and you examine its structure, its shape unlike any made by man. You pick up a broken stalk of corn, dropped unknowingly from someone's cart. You feel its smoothness; you touch the shuck and feel its roughness, so much like life which has both.

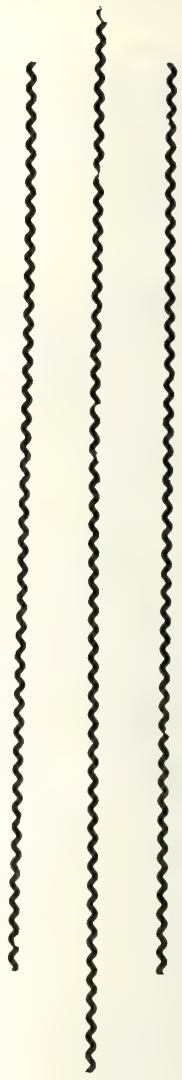
You look at the time. The clock says, "Go." Your heart says, "Stay." Your eyes wander over the fields. You gaze at the cotton left unpicked, the fields freshly broken and waiting for next spring's plowing. You look at the woods splendorously painted with every color. A tear glistens in your eye—not a sad tear, but a thankful tear that you can see, that you can feel, that you can know what it means to have fulfillment.

You are thankful that today you have seen and known a little more. You are thankful that you have felt a little closer to God because of a walk in the country.

Dear Reader, if you don't understand what I'm talking about; well, I'm just sorry for you . . .

Pumpkins and Gourds and Song by Harold M. L

Nature Scene by



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In the Spirit of Giving Thanks

by SHARON B. MILLER

CHRISTINE hurried down the hall until she stood between the open doors of her boys' bedrooms. Dave was across the hall in Dick and Andy's room, and what had begun as a cleanup had taken on the appearance of an all-out play session. Books, toys, games, and clothing that had been brought out of place to be straightened and put back properly were now scattered helter-skelter throughout the two rooms and even into the hall, while the boys sat engrossed in the process of assembling a model airplane.

Clearing her throat to speak, Christine made her presence known, and immediately her three sons looked up guiltily. Dave, the oldest, carefully avoided meeting her eyes as he slipped past her and crossed the hall into his own room.

"And if it isn't finished, there'll be no allowance or privilege for the rest of the month," Christine ended, her voice climbed on a high note in spite of her effort to control her exasperation.

Lord, what's happened to me? she thought, as she turned and went back to the kitchen. Where had the bitterness and lack of understanding and compassion crept into her life? At the season of the year when she should, according to tradition, be feeling most grateful and thankful, she was the most irritable and out of sorts with everyone. After having spent the week cleaning the house from top to bottom and after having devoted the entire morning to getting ready for the huge meal with Harold's folks, she just couldn't conjure up a thankful mood.

Just once it would be nice to spend a holiday with Harold and the boys. But no. Mother Casey insisted that they all be together. "Harold's home is the best place to get together on Thanksgiving," she declared firmly each year. And John's was just right for Christmas, for his house had plenty of room for the children to set up and enjoy their new toys and games. Easter was spent at Ellen's. It was so pleasant to watch the sun rising across the lake as they held their early-morning family devotional service.

Christine let the oven door slam shut a bit loudly on the savory turkey. Sometimes she wished that she could have just one holiday with her own family, but she had only one distant cousin, and he lived in the East. Having been raised by a maiden aunt, Christine had greatly missed the presence of close relatives. Harold's brother and sisters had seemed like her own at first, but now the yearly ritual of family get-togethers had worn on the close relationship that she had so desired at first.

Everything is ready, Christine assured herself as she glanced around the kitchen and dining room. Then she dropped wearily onto a kitchen chair. The freshly polished silver and crystal gleamed on the white linen tablecloth. Idly, she picked up a pencil and began doodling on the back of the Thanksgiving menu.

I have a great deal to be thankful for, Christine thought contritely. Harold and she had all of the material possessions anyone needed for a happy and comfortable life. She was happily married, and they had three fine, healthy boys. Their future seemed secure, and yet it all was so matter-of-fact. The ingredients were all there, but the joy was missing.

Wearily, Christine tried to summon the feeling of thankfulness that she knew she owed to the One who made it all real. But the thoughts lacked any meaningful emotion. Gratefulness had come so much easier in the early years of their marriage, when they had had less. Their newfound joy in serving God had made them rich in happiness, and she had had peace of heart in her own life.

When David was two years old, there had been that four-month period of hospitalization, with doctor bills, medical expenses, and the everyday cost of living piling up on top of all the uncertainty and worry. It had been so easy to turn to God with their problems then, and they had felt especially grateful to Him when He met their needs.

When each of the boys had faced the various accidents and calamities that young children invariably meet, and when they had all had to scrimp and save to stretch Harold's meager paycheck, they had realized their heavy dependence upon God.

Idly, Christine stared at the crude doodles she had been drawing on the back of the menu. Inside each box figure she had left a triangular space that was not filled in. That's me, she thought sardonically. Every part of my life is filled with things that should be making me contented; yet the empty space, the void in my life, has grown larger with the passing of time.

I'd better check on how the boys are coming with their rooms, Christine thought, dismissing the unwanted thoughts from her mind as she wadded up the menu and dropped it into the wastebasket.

The boys were obediently straightening up their rooms, and Christine praised their efforts in an attempt to lessen the harsh sting of her earlier stern rebuke. Pitching in to help, she soon was satisfied that things looked presentable.

As the boys ran off to find their father and Christine went back to the kitchen, the doorbell sounded, announcing the arrival of the first holiday guests. Christine mentally crossed her fingers as the sound of her mother-in-law's voice began taking over the direction of the household. Halting, she breathed a prayer for grace. Somewhere along the way she had got out of the habit, but she felt added strength within as she went to greet her husband's parents.

Christine returned Mother Casey's embrace and then turned her attention to whipping the cream for her special jello salad. Then Harold's brother and sisters arrived with their families. With the increase of the noise and confusion of children playing and of voices being raised to be heard above the din, Christine felt all her resolve to be pleasant fading. Firmly she pressed her lips together to avoid voicing the growing irritation she felt. If she could only quell the bitter spirit rising up inside her.

Silently, Christine worked and listened as her sisters-in-law talked and laughed while they put the finishing touches on the dishes that each had brought. Christine longed to be a part of their in-

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

SENSITIVENESS

Scripture Reading—Acts 23:1

Ex-Chief Bonner of the New York fire department once said that he heard the slightest tap on the bell over his bed, but the baby could cry all night without disturbing him, though his wife rarely ever heard the fire alarm, but the slightest squeak from the baby would awaken her. It is possible for us to have our hearts set to hear the messages of God so that the slightest tap on the bell of conscience will awaken us.—*From "The Bottles of Heaven," by Ridge Revile.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

After reading the above, one is prone to think that we will hear what we are listening for—or what we are waiting to hear. Could it be that we need to be "in tune" at all times for God's voice? Let's listen closely.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SAINTS ANY CHURCH CAN AFFORD

Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:38

The Rev. Stuart McNairn said at a meeting that at one town in Argentina the Roman Catholics built a magnificent church, but they had not been able to open it. Why? Because they could not afford to buy any saints to put in it. But yet a little way down the road, in a little mission hall, God was making saints, creating them, not out of plaster, but through the regenerating power of the blood of Christ.—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We have mastered many things. Man has made fantastic progress in the past decade. But saint-making—there are still things that God alone can do. How thankful we are. May we work harder at cooperating with Him in this work—the most important work of all!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

FIRST LAWS

Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 30:8

A number of ministers were once dining together after an ordination, and when one of them seemed unduly attentive to the good things before him, he met with the approval of the host who said, "That's right! To take care of self is the first law of nature." "Yes, sir," said an old minister sitting by in reply, "but to deny self is the first law of grace!" Self-control or temperance in all things is God's law for all men.—*Sunday School Evangel.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Which one of these men of God would we rather have to lead us? It may be that we could grow in grace as it seems this old minister is doing. Do we have the time?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

HE PROMISED

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 2

Someone has imagined the convalescent traveler able to sit in the doorway of the inn, earnestly looking up the road, waiting for the return of his deliverer. He could say, "He promised to come again. I know he will keep his word. I want to be waiting and watching for him when he returns." Is not this the attitude in which every redeemed sinner should be found—daily waiting for, ". . . the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him" (2 Thessalonians 2:1).—*Sunday School Quarterly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

God always keeps His promises. How could we go about our daily living not knowing this? How can we go about our daily living not telling others? There are some who don't know.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

PRAYER CHANGES YOU

Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 7:14

There was an old gentleman who was remarkable for his gentleness. When a young man he was known to have a violent temper. He was asked how he managed to overcome his temper. His answer was a short but wise one. He said it was—"By praying to God and speaking low." When persons are angry they raise their voices and speak loud. To overcome anger and learn the lesson of gentleness, we must—"pray to God and speak low."—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There must really be something to this—"speaking low." One's anger must subside to some extent if he is to keep his voice low. We might even hear God's voice and in so doing learn to overcome this malady.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

AN ANSWERED PRAYER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:4, 5

One day a lady was giving her little nephew some lessons. He was generally a good, attentive child, but on this occasion he could not fix his mind on his work. Suddenly he said, "Auntie, may I kneel down and ask God to help me find my marble?" His aunt having given her consent, the little boy knelt by his chair, closed his eyes, and prayed silently. Then he rose went on with his lessons contentedly. day, almost afraid of asking the que lest the child had not found his toy, a might lose his simple faith, the lady to him, "Well, Dear, have you found marble?" "No, Auntie," was the reply; God has made me not want to." God not always answer our prayers in the we wish or expect; but if we are since our appeal to Him, He will take from u desire for what is contrary to His will give us faith to leave all to His holy v *Grace and Truth.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

In our talks with God we find it ju this little boy did, don't we? He k before we ask what is best for us. don't we just leave it up to Him in the place?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

START THEM RIGHT

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:12

Only a few weeks ago, a fine Chri woman who has known the Lord seven years, the widow of a millio said to me, "Pray for my boy; pray my girl; they have no interest in the t of God. I can never get them to hea Word of God. They are courteous polite if I bring a servant of the Lor my home, but they will allow no on say a word to them, and they will not the Bible."

And then she added, "The worst of that they are what they are becau brought them up that way. Until s years ago, I lived the life that they living; I led them in the path they are going. A Bible was never opened in home until my husband died, and left a brokenhearted woman surrounded all the luxuries he had given me, and I crying out for something that could me. Christ came to me, but it was late to turn my children's steps in the way. They are treading the path on w I started them."—*Gospel Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

These precious children of ours! are so innocent. Their little minds souls are so pliable and so easy to m May we be ever mindful of the "m we use.

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Even if you're on the right track, y get run over if you just sit there.—Se ed.

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No one ever finds life worth liv One always has to make it worth liv —Selected.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

REPORT FOR OCTOBER

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, gratefully knowledges the following receipts for the month of October, 1971. Receipts have n mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing, but totals are wn here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement eceipts for October, 1971, compared with October, 1970.

gious Contributions Received	**1971**	**1970**	**Increase or (Decrease)**
emarle Conference	$ 272.80	$ 101.72	$ 171.08
e Ridge Association	14.36		14.36
e Fear Conference	529.55	737.99	(208.44)
tral Conference	1,583.69	1,335.00	248.69
ern Conference	1,497.31	2,134.21	(636.90)
Dee Association	221.75	134.95	86.80
mont Conference	295.00	110.00	185.00
kfish Conference	10.10	21.60	(11.50)
tern Conference	1,306.94	1,506.04	(199.10)
ewide Bodies		77.06	(77.06)
er States	67.00		67.00
er Religious	20.00		20.00
Total Religious Contributions	$ 5,818.50	$ 6,158.57	$(340.07)
nts and Relatives	153.01	300.00	(146.99)
nds and Others	270.00	241.00	29.00
unds	1,179.23	34.52	1,144.71
ital Account Loan	5,000.00		5,000.00
n Income	106.58	5,397.95	(5,291.37)
cellaneous	886.50	675.50	211.00
Total Other Income	$ 7,965.18	$ 6,899.15	$ 1,066.03
Total Income for Month	$13,783.68	$13,057.72	$ 725.96
The above was received for the following:			
eral Fund	$13,758.68	$13,052.72	$ 705.96
e Woodard Fund	5.00	5.00	
Savings Account	20.00		20.00
Total	$13,783.68	$13,057.72	$ 725.96

HONOR ROLL

emarle Conference

nion Chapel $118.75

e Fear Conference

ee's Chapel $318.30

tral Conference

pring Branch $182.36
ree Union 373.13
spen Grove 108.00
iney Grove 180.00

Eastern Conference

Macedonia $250.00
Rock of Zion 102.88
Fifth Union 100.00
Eastern Conference 118.00

Pee Dee Association

Beaverdam $153.00

Western Conference

Branch Chapel $279.69
Free Union 100.00
Stony Hill 100.00
Sherron Acres 125.00

Report From the Home

THE CHILD

I am the child.
I have come into the world
About which I know nothing.
I am curious; I am interested.

I am the child.
All the world waits for my coming.
All the world watches with interest
To see what I shall become.

Civilization hangs in the balance.
For what I am, the world of tomorrow will be.
You hold in your hand my destiny.
You determine largely whether I shall succeed or fail.

Give me, I pray you,
Those things that make for happiness.
Train me, I beg you,
That I may be a blessing to the world.

I. **Appreciation:** We thank you very sincerely for your continued support of the Children's Home financially, prayerfully, and morally. You are helping to make it possible for us to do a better job meeting the needs of our children, as the Lord has challenged us. Please "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

II. **Our Children:** We have cared for a total of 603 children since the first were admitted on May 23, 1920. Presently, there are 71 in our care as follows:

A. Sixty-six (66) are on campus.

B. One child completed vocational rehabilitation training in Kinston, North Carolina, has recently gone to work in Wilson, North Carolina, and will be ready for discharge soon.

C. Another child is completing requirements for graduation with vocational rehabilitation in Kinston.

D. We have two girls in our care who are in college at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, and one at Mitchell's Hair Styling Academy in Raleigh, North Carolina.

III. **Finances:** We appreciate your generous contributions which made our special State Convention offering of $11,034.49, one of the best ever! Our total income for July, August, and September was $42,748.64 compared with $29,274.49 during the same months last year. Although this is real good, please remember that we

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News & Notes
of
DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

First Church, Wilson
Announces Revival

Revival services will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, November 28 through December 3. The evangelist, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, will arrive for the Monday night service, November 29. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, will preach the opening sermons on the 28th.

Mr. Boling is pastor of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson and is past-moderator of the Western Conference. His friends in Wilson and surrounding areas will want to attend the revival.

Special music will be given each night under the direction of Alane Vester, music director of the church. Local quartets and choirs, as well as solos, will be enjoyed. The services will begin each night at 7:30.

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Study Course
At Kinston Church

A study course on "Missions" will be held on Sunday night, November 28, at 7:30, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. The course will be conducted by Mrs. Adaline Gray, who recently returned from Mexico. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this course.

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PRESS TO BE CLOSED

The Free Will Baptist Press and Bookstore at Ayden and the Free Will Baptist Bookstores at Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, North Carolina, will be closed Thursday, November 25, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. They will all be open for business Friday, November 26, at the regular hours. Thank you.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR

SUBSCRIPTION

NOTE OF THANKS

The family of David A. Bowen wishes to express to their many friends and relatives their sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation for every act of kindness shown them during their recent bereavement. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. May God's blessings be upon each of you is our prayer.

David A. Bowen Family

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STEWARDSHIP

by Karen Register

The catfish sits and swallows scum
To keep the sides of the tank clear
For visitors to admire the other fish.

Lord, help me be willing to clean up scum
If it makes the way clearer
For others to find your kingdom.

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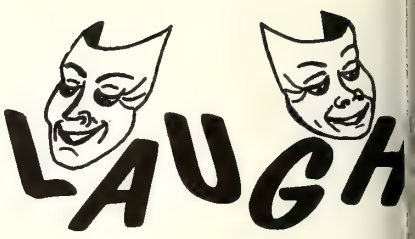
Father, We Thank Thee

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, we thank Thee,
For tender grass so fresh and sweet,
Father, we thank Thee,
For the song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee,
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.



LINES

By Margo Mangu

Until you have walked along a wir street on a windy day hurrying to yo destination and have had something little out of the ordinary happen to y —you haven't really lived—not by standards.

May I share an experience with yo

It was one of those days!

Tucking my head trying to keep m self altogether, and at the same ti staying out of other people's way, ru ing onward . . .

Hadn't I just seen my brother t coated, his hat pulled low, his swingi walk go by me and was now winding way through the busy street? (Peo were on their way home.) It was l afternoon. I glanced ahead and spott him again. I had to get there! My pa quickened—I was soon by his si "Please, please don't ever wear that h again—you look like a plum gangste I was pleading. There was a silence. looked up into the face of a man I h never seen before in my whole life!

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Did you know a laugh is worth o hundred groans in any market?

Bookstore Hours

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.
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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Each In His Own Way

by SHIRLEY M. DEVER

In a small mimeographed paper which is published for the Lummi Indians in our area, I ran across this lovely thought: "Tolerance is the most lovable quality anyone can possess. It is the vision that enables one to see things from another viewpoint. It is the generosity that concedes to others the right to their own opinions and their own peculiarities. It is the bigness that enables us to let people be happy in their own way instead of 'our way.' "

"Each in his own way. Isn't this one of the big secrets of getting along with other people? Most of us are inclined to want the people we mingle with to eat the same kind of foods we do, to live in homes similar to ours, work at jobs of which we thoroughly approve, and to speak and act in ways that we expect. But this is just so much wishful thinking, and deep in our hearts we know it.

"Each in his own way" applies to every phase of our lives—eating, sleeping, working, playing, talking, worshiping—you name it. Surely we don't want others to be stereotypes of ourselves—or do we?

My husband is working on a temporary job to supplement our income. He runs a chain saw; he is a chokerman for a bulldozer operator, and fells trees. For one who is semiretired, this is laborious, rugged work. I'd prefer him to be sitting at a desk in an office. It's safe and clean and never physically exhausting. But his leanings take him out into the woods or to a construction job, and that's where he must be simply because that is his way to make a living.

He is equally concerned about me. "Honey, sometimes I think you're chained to that typewriter," he'll tell me. The confinement of my little office is not his cup of tea, but it is mine. Surprisingly, when I'm writing, my mind and every fiber of my being come to life. To me, writing and happiness are synonymous. I truly love my work. Yet people in all walks of life who are suited to their work love their work, no matter what it is and no matter how strange or terrifying or monotonous it may seem to someone else.

The fourteenth chapter of Romans is all about tolerance. Here are a few choice quotations Paul gave us as a legacy: "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:5-8).

No matter how we look at it, all believers are God's children. No matter what our individual peculiarities, weaknesses, and faults are, He can accept us where we are, as we are. And this is what we need to try to do in all our human relationships.

My brother-in-law suffered a stroke a few months ago. He was told that in order to have full recovery he would have to lose fifty pounds. For a man who has been extremely overweight all his life, this is not easy to accomplish.

Complicating his efforts are friends and relatives who are not tolerant about his dietary restrictions. "Doctors don't know everything," one woman told him recently as she passed him a tray full of delicacies which have been banned from his meals at home. Other well-meaning people have told him about crash diets, special exercises, and all sorts of dubious ways to lose weight—nearly all of which would meet with his doctor's disapproval.

He is finding out, as others in his predicament have, that even one's popularity is at stake when he is forced to adhere to a rigid diet. Hostesses find it easier to invite the man who can eat everything than to invite the weight watcher. And so at a time when he needs his friends more than ever, he loses their company and their support simply because it is too hard to be tolerant of him now.

Edgar Guest once wrote this charming verse about tolerance:

> Let me be a little kinder;
> Let me be a little blinder
> To the faults of those around me;
> Let me praise a little more.

The Apostle Paul advised the Philippians, "If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8), concerning those things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report.

In a song hit which was famous in the 1940's, Johnny Mercer suggested that we "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative." This means that we must indulge in a bit of blindness from time to time. Whereas being blind usually implies that we are in the dark or don't know what the score is, with regard to tolerance it means that it's a good idea to wear at least faintly tinted if not shaded glasses. Because we are aware of a particular person's annoying habit or fault, we can choose to ignore it.

Tolerance means a permissive or liberal attitude toward beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own; sympathy or indulgence for diversity in thought or conduct; breadth of spirit or of viewpoint. The **Times Literary Supplement** once contained this enlightening statement: "The basis of tolerance is the knowledge that there may be a measure of truth in the other camp."

In becoming more tolerant, we gain many bonuses. For instance, in listening to and accepting someone else's viewpoint, we become much more rounded in our thinking and outlook on life. We gain in such areas as truth and wit and wisdom. And we gain the respect of others by being tolerant.

Let's learn how to be more tolerant.—Gospel Herald.

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The private and personal blessings we enjoy, the blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty, and integrity, deserve the thanksgiving of a lifetime.

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Thanksgiving is man's response to God's grace.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Spiritual Life Retreat And Renewal at Mount Olive College

W. Burkette Raper, President

This article and the statements from students which accompany it represent, in my opinion, the most significant development in the history of Mount Olive College. Students and personnel at the College are now having a spiritual experience that exceeds anything I have witnessed either on a college campus or in a church.

Before the fall semester began in August prayers were offered that God would enable us to truly minister to the spiritual needs of our students, and soon after the term began plans were made for a Spiritual Life Retreat to prepare student leaders. It was our hope that every person who attended would have a transforming spiritual experience that would enable him to become an effective Christian witness on our campus and throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination and beyond, and this is exactly what has happened.

Oriental

The retreat was held at Oriental, North Carolina, and was attended by fifty-four students and eight members of the College staff. The Rev. Frank Harrison, College chaplain, was director; and the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace, pastor of Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, was our guest minister. Mr. Wallace is an alumnus of Mount Olive College, a newly elected member of our board of trustees, and a graduate of Duke University. Mr. Garland Fulcher of Oriental, also a member of our board of trustees, made his River Neuse Motel available to us and members of the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church assisted by accommodating students in their homes. The woman's auxiliary of the church also prepared our meals during the retreat. Worship services were held in the Oriental church.

The caravan left the College campus the afternoon of November 5 and returned November 7. The Retreat included worship services, small discussion groups, prayer sessions, opportunities for sharing Christian experiences, a singspiration, recreation, and a campfire sing on the waterfront. "What Does It Mean to Be a Christian in Today's World?" was the theme for all events.

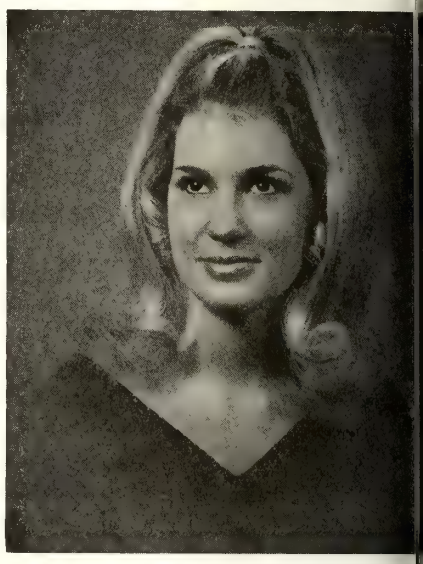
Spiritual Transformation

There are no words that can fully convey what took place at Oriental and what is now happening on the campus of our College. To see young people experience the reality of God's presence, to see their lives transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ, to see joy and peace come to their hearts and faces, to see them find the meaning and purpose of their lives out of their experience with God—this is what we saw at Oriental.

Those who attended the retreat brought back to the campus their experience of "total commitment" to Jesus Christ, and other students all across the campus are now having the same experience. These students are not caught up in an emotional sensation; what they are experiencing is genuine and sincere. They are aware that the realities of living in an unchristian world will confront them with real hardships, but in chapel on November 9, they reaffirmed their dedication and were joined by others in committing themselves to translate their experiences into Christian service.

This transformation and renewal of the spiritual life is at the heart of the mission of Mount Olive College. We believe that each student is created in the image of God and we believe that the highest attainment of human life is to grow in the love and image of God. "To encourage students to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour" is the first objective of our religious life program. From an educational point of view, our goal is to develop the **whole** student, and the foundation for this development is one's relationship with God.

It is our deepest desire that God grant the fulfillment of this purpos the lives of all who make up the fa of Mount Olive College. Churches w would like to have students visit t for the purpose of sharing with t their Christian experiences are invite contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, Col chaplain, Mount Olive College, Mo Olive, North Carolina 28365. (Pho office—658-2502; home—658-9363.)



DEBORAH HART
Ayden, North Carolina

In this statement I would like to scribe the experience we went thro on our Spiritual Life Retreat at Orien

How does one describe feeling presence of God hovering over your he so closely that you can reach out touch Him?

How does one describe the feeling complete love that surrounded each us, the feeling of concern, compass understanding that was in each of hearts, knowing that at any mom someone might embrace you and say h estly, "I love you"?

How does one describe the ecstasy sitting on a riverbank, the moon refl ing on the water, the campfire burn brightly, warming each of us on t cold November night as we sang prai to God? How do you describe the f ing that you just knew God was in very midst, smiling with the great love in His heart?

How does one describe what is felt forty young people, kneeling at the alt weeping and rejoicing—so filled with Holy Spirit that no one could speak, o embrace each other with true never-e ing love?

How does one describe the feeling joy and happiness in everyone's he when we found that not only had

xperienced God, but that we were able bring Him back to campus with us so at others who had not experienced this describable communion with God could so feel our love and want to accept rist as their Lord also?

How do you describe this miracle? w do you sum up an experience too onderful for words by saying that God all His splendor and glory came down us at Oriental? He showed Himself us and the fact that He is a real God. . . Yes—

"Heaven came down and glory filled r souls!"



SHARON OWENS
Kinston, North Carolina

At the retreat the Holy Spirit was rtainly present and now that the re- eat is over, the Holy Spirit is still with . He's in every heart and soul of the udents and faculty who went to Orien- tal. The retreat has given me a new hope for the future and a new Friend that I know is steadfast. I feel close to everyone that went there and I've made lasting friends out of people I never knew before. I just want to thank the Lord for this opportunity to be drawn closer to Him and commit my life totally to Him.



DEL CARTER
Warrenton, North Carolina

Some went with high expectations, some with doubts; nevertheless, we went. We went seeking "something," although at first we didn't know what that "something" was. All barriers such as dress and race were broken. We were all children of God and that was the only thing that was important. We were blessed with great leaders. These people have been sent to Mount Olive College by God, and Mount Olive College is all the richer by having them.

In trying to convey what the retreat at Oriental meant to me, I fall short of words. I have never seen so many tears of joy and happiness. There was so much love present that at times I wondered if Oriental could hold it all. We all walked with God at Oriental. He ate with us, talked with us, and cried with us. Time was of no importance. Who wanted to go to sleep when you felt as good as we did?

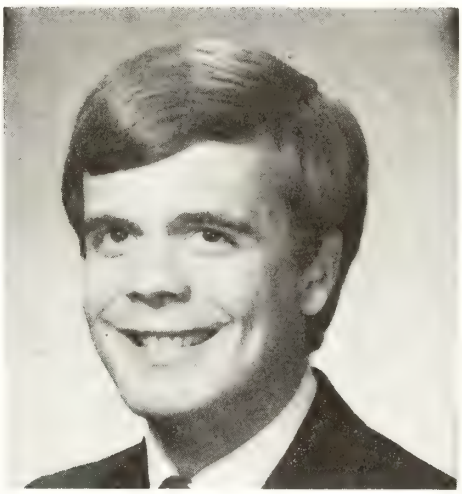
I wish to say to those who may sometimes wonder just what is going on at Mount Olive College, that God is at our College. He has been here all along. However, some of us were just kind of slow in finding Him. But, you better believe He is definitely here now and we are all striving hard to live in His presence and to share Him with everyone.

I became thankful for so many things at Oriental. To my parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Carter, I wish to take this very special opportunity to give my personal thanks. You both have helped me more than you will ever know. I thank you for the Christian atmosphere that I grew up in. Some have not been so blessed and times have been very hard for them. I'm sorry others have not had parents like you, but I certainly would not give you to them. I am selfish. You are both very dear to me and I love you. Thank you Mother and Father.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Tyrus V. Dahl Jr. of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, has been appointed Public Relations Officer for Mount Olive College. Dahl began his work on November 1 and is responsible for coordinating all news services and public events at the College.



Dahl holds the B.A. degree with a major in English from Duke University and he also attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His travels have included trips to thirteen foreign countries and to thirty-five states in this country. His religious affiliation is with the First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, where he is an active member.

In making the announcement of Dahl's appointment, President W. Burkette Raper declared, "We are most pleased with the addition of Mr. Dahl to the staff of Mount Olive College. He brings with him not only professional competence in his area of work but a sincere and firm commitment to the Christian mission and educational objectives of our College; and through his services, we hope to communicate more effectively the distinctive educational opportunities available at our College."

Biblical Crosswards

(Answers to Last Week's Puzzle)

Across	Down
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. Sepulchre	2. Nigh
. Sermon on Mount	3. Wine
. Thomas	5. Golgotha
. Verb	6. Kiss
. Pontius Pilate	9. Plow
	11. Olive
	12. Tribute
	13. Joseph
	15. Omri
	16. Step
	19. Toi
	20. Son
	21. Lot
	22. Ten

Questions & Answers

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16:15, 16.) There is a definite sense in which we show ourselves to be unkind to a lost world when we in any way withhold the gospel from others, regardless to the cost, since our having it made available to us cost so much. "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). God gave His only begotten Son to die on Calvary's cruel Cross. Jesus there gave His life a ransom and that is wonderful—the most wonderful of all sacrifices and all gifts. But He did not stop there. He has sent the Holy Spirit, and He himself is with us in the presence of all power in heaven and earth. Through this means and method God provided salvation and has enabled and empowered all Christians that will go to preach Christ to an unsaved world. Many, many of these have sealed their testimony with their blood and there will be even a greater number. Herod had James killed: "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword" (Acts 12:1, 2); Stephen was stoned: "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people" (Acts 6:8); "And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7: 58-60).

Tradition, which seems reliable, says that Paul was beheaded. Here, so far as we know, are some of his last words: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8). Tradition also claims that Peter, when about to be crucified by his and the gospel's enemies, requested that he be crucified with his head pointing downward. He did this feeling unworthy to be crucified in an upright position like the Lord was crucified. Then according to "Foxe's Book of Martyre," all the apostles, except John, who died a natural death, were executed for preaching the gospel, and he was miraculously delivered from his enemies.

Being kind to and loving one another is supposed to be an outstanding Christian virtue. Loving, living, and dying for a lost world is Christlike. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11); "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-6); "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. . . . Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5: 2, 25-27); "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

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IN THE SPIRIT OF **GIVING THANKS**

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timate circle, but she no longer felt the closeness of the past. She felt like an outsider, even in her own home.

Finally, the last steaming dish was placed on the dining room table, and every child and grownup was seated. Mother Casey bowed her head, and Christine watched a moment as each member of the family followed the example.

As Father Casey's voice grew in strength and conviction, Christine felt herself intently listening to the words. Then she smiled with irony as she heard the word of thanks for their "closely knit family."

You're forgetting, Father Casey, that I'm only Harold's wife and the mother of his children and that only by that means am I a part of this family unit—not on my own merit, she thought bitterly.

Suddenly she hesitated. Howard's wife Joan, like herself, had married into the Casey family, and she had becc more part of the family unit than le ties would necessitate.

When Christine and Harold had f married, Christine had needed a fam It was only since they had had child of their own that her feeling for husband's relatives had begun to chan Was it her own fault that she was s an outsider to this family she had cho to join?

A feeling of guilt came over her. was the same way with her relations with the Lord. She had chosen to se Him, to be a part of the heavenly fam When she had needed Him, her relati ship with God had been precious a close. But little things had got in way. Material things and her own v and way had brought about the char in her relationship.

Suddenly Christine realized the tru Her biggest stumbling block had be herself. The empty void in her life v of her own creation. She had shut h self out of her husband's family. Th hadn't tried to exclude her.

In much the same way, she had clos off her close relationship with the Lo Becoming a member of Harold's fam and of the family of God had been t own choosing, but she had lost sight the fact that love, companionship, a friendship could never prosper in a o way relationship. Now she realized th even her personal devotions had beco a mechanical ritual. They were no lo er the time of fellowship with God th they had once been.

Christine raised her head and look at the bowed heads of her husband a sons. What more could she have to thankful for than the wonderful herita of Christian living that Father and Mo er Casey had given her family?

Once more Christine bowed her he as the spirit of Thanksgiving engulf her. She had a lot of lost time to ma up for in both of the families she h chosen, and the sweet communion th filled the void inside was only the l ginning.—Gospel Herald.

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The best way to thank God is to li for Him daily.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Can we be truly saved and t be unkind?

Answer: Yes. Salvation by faith does lease us from action of being unkindly everyone. "And grieve not the holy irit of God, whereby ye are sealed to the day of redemption. Let all bitrness, and wrath, and anger, and mour, and evil speaking, be put away om you, with all malice: And be ye nd one to another, tenderhearted, forving one another, even as God for rist's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephens 4:30-32).

To be unkind on the part of a real ristian brings grief to the heart of d, and yet so many fail to manifest at cardinal Christian duty. Kindness a virtue that requires Christian living d attitude. When one shows forth this titude he of necessity will manifest this ristlike virtue in his daily behavior. be unkind to fellow Christians or en to a lost world is a way to mani st satanic likeness, for unkindness is ly demonic. The man that lived among e tombs out of whom Jesus cast deons would, before Jesus saved him, ld to the demons that possessed him d be cut by the stones and thrown wn among them.

Jesus does just the opposite to those o subject themselves to Him and His dness. He calls all in a sweet gentle ice, "Come unto me, all ye that labour d are heavy laden, and I will give you st. Take my yoke upon you, and learn me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; d ye shall find rest unto your souls. r my yoke is easy, and my burden is ht" (Matthew 11:28-30). He prayed r the lost sheep of the house of Israel d lamented that they would not come Him for the life He offered. He said, y sheep hear my voice and I give unto em life." He wept over Jerusalem sayg that they would not come to Him for s life. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou t killest the prophets, and stonest m which are sent unto thee, how oft would I have gathered thy children gether, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37).

Whoever thinks that becoming a Christian and continues to act as some seem to do has a dreadfully distorted view of Christ's life and teachings while He was on earth. He indicated that loving one another was an outstanding mark of identification that would help to identify them. What of the Christians that our position as a Christian brings us in close contact with either as a superior or as one that must look up to some other because of his authority in this relationship? Do we always show the kindness the Bible says belongs to the children of God? If not, then we need to amend our ways to fit God's standard, regardless to the cost. We are to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and then may we expect these other things God's Word promises will follow come to. Our faith in Christ which identifies us with Him and other Christians will act as a cleansing force that rids us of unkindness, supplanting that and replacing it with love and kindness to all. Impatience and resentment to others that belong to Christ go as Christ comes in and fills the heart with love.

The Christian is likened unto a tree that bears fruit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-25); "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Not only does a Christian love that which he once hated, but those for whom he had no natural affection. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments" (1 John 5:1, 2).

Lying, stealing, and the things that go with being a lost sinner come natural to sinners, but born-again believers feel obligated to obey God's Word that says: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3); "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15, 16); "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1 John 3:14, 15).

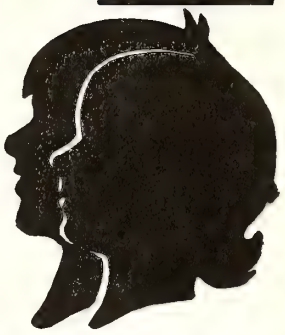
The Christian is a new creation in Christ whose new nature compels him to love. He has the nature of Christ in God. God's nature made it natural for Him to so love a lost world of sin-cursed men, women, boys, and girls that He gave Christ, His only begotten Son, to die for them; and Christ, who is the God man, so loved these that He gave His life a ransom for them. The Bible says that we who are Christ's ought to so love these that we shall always be laying down our lives for them; that we now are acting in Christ's behalf to a lost world. "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; . . . Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:18, 20); "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16); "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11). Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4); "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34); "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

Our work, as assigned by Jesus, is to preach the gospel to a whole lost world. (See Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark

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STORIES

for our youth



TOD'S TRICKY TURKEY

DAN HARMAN

TOD'S voice was excited. "That's what we've got," he screamed into the phone.

On the other end Chet tried to understand. "You've got a what?" he asked, screwing up his face as he tried to hear what the high-pitched voice of his buddy was saying.

"A turkey farm?" Chet repeated in surprise. "What are you doing with a turkey farm?"

Tod explained about his dad's buying a flock of turkeys from a man who was retiring. Now their family was going into the turkey-raising business. "You'll buy your Thanksgiving turkey from us, won't you, Chet? After all, you are my best friend."

Chet said that he would, and after he'd hung up, he announced the news to his mother. "We can get our turkey from them, can't we, Mom?"

She smiled. "Why, I guess so, Chet. You and dad can go down to their farm and pick one out tonight. It's getting about time to think about the Thanksgiving dinner."

That night when Chet's dad came in, he was immediately swamped by hugs and pleadings and cries of "Please, Dad, please."

"Whoa, son. Wait a minute. What's this all about?" Chet's dad laughed as he held his son in his arms.

Chet explained as best he could, and his mother filled in the things he forgot.

"Well, I don't see why we can't go right now." Looking at Chet's mother, he added, "Time to go down before we eat?"

Soon they were listening as Tod and his father explained all about the turkey business. "We have to keep their pens up off the ground. They catch cold easily." Chet had no idea that turkeys caught colds just like humans.

"Well, do you see one you'd like for Thanksgiving?" Tod's dad asked while they looked over the flock.

"I'll let Chet pick one."

Chet walked back and forth, looking and trying to decide. Then he saw one that looked lonesome and forgotten. It huddled over in the corner. "I want that one," Chet said.

Chet didn't see the way Tod looked at his father. The turkey farmer reached into the cage and put a tag on the leg of the bird Chet had selected. Together they walked back to the house.

"Come in for a cup of coffee?"

"No, dinner will be ready by the time we get back home." As Chet and his father waved good-by and walked to the car, Chet looked at Tod.

"Dad, what's wrong with Tod?"

"Hadn't noticed anything. Why?"

"Oh, nothing."

The day before Thanksgiving Tod's dad pulled into Chet's driveway in his pickup truck. A small cage with Chet's selection was in the back. Tod was not along. The bird was still alive. "Just like you ordered," Tod's dad called as Chet's mother came to meet him. "Where shall I put him?"

Chet's mother motioned toward the back porch, paid Tod's dad for the bird, and waved good-by as the pickup truck went out the driveway.

"Hey, Mom. He's here!" Chet called as he came home from school. "How do we kill him?"

Chet's mother cringed at the thou "Your father will take care of that."

Just as Chet got into the house, phone rang. Chet listened for a mi and then broke out laughing. He his hand over the mouthpiece and ca to his mother. "It's Tod, Mom. crying. Says we bought his pet tur and wants us to trade him for anoth Then Chet spoke to Tod. "Quit bein baby. Turkeys are for eating, not pets." Then he replaced the receiver the cradle.

"He's a baby, Mom. Crying over old turkey."

Chet's mother frowned.

The sun came up warm and bright Thanksgiving morning. Chet boun out of bed and ran to his father's b room. "Hey, Dad. Come on. We've to get up early and get that turkey re for dinner." Chet's dad opened sleepy eye and looked at the cl Slowly, he pulled himself out of b dressed, and went with Chet toward back porch.

Things were strangely quiet. Inst of the scratching, shuffling sound o turkey, there was nothing but abso quietness on the back porch.

"He's gone. Daddy, the turkey's gon Chet shouted. As his dad caught with Chet, he, too, saw the cage d standing open, and the Thanksgiv dinner gone.

"Tod did it," Chet said, doubling fists.

Soon they were headed down tow Tod's farm.

"Why, no, Chet, we don't have bird," Tod's father said when Chet his father tried to explain. "Tod hurt when he saw his favorite leav the flock, but I told him that we coul have a farm and make pets of the bi too. I'm sure that he didn't take turkey."

Together, the four of them walked around the farm. They looked caref among the other birds, but there was Thanksgiving dinner there for Chet.

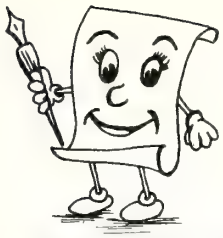
Then, just as they rounded the cor of the old smokehouse, they heard "gobble, gobble" where there sho have been just a stack of shovels rakes.

"In there," Tod's dad called as t entered the dusty building. And th in the corner, on a pile of old rags, h dled Chet's turkey. She was sitting g ly on a large egg.

"Why, she's a mother," Chet s without thinking.

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GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Every year about this time there's at ast one service where everyone is ask- d to stand up and express heartfelt anks, aloud. Well, naturally the first ne thanks God for the gift of His Son, lvation, and eternal life. And I'm ankful for that.

But I always have the urge to say that m thankful for scientific inventions and dvancements that make life easier. Just bout the time I think I have my nerve orked up, someone is thankful for a iraculous recovery from an illness or a fe-saving miracle. So I decide it would und trite or frivolous, and keep my outh shut.

Since the Bible says, "That in every ing ye are enriched by him, in all ut- rance, and in all knowledge" (1 Corin- ians 1:5), I'm sure these things were ade with His help. First Thessalonians 18 directs, "In every thing give thanks: ." So I shall continue to be thankful r all those silly things . . .

Like paper towels: for draining bacon, iping spills, washing windows, plus her odd jobs.

And aluminum foil: for lining the pan wrapping the roast. (How did my andmother ever cook all those delicious eals without those two helpers!)

Paper plates—imagine all the church nners and picnics and the mess if we d to use china plates!

Hot, running water!

Canned biscuits and other bakery pro- cts. And sliced bread. All the bread e ever baked in loaves could have been ed on the Appian Way, and my stones ould still be intact.

Sometimes I wish television had never en invented, but most of the time I'm ateful for that too.

And my two favorite robots: the wash- and the dryer. They dictate to me, ey push me around, but I love them th!

I'm pleased that God allowed the in- ntion of all these things and many ore; and that my husband is willing for e to have them. I surely enjoy using em!

OBITUARIES

Vanna Whitman Thomas

Mrs. Vanna Thomas, widow of Clarence Thomas, who had been a member of Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina, for a number of years, passed away April 13, 1971. Her funeral was conducted at Edgerton Funeral Chapel in Beulaville by the Rev. John Houghton. Burial was in East Duplin Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include four daughters: Mrs. Wilbur Allio, Beaufort; Mrs. J. C. King, Kinston; Mrs. Gary Smith, Pink Hill; and Mrs. Gaston Westbrook of Wallace. Survivors also include two sons, Dalton and Douglas M. Thomas both of Pink Hill; a sister, Mrs. Stokes Westbrook of Kenansville; four brothers: Robert of Albany, Maine; Elbert of Mount Olive; Roscoe and Hermon Whitman both of Kenansville; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomas was stricken suddenly while at work helping others who were in need of her services. She passed away a short while after she was stricken.

It was a pleasure for me to meet with Mrs. Thomas and converse with her, as she was a very pleasant and friendly person. I know she has been missed a lot and will continue to be missed by those who were closest to her, but we would point them to our Lord who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Respectfully submitted,
Nora M. Miller
Beulaville, North Carolina

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Mr. Oscar Willoughby

Oscar E. (better known as "Dick") Willoughby died in the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital on August 14, 1971, of a heart attack. He had been in declining health for several weeks.

"Dick" had been a faithful member of Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, since he was a young boy. He had held several offices in the church, including those of elder and a deacon. His last attendance to church was a short while before his death. Though unable physically to be in service, we took him at his request. He took great pride in contributing to the work of the church. When all else seemed to have no meaning to him, he always inquired of his pastor concerning the work of the church and the attendance at services.

He was a man who loved God, his church, his family, and people. He was trusted by his friends and business associates. Although he was a man of few words, his heart was filled with compassion and love for his fellowman.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Robert May; assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, two daughters, two granddaughters, a brother, two sisters, and a host of friends.

Though our home is lonely now, and a vacancy that can never be filled is ever before us, we do not question God. We know that He makes no mistakes, and we are comforted because we know our loved one is with God—there waiting for those he loved so dearly.

"I cannot say,
And I will not say,
He is dead!
He is just away!"

In loving memory,
His Wife

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His thoughts were slow, his words were
few and never formed to glisten;
But he was a joy to all his friends—
you should have heard him listen!
—Lola M. Hazard.

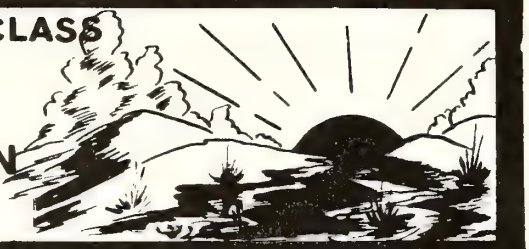
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



FOR DECEMBER 5

Luke Tells the Good New s

Lesson Text: Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5

Memory Verse: Luke 1:3, 4

I. INTRODUCTION

Some people have often wondered why there are four Gospels in the New Testament, especially when all four have some of the same incidents mentioned in them. When we understand what each of the writers had in mind and why he wrote as he did, we can understand why there are four separate books.

Each of the Gospel writers saw Jesus Christ differently, yet each portrayed Him accurately. Matthew was inspired to write of Him as the King of Israel, the Messiah who had been promised. Mark presents Him as the perfect, faithful Servant sent from God. In every chapter of Mark we see Jesus hurrying here and there to do God's bidding. The key word of Mark's Gospel is "straightway."

John presents Jesus Christ as the blessed Son of God, the unquestionable manifestation of God in the flesh. (See John 1:1, 14.) John wrote to help men believe that Jesus was the Son of God and that only through Him can we find salvation. The key word of John's Gospel is "believe."

When we turn to Luke, Jesus is portrayed as the Son of man, which is Luke's favorite expression. The Gospel of Luke gives many evidences of the humanity of Jesus and of His constant dependency upon the heavenly Father.

It is our pleasure this quarter to study Luke and we begin today by learning how he told the good news, which is actually the meaning of the word gospel. —The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction
   1. Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.
   2. Give something of the background of the man Luke.
   3. The characteristics of the Gospel of Luke.

B. Others Had Written the Gospel (Luke 1:1, 2)
   1. Many gospels were written that did not get included in the Scripture.
   2. Luke heard the message about Jesus from eyewitnesses.
   3. Luke calls Jesus "the Word."

C. Luke Wrote the Gospel (Luke 1:3, 4)
   1. Luke wrote to Theophilus.
   2. Luke wrote that they might know the certainty of things they had heard.
   3. Reasons why a written record of the oral instruction was needed.

D. An Incomplete Record (Acts 1:1)
   1. Luke refers to his Gospel and says that it is incomplete.
   2. It was incomplete because Jesus was alive and continued to work.
   3. The Book of Acts might better be called, "The Extraordinary Acts of Ordinary Men as They Were Empowered by the Holy Spirit."

E. The Infallible Proof (Acts 1:3)
   1. He appeared alive to the disciples.
   2. These appearances occurred over a period of forty days.
   3. Look at the effect of these appearances on the disciples.

F. The Indispensable Equipment (Acts 1: 4, 5)
   1. One would think that the apostles would be prepared after Jesus had trained them.
   2. Jesus told them that they were to wait for the fulfillment of the Father's promise.
   3. Training and education cannot succeed without the filling of the Spirit.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Have you noticed how little good news appears in the papers lately? Most of what we read in the newspaper from day to day is really bad news. It seems that people demand to know the worst of what's happening, so the news me tell it.

This is why our study in the Gos of Luke during this quarter will be so freshing and encouraging. Luke tells good news. That is literally what word gospel means: good news. It the good news about Jesus. Inclu are His birth, His purpose and minis His death, His burial, and His resurr tion.

The good news about Jesus is t He is the Christ. He was no ordin newsmaker, but the anointed one of G God's Son; Immanuel—God with us!

Also good is the news that Jesus our Saviour. He can save us from sins. He was born to die, and He d so you and I can live.

More good news: Jesus is the Lord life! With Him, real living begins, a that's the kind of news everyone wa to read. This week, tell someone good news about Jesus!—Standard Co mentary.

B. "Let me remind you again that sus Christ had outlined a program evangelization for the disciples, a promised that they would receive t power of the Holy Spirit in order to w ness effectively unto the uttermost pa of the earth. He said they were to ter a new era. God was about to int duce a change of dispensation, but was not to introduce a change of disp sation apart from a stepped-up and e vated spiritual experience.

"God has His dispensations in deali with men, but He doesn't have calend so He can just pull off January and p up February and thus shift and chan dispensations in that way. His disp sations have to do with people—not w calendars. They have to do with sp itual experience, not a measure of tim When they were to enter a new era, was not only a change-over from one d pensation to another, but it was to introduced by the coming down of a n afflatus and enabling from above. power was to be introduced which h not been available before. It was to e ter into them and possess them and w to bring God to them in a new way. T power was actually to be a Person— was to enter them and dwell with them."—A. W. Tozer.

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Our highest faith is born of what deepest within our hearts; it is best believe the best and wisest to trust it

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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have had many added expenses, plus our income has dropped tremendously during the past six weeks. Thus, we are in desperate need for our people across the state to make every effort to meet their church quotas by making their contributions as liberal as possible.

Building Program

A. The new residence for the director of campus life is nearing completion. We hope to have the home finished by early November.

B. We are in the process of painting our church on the outside as well as making necessary minor repairs.

C. Four of our cottages need very much to be painted on the inside. How soon this work can be done will depend on availability of funds.

November Is Children's Home Month: Again this year the month of November has been designated as "Children's Home Month" and Sunday, November 21, as "Children's Home Day," by the North Carolina State Convention. We urge each church and other organizations to give at least $1 per member as a "special Thanksgiving gift" to the Home. An honor roll of all organizations who send this amount will be published in "The Free Will Baptist." Please start making plans now for your church, Sunday school, or other church auxiliary to be included in this honor roll.

No Thanksgiving Day Service: Please don't forget that there will **not** be a special Thanksgiving Day service at the Children's Home this year. It is felt that our children deserve to spend Thanksgiving with their friends and families. We urge you to plan to help us make our Founders' Day in May, 1972, the big event of the year on our campus.

Board of Trustees: The following are now serving on the Children's Home Board of Trustees: Rev. A. Graham Lane, chairman (1974); Mr. Billy Dilday, vice-chairman (1972); Mrs. Rebecca Davenport, secretary (1973); Rev. James B. Hardee (1973); Mr. A. G. Glover Jr. (1972); Mr. Leslie Hawley (1972); Mr. Reginald Styron (1973); Mr. Linwood Cobb (1974); and Mr. Oscar Webster (1974).

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"She sure is," Tod agreed.

Chet walked over to Tod. "You know, we can't kill a mother on Thanksgiving Day. And, besides, I was getting pretty attached to her myself, Tod. Kind of hated to see her picked and roasted."

Tod smiled, with a tear forming in his left eye. "How about trading for another bird? And if the egg hatches, we'll even give you the poult." Seeing that Chet wondered what that was, Tod whispered, "That's a young turkey." Both boys smiled.

As Chet drove back home, holding fast to the big tom turkey by his side, he said to his dad, "Can they get the bird ready for cooking next year? I think I'm getting to like this bird already."

Just as he said it, the bird turned and tried to peck at Chet's head. The boy jumped, then added, "Forget it. Just get us home. He's going to taste good with gravy and stuffing."—My Pleasure.

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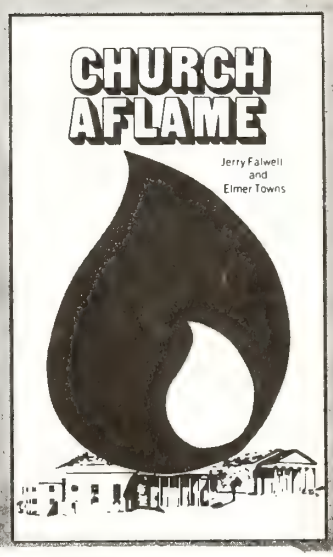
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THINK!

Thinking is vital. But in our technological age, as man's individuality gives way to the computer, thinking is discouraged. Employees are often reminded, "Do as you are told. We will do the thinking." An employee of a certain company, when asked to give me his personal opinion about an item, replied, "I am not allowed to say what I think." Raymond Beach has written, "Seemingly millions have declared a moratorium on thinking. They have surrendered independent mental processes to the manipulations of the mass media of communication." Is our society on its way to becoming all eyes and ears and no brains?

The continual flood of words, sounds, and pictures may overwhelm our inner mental abilities. A recent survey of one thousand TV owners conducted by a large university suggests that the ability to think, developed by study, reading, and conversation, wastes away when individuals spend too much of their time listening and looking.

The survey further says: "It will be interesting to know just how the historians of the future will explain us; how in an age that boasted of science and intelligence, we spent more on liquor than on education; how in a time that called for high thought, athletes and boxers were higher paid than scientists; how actors and funny men got more in a week than schoolteachers in a year; and that in a time when civilization was being shaken to its foundations, the voice to which more ears were turned on Sunday night than to all preachers on the continent was the voice of a wooden dummy."

Think!

The Christian should use his mind to think so as to grow and develop. In Philippians 4:8, Paul says, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Think!—Ray O. Jones.

Furnace for Absentees?

A little boy came home from Sunday school in tears. He told his mother that he wouldn't dare to be absent from Sunday school again, for the teacher had said that she would throw him into the furnace.

Horrified, his mother phoned the teacher.

"What I said," the teacher explained, "was that if any child missed Sunday school for three consecutive weeks, he would be dropped from the register."—Gospel Herald.

HOW BIG IS GOD?

Dedicated to Scotty

"Do I not fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord."—Jeremiah 23:24

"How big is God?" he asked;
And as we stood there hand in hand,
My child and I, in velvet night,
Together traced the starry band.
"Is He up *there*?" And stretching forth
As though he sought to touch the heaven,
He stood on tippy-toe and peered
With all the boyish grace you find in 7,
And said, "Today in school
We learned of Jupiter and Mars
And studied how someday
We'll travel up and touch those stars
And sail in rocket ship all through the blue!
Will I see God up there the day *I do*?"

(At last a pause! . . . and, rather sadly:)

"Or will I have to wait until I die
To meet with Him up in His sky?
How *high* is God? Just how far must I go
To shake His hand: I'd really like to know!"

I smiled a bit as question
After question tumbled out
And left me breathless as I stood
And watched them dance about
And race across the Milky Way
Through all eternity of time and space . . .
Until they must have surely brought
A heavenly smile to someone's face!
And reaching down I tenderly
Embraced this child of mine,
And told him how the everlasting arms
Of God enfold us all the time . . .
"We are as little lambs: the Shepherd loves us so!
Oh no, my son, we never have too far to go!"

(Another pause, but this time *gladly*:)

"For He fills heaven *and* earth, this Lord of ours . . .
Yes, even all the way to Jupiter and Mars
And back to *here!* He's with us everywhere:
And though unseen, He's never further than a prayer!"

Then hand in hand together, he and I,
We knelt ("Oh, Father!") as the teardrops dimmed my eye;
For from my heart I heard a sad voice say,
Why has he never heard you speak to me
Before TODAY?

—Sylvia A. Storms

"The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms . . ."
—Deuteronomy 33:27

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AFTER THANKSGIVING -- WHAT THEN?

Editorial...

AFTER THANKSGIVING – WHAT THEN?

A week after Thanksgiving hashed-up turkey is still being eaten, none too enthusiastically. The children will be glad when it's gone. Some of the pies are still here, dried out from repeated reheating. They always last too long . . . after Thanksgiving.

Daddy becomes his usual grumpy self. Mama loses her patience. The children again are at odds with one another. Frictions grind harder . . . after Thanksgiving.

The grace at the dinner table is not so eloquent—often neglected entirely. The meals are eaten noisily, sometimes irreverently. Daddy takes this time to fuss again, to reprimand the children while they try to digest unwanted food. Mama coerces them to eat every morsel pointing out the starving children of the world. Parental guidance becomes more disciplinary but less consistent . . . after Thanksgiving.

The weather is cold. Skies are gray. The wind whips at you harder and hurts more. There is less joy in cold feet, ears, and noses; and windblown hair becomes bothersome rather than amusing. Brisk walks are not so much fun anymore. It doesn't matter too much now that one is able to walk. Things grow duller . . . after Thanksgiving.

The nation is free; but it's always been—so why all this "to do" about it—thanking God for liberty and such? Air is still available for hungry lungs, so why complain about its scarcity until one cannot satisfy his hunger for it? Food and water are plentiful for now, so why contemplate their being taken away? Things are taken for granted . . . after Thanksgiving.

A bird flies by. So what? Another will fly by soon. Why does he merit special attention? And the stubborn leaves that have a death hold on some branch—the spring buds will push them loose; so don't think they symbolize anything great. The insects are dying or going into the ground. Hibernating animals have their fat stored and are going into their dens—all according to plan; but this shouldn't prompt too much thought. This is a matter of course, not to be awed at or discussed too much . . . after Thanksgiving.

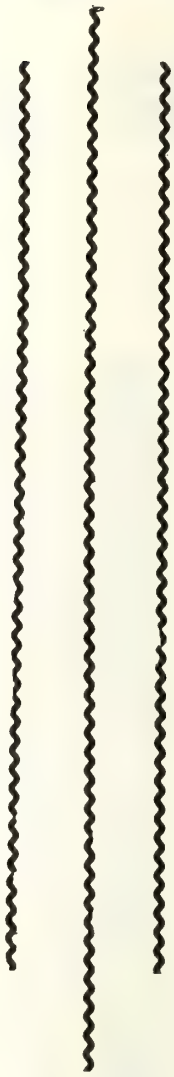
A cough develops. Noses run. Heads ache. Deep breaths produce pains in the chest. Eyes burn and tears run down cheeks. It's all right as long as we don't have to suffer such. A beggar sits on the cold street. This time we pass him by without a sympathetic smile or a conscience-salving coin. A barefoot child huddles in the corner, hiding from the wind, the sleet, his mouth watering for the sweets in the bakery shop across the street. We pass a little girl, looking past her suffering and hardly able to wait to do what we've planned to do—and she isn't in those plans . . . after Thanksgiving.

Hard hearts, huh,—those who become unfeeling and unnoticing after a season of thanks. It happens though—to "us" as well as to "them." In other people's eyes, we are the "other" people and they think and say the same things about us as we think and say about them. It's a rat race again . . . after Thanksgiving.

Curses, curses, and more curses uttered from mouths which had blessed the name of the Lord and had thanked Him for His bounty! Evil schemes planned inside heads that had rested against the back of a cozy chair after a full stomach! Hearts lusting greedily and sensuously after they had been full of love for the unfortunate! Things are different . . . after Thanksgiving.

Yes, "things" are different after Thanksgiving, but God isn't—except maybe a little sadder, like some of us.

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The Generation Gap

ON BLAIR

The following message was delivered on outh Sunday, October 31, in the Marlboro ree Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North arolina, by Don Blair. Don is a student the Charlotte, North Carolina, School of rchitecture.



TODAY is Youth Sunday at Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church. It has been e policy of this church for many years declare each fifth Sunday as Youth nday, at which time the youth of our urch are in charge of the morning ser- ces. The subject I chose to speak on day concerns both young and old alike "The Generation Gap."

The generation gap is an elusive thing. virtually defies definition, even though is a common experience in most fami- es. There are some who suggest that is the creation of the advertising world of "pop" sociology and is not of seri- us enough nature to command the pub- attention it has received in recent ears. The term "generation gap" would ot have been the subject of so much mmentary, nor would it have caught e fancy of so many people, if it had not escribed a common experience.

Let me use an example to try and de- ne what generation gap actually means. he boy was wheeling on his motorcycle o the unpaved mountain road to the arents' vacation cabin, according to the ewspaper reports. He was over an hour te for dinner, and he knew his parents ould be worried. The father, filled ith concern, was driving down the same road in the family auto looking for the boy. The two met in a head-on accident as they turned a curve into each other at the same moment. The son was killed instantly. **Two people trying to reach each other collide**—more than just a report of a tragic accident—it is a parable of what is happening in many of our families today. Youth and adults, loving each other, trying to reach each other, often meet head on and tragedy occurs.

Parents and young people have long been critical of each other. Conflicts between generations is nothing new; yet, many people believe that there is something unique about the current youth-adult tension. Student protest has focused the interest of Americans on the generation gap. From the arts, to sexuality, to war, to religion, to authority, the youth are relentlessly assaulting the wisdom of all who have gone before.

There is no single cause for this generation gap. Part of the tension is normal —the result of the natural conflict between parent and child. But certain aspects of American culture contribute to the tension between generations. Three of the most important influences have been improved: education, the mass media, and rapid social change

Higher education tends to add perspective and awareness to life. Today's youth are generally better educated than their parents. The gap in values and beliefs is greater between adults and college students than between adults and working youth. In contrast with most adults and working young people, students have much time to reflect upon social issues. Furthermore, they are receiving a steady flow of up-to-date information about these issues.

Part of the difference between modern youth and adults has been attributed to television. Television has trained youth to think in terms of logic, historical sequence, or lines in a book—the way most adults have been trained to think. The current generation is a part of the events of the world. They have seen events happen, they have not just read about them.

Rapid social change plays a role in the tensions between generations. More changes now takes place in a decade than formerly took place in a century. Succeeding generations grow up in different worlds.

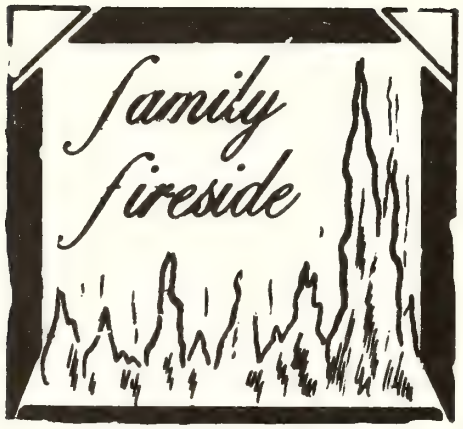
Today's youth are often labeled the "now generation." They are generally inpatient and demand that their needs and wants be fulfilled **now.** Part of this sense of urgency may be due to the tenseness of international affairs. Most young people today have had their wants fulfilled by parents who are able and eager to provide. Some parents, driven by the determination that their children will not be deprived of the things they missed as a youth, have "bought off" their children with the things their frantic pace has provided.

Money and leisure, combined with the energy of youth, have created a new subculture. Adolescence has become a way of life rather than a transition between childhood and adulthood. It is a subculture with its own style of dress, music, recreation, entertainment, and food.

Because of their parents' affluence many young people don't have to work. As a result they achieve a certain distance which can produce criticism and judgment.

The growing depersonalization of life causes many young people to rebel. They are horrified at the loss of individualism. Their protests take many forms: demonstrations, defiant life-styles, demands for change, radical patterns of dress and

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

OLD AGE

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 46:4

Sometimes the sun seems to hang for half an hour in the horizon, only just to show how glorious it can be. The day is done, for the fervor of shining is over, and the sun hangs golden in the west, making everything look unspeakably beautiful, with the rich effulgence which it sheds on every side. So God seems to let some people, when their duty in this world is done, hang in the west, that men may look on them and see how beautiful they are.—*H. W. Beecher.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The life of an elderly Christian—how gloriously radiant! Let us live in such a manner that when we grow old the mark of sin will not mar our countenance; rather let it be that His love will yet be seen in us though we be aged and worn!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

OLD AGE—GOD'S CROWN OF GLORY

Scripture Reading—Psalm 90:10

When Polycarp was given the alternative of denying Christ or suffering martyrdom, the aged saint replied: "Eighty and six years I have served my Saviour and He hath never done me any harm; and shall I deny Him now?" What heroism is this! What faith!—*Christian Witness.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Few of us shall be called upon to face death for our Saviour; but should this lot be ours, how would we meet the test—in fear and trembling or stout of heart? How strong is our faith? Is it stronger than our fear?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

THE ROAD OF OPPORTUNITY

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:9

When the Children of Israel crossed into Canaan, it was on the Jericho road that they wrought that miraculous capture of Jericho by encompassing the city day by day as they had been directed. It was on the Jericho road that Zacchaeus climbed up into the sycamore tree to see Jesus as He passed by, which resulted in having Him in his home and heart. It was on the Jericho road that the sons of the prophets were working on their building and the head of a borrowed ax fell into the water, and was rescued by a miracle by the prophet. It was on the Jericho road that two blind men called to Jesus as He was passing, and had their sight restored. It was on the Jericho road that a certain man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho and became in need of help. The Jericho road is the road of opportunity, and it runs by your home, and your shop, and your office, and there is always "a certain man" there.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Opportunities to do something for God avail themselves everyday. If we let them pass we have neglected to do that which we need to do—not only for others, but for ourselves. This provides a true measure of happiness!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

THE SECRET OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 4:13

A young girl was being introduced to the Sunday morning congregation not long ago on the occasion of having won an award for perfect attendance at church school for seven years. As she was receiving her congratulations, and the audience was applauding her fine record, the pastor came forward and said: "Mary, before you go, I want to ask you a question or two. What kind of family have you grown up in? Didn't they ever have any company on Sunday? Has your family never gone on a picnic on the Lord's Day? Has there never been a time when your mother was 'just worn out' and your father had to stay at home because it was the only day they ever had together? Didn't it ever happen that something went wrong with the car so that you couldn't get it started? How has it happened that your parents never kept you home from church school?" The girl did not get the satire in the preacher's questions, and replied, "Why, they always wanted me to be in church school, and they planned it so I could get there." That was the secret.—*Church School Journal.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Being in Sunday school is a good habit to develop. Many truths are learned there that are never learned anywhere else. Parents, are your children there? More important, are you there with them?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

THE PEACE OF GOD

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 12:14

There is what is called the "cushion of the sea." Down beneath the surface that is agitated with storms, and driven about with high winds, there is a part of the sea that is never stirred. When we dredge the bottom and bring up the remains of animal and vegetable life, we find that they give evidence of not having been disturbed for hundreds of years. The peace of God is that eternal calm which lies far too deep down in the praying soul to be reached by any external disturbance.—*A. T. Pierson.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The peace of God, living deep within our souls, undisturbed by agitations of life; unmoved by perplexities; undestroyed by the powers of evil, when it is real!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

RECOGNIZING THE ROAD

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:1, 3

A Spirit-filled worker connected with the Africa Inland Mission was giving his testimony, after returning from a very dangerous service in the first World War. He said that if someone sent him on a journey and told him the road to take, warning him that at a certain point he would come to a dangerous crossing of the river, at another point to a forest infested with wild beasts, he would come to that dangerous river crossing and the other dangers with the satisfaction of knowing that he was on the right road. So he told them that the Lord had predicted that Christians would have tribulation, and when the tribulations came he knew he was on the right road.—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

The Christian road has pitfalls provided by Satan. If you classify yourself a Christian and your road of life is free of afflictions, take a careful look at the direction in which you are going.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

WHEN IN A TIGHT PLACE

Scripture Reading—2 Thessalonians 3:13

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems you cannot hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time when the tide will turn.—*Harriett Beecher Stowe.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

A rainy day is not forever. Sunshine always follows and seems brightest when the storm has been severest. Let smiles accompany your tears. No one ever cries or smiles alone.

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Someone has said, "What I gave I have; what I spent I had; what I kept I lost."

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Make every day Thanksgiving.

LIVING A LOT

by
MARGO MANGUM

LIFE is made up of days. Today had been just another day at the local school where I worked. It was now coming to a close. Walking briskly up the street, nearing my driveway, I heard the hood of the old car slam shut. Someone had been working under the hood of that car. That old heap could use some new windows, too, I thought. Some were spidery cracked, some were taped up, one completely gone. The right front fender had been rumpled, and there were several rust spots here and there on the light blue Ford.

The man's head came up with a jerk. "Didja ever see a prettier sunset?" Looking beyond the man, over across the western sky—just pieces of it—the buildings across the street keeping me from seeing as much as I wanted to see, I saw what he meant. The sight was beautiful! Before my eyes the rosy tones became more subdued. It was early fall.

Wiping a wrench with an old rag he had taken from his pocket, he waited patiently for my answer, obviously enjoying himself as he watched me watching the glorious sunset. I looked at him and smiled, "Thanks, neighbor." All of a sudden, I wasn't in as much of a hurry as I had thought. My thoughts turned to my own father—one who would have loved a few minutes of my time—just any time—through the past few years; but now he didn't need me. He had been dead only a few months.

Reaching down, my friend patted a little stray dog. I watched him. Together we walked over to a crude bench he had made. Very carefully, he placed two bricks under my feet, a sort of footstool. He wanted me to be comfortable.

"Just a hobby, dont'cha see?" Yes, I saw. He was always hard at work, seemingly unaware of anyone or anything, other than getting this particular vehicle in good shape. Maybe, just maybe, someone would need a car like this one. Quite a few cars had come and gone in the past few months. These cars had been done over with those big hands and you saw them no more. "You just never know when a feller could use one like this 'til he gets on his feet. He don't feel quite so bad if it's an old one." He smiled to himself as if it were a private joke.

Suddenly he turned to me with a twinkle in his eyes, "How much trouble did **you** get into today?" No answer was needed. A thought came to me—something about making use of time—now—this fleeting moment. Was he making use of time—this fleeting moment? Or was I? After all, now is made up of a series of fleeting moments. This is all there is or ever can be. What should be done with it before it becomes another memory? I decided to sit and **listen**—something I wish I had been better at in the past. I've learned a lot from my friend. **He** listens good.

Early one morning I glanced out my window and saw my friend scanning the bright blue skies. I was ready for another session. I quickly joined him. He pointed out the white stream made by a jet plane. His eyes followed the white streak. Was he thinking of the time he and Charles Lindbergh talked? Mr. Lindbergh wanted so much to become a part of the air show which my friend managed. My friend looked at me. "I still remember saying to him, 'But Charlie, I can't let you use that plane to take people up in. Why, it's practically put together with baling wire.' Yes, they're the very words I told him. It was too risky, dont'cha see? I wanted very much to help Charlie, but we'd had a few mishaps already. There was this man and wife team. Another flier flew his ship into her plane, causing her to plummet to the ground. After her body was removed her husband touched a match to his plane and burned himself up. There were three thousand people watching. One of our acts called for a man to go out on the wing of a plane; another plane would fly over the one that held up the man. The man changed from one plane to the other while the ships flew over the field where we were showing."

He was silent for some time (my friend). Then he began again, "One feller flew too close to the lower plane. The propeller of the upper plane cut the man to shreds. The crowd was elated. We had to give another show the next day to get money to bury the man. Thousands paid at the gate and gave extra money. I paid the funeral expenses and gave the rest of the money to the man's wife."

My friend wiped away a tear and blew his nose. "You know, I'da loved to have given old Charlie a job; but I just couldn't. Funny thing, though, old Charlie became famous and the rest of us didn't amount to too much!" He laughed heartily. I laughed with him.

Young, old, rich, or poor, my friend is no respecter of persons. Nothing has ever been too big for him to help you with, nothing too small. I refer to the days of the depression. One day he was accosted by a "hobo." The man wanted a dime. Ten cents was money in those days. Hunger was used as the reason for wanting the money, but it wasn't always used for this purpose. So, on this occasion, the "hobo" was taken to a grocery store and with the help of my friend, bought ten cents worth of coffee. The man was so grateful that he asked my friend to join him and his buddies for supper. His buddies were planning to bring back food—something—anything—just so it was food. He readily accepted and walked a mile or so, where the "hobo's" friends were waiting. The other men's luck had matched this man's. Everyone had brought something—meats, dry beans, vegetables, etc. A big tin bucket of Mulligan stew was made over an open fire. Cup after cup of "good coffee" was downed. My friend declares that it was one of the best meals he has ever eaten.

Another time he recalls during this time was when a man drew a knife on him. My friend pocketed the knife, fed the man, and they have been friends ever since.

Stories like this come rather reluctantly. He's a modest man. He chides me gently sometimes, but I am a persistent person. I have gotten things bit by bit—but there's so much more to know. From him I've learned so many things; I have many more to learn.

He's had some narrow escapes. He wonders why he **did** escape. At one time he was crossing a swollen stream,

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NEWS NOTES

Central Conference Layman's League

The Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting will be held Friday evening, December 3, at the Tarboro, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. All Layman's Leagues of the conference are urged to be represented. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser as the host pastor.

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Change of Address

The Rev. Wilson Dowdy would like to announce a change of address. His former address was 615-C Glenbrook Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. His new address is Trail of Merlin, Route 2, Box 402, Garner, North Carolina 27529. His phone number is 772-8621. His correspondents are advised to note this change.

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Founders' Day Mount Olive College

Mount Olive College will observe its twentieth anniversary on December 11 with a Founders' Day program in the College auditorium at 11 a.m. All friends of the College are cordially invited.

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MY GOD, HOW GREAT THOU ART!

by Mrs. Edwin Roper

"O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

God is full of surprises for His children! Some of them are beyond comprehension. Such is the case in my recent visit to our Free Will Baptist mission fields in Mexico.

When I was asked if I would be interested in going with other district missions chairman to Mexico to visit our work on the fields, immediately my answer was, "Yes." Afterwards, I wondered why I had given a positive answer so readily knowing I would have to go by plane—something I had no desire to do. In fact, I had said that I never would fly in a plane. Then I remembered that I had also said many times, "I'll do **anything** for Jesus!'

When it was learned that this trip was available for me, my Christian friends began to make plans for me to go with enthusiasm that surpassed my own, since I was filled with mixed emotions. With their confidence, prayers, and gifts of love, I began, step-by-step, through faith, for the most unique and soul-stirring trip that I have ever known.

As I, with three other ladies, boarded the plane at the Raleigh-Durham Airport, Monday morning, November 8, at 9:05 o'clock, the big surprise that God had in store for me became a reality; and from there on words are not available to describe the unveiling experiences that God had in store for me through the work on the Free Will Baptist mission fields in Mexico.

Mr. Timmons was waiting for us at the airport in San Antonio, Texas. As we boarded the Free Will Baptist Institute van and left for Quemodo, the precious Spirit of God filled me, making known His divine purpose for my being there.

Upon arrival at the institute, the aroma of fried chicken, together with open arms of love and welcome from the Timmon's family, gave us the warmest reception that could only come through hearts dedicated to God and His perfect will. I wish I had words to describe the Christian hospitality that was shown to us by Mr. and Mrs. Timmons and their wonderful children throughout our week's stay in the trailer at the institute. Surely we are most fortunate as a denomination to have them directing the missions in Mexico.

The institute was beyond my expectation, and I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving for the great things God has done for us there.

From the beginning of the tour of the mission fields in Mexico, starting in Acuna, the services being in an humble one-room farm house with only kerosene lamps to give light, with Brother Antonia Lopez and his humble but radiant congregation, the Spirit of our heavenly Father and His love for all mankind became more meaningful than I had ever known before. His words, "Go ye into all the world," cried out in dramatic and sympathetic tones that only God could speak, and I knew how we Christians who know nothing of poverty, hardships, and sacrifice had failed Him who died for our sins, and has given us so much of this world's goods to enjoy.

As I sat through this service and held a beautiful little baby girl in my arms, with several other small children leaning on me, because there were not enough chairs to seat the congregation, I felt a little of the compassion of Jesus when He said, ". . . Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Heaven really did come down and glory filled my soul, as I saw five beautiful teen-age girls go forward and kneel at the altar when the invitation was given at the close of the service.

The deep humility of the Christian people in each of the six churches that we visited, and the warm welcome with which they received us, was touching. My mind would drift back home, and I would breathe a prayer of forgiveness wherein I had failed.

As the van moved over the rough and

rugged trails back and forth to the various churches, we wondered if we would ever make it there and back to the institute, but the hand of God moved in protection and love as we sang praises to His precious name.

Through deep humility and love we were privileged to give our testimony through word and song at each service. We did very well with Mr. and Mrs. Timmons interpreting for us. We sang songs of praises with the Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ, each in his own native tongue, as familiar tunes were sung. Through the power of God our voices blended together and we understood each other perfectly through the manifestation of His Holy Spirit.

My trip to Mexico has left an imprint upon my heart that will never be erased: a vision in mind that only seeing with the natural eyes could ever bring, a love and compassion for souls that I have longer for for many years, and a nearness to Christ that surpasses any natural emotion.

The tiny little hands of children reaching out to greet us in each service, the hugs and kisses from their arms and lips, and the final waves of their hands when the van pulled out from each church, leaves a heartfelt impression and beautiful picture that will ever hang upon the wall of my heart. The beautiful faces of teen-agers eager for the gospel, the tears of older people at the close of services; all these stirred my heart to a closer walk with Christ. Their humble little church buildings and rugged pews, that seemed a cathedral to them; the dirt and cement floors where tired little children sat and looked at the preacher with a deeply interested expression, after they had sung specials, quoted Scripture, and given testimonies; brings a hush and silence to my lips, because there aren't words to express my emotions.

I am so thankful that when I say, "Thank you, Lord, for making my trip to Mexico possible," He understands the depths of my gratitude.

Mexico with its magnificent buildings in each city, its long range of ranch land and lofty mountain grandeur, reminds me that it was planned by the mighty hand of God; but so few of the inhabitants realize this. When we drove through the stately city of Saltillo, I looked down upon the—it seemed—millions of brightly lighted buildings and thought of Jesus as He passed through Jerusalem on His way to Calvary, when He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37). Or could it be that He is saying to the people of Mexico, "You had no one to tell you!"

My prayer for the Mexicans is that they all might be saved. Thank God for the work started in Mexico by Free Will Baptists. The challenge is great! It is getting more difficult each day to get into Mexico with the gospel. Join me in daily prayer for someone to answer the call to "Go ye," for surely the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few.

Measurements

by Dorothy R. Atwood

How narrow is my love—embracing my own kind,
Those of the same mind but to all others —blind.
How narrow is my love!

How narrow is my world—just the house I'm in,
Kin who dwell within—no one of different skin.
How narrow is my world!

How wide is Thy world! Covering earth and
Sky and sea—How wide is Thy love!
Covering sinners like me.

Oh God, help me grow to the height and depth of thee!

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"Take It Easy, Man"

Two things are hard on the heart—running uphill and running down people.

We often hear kids say, "Take it easy, man!" That's a cool way to say goodby. We go on our way with a relaxed feeling that the world is ours and that we should be in no hurry to "kill" ourselves.

You know, we should have that same mental attitude when we talk about other people. "Take it easy, man," when you criticize others.

Our ears should be alert to the voice of God, and our lips should be trained to speak forth truth with love (cf. Ephesians 4:15). If we saturate our hearts and minds with God's Word, He will help us to guard what we say and how we say it.

God reads the heart. Those who reveal a superior exterior often conceal an inferior interior! "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Don't be fooled by mere physical appearance. Some beauty queens turn out to be mean old witches—and some unlikely prospects eventually become one's best friends. Remember Cinderella?

Take a tip from me. Open up your heart and let the Saviour in. With Christ at the controls of your life, the smile on your face will convince others of the sunshine in your heart. He will help you to get rid of the grouchy, gripy feeling that wants to run other people down.—Mel Johnson.

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MY BIBLE AND I

by Mrs. Ora Mae Barnhill
Free Will Baptist Children's Home
Middlesex, North Carolina

We travel together,
My Bible and I;
In stormy weather
Or sunny skies;
In trouble or sorrow
I smile and I sigh—
But we travel together,
My Bible and I.

It tells me of Jesus
And what He went through;
How He died on the Cross
For me and for you.
It tells me of Matthew,
Mark, Luke, and John—
How Jesus called them,
His work to carry on.

My Bible is faithful
Through thick and thin;
It tells me to turn
From this world of sin.
It tells me of Satan
And what he will do;
He even tried Jesus—
Our Saviour so true.

Oh, who shall part us,
My Bible and I;
Though isms and schisms
Or new things may try?
Everyday and every night
As time draweth nigh;
We travel together,
My Bible and I.

They have taken the Bible
Out of the school
So our children won't
Learn the Golden Rule;
But one of these days
So sorry they will be
That they let down the Bible,
And also liberty.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Meet Henry Herndon, A Ministerial Student, Mount Olive College

Henry C. Herndon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Herndon Jr., Pikeville, North Carolina. He is a member of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, and a freshman ministerial student at Mount Olive College. He was licensed by the Western Conference this past summer and has expressed an interest in missions work.



Henry has been very active in his church and served as a counselor at Cragmont Assembly on a number of occasions.

He is secretary-treasurer of Kappa Chi, and is an active member of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. He has also been elected to serve on the yearbook staff at the College.

Henry says of his experience at Mount Olive College, "I have experienced at Mount Olive College the atmosphere of a 'college that cares.' My experience here has been uplifting and inspiring."

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Thank God for living. Life, the gift of God, is precious in itself and not to be taken for granted.

Mount Olive College Students to Present Program

Students who recently attended a Spiritual Life Retreat at Oriental, North Carolina, will present a program of worship and witness on December 3, 1971, at 7:30 p.m., at Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Caroiina. The program will consist of different singing groups and students who will share their personal witness of the Christian faith.

The pastor, the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, invites all the churches and ministers of the area to join him for the service.

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, will be in charge of the service.

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At Mount Olive, They Behave as at Home

It should have surprised no one and pleased many to read the other day that Mount Olive College has a policy of no coeducational visitation in private dormitory rooms.

The college also has a policy of no alcoholic beverages "or evidence of drinking" on campus.

No one should get from this that Mount Olive College has the atmosphere of a monastery or that its student body is long-faced and devoid of interesting and entertaining extracurricular activities.

What it does mean is that we have at least one institution of higher learning in this state in which students are required to conduct themselves much as they would in their own homes.

Not many college-age students to our knowledge are allowed to keep alcoholic beverages in their bedrooms at home.

And we don't know of any who are permitted to entertain their girl friends or boyfriends in their bedrooms at home.

In sum and total, the atmosphere an the rules at Mount Olive College are muc as those in a home where children hav been raised with an awareness of th Almighty and a respect and appreciatio for moral values.—Goldsboro News-Argus

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WAYS TO GIVE TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

W. Burkette Raper, President

A gift to Christian higher education one of the most meaningful and lastin investments one can make. In making gift to Mount Olive College, one not onl makes an investment in the developmer of young men and women, but he derive deep satisfaction from knowing that h has done something that is truly worth while.

The College is fully accredited and a nonprofit educational institution, i corporated under the laws of North Car lina, and most gifts of any kind are ful tax deductible under both state and fe eral tax laws.

KINDS OF GIFTS

How will Mount Olive College use m gift? The answer depends upon th wishes of the donor. Gifts may be mad for any project that will assist the Co lege to fulfill its purposes.

1. **Unrestricted Gifts**

The most needed gifts are for gener operation, especially faculty salaries. I come from students provides approx mately sixty percent of the annual op rating budget of nearly $1 million; $250 000 is needed in gifts, and the remai ing amount is derived from various oth sources of income. During 1970-71 th state of North Carolina supplement student income in our **public** universiti by $1,283 per student, but since Mou Olive College does not receive gover ment funds for operation, its prima source of income beyond students voluntary gifts. General purpose gif may be made in any amount.

2. **Capital Gifts**

Capital gifts will be used to devel the new 100-acre campus, including pa ment on newly acquired property, a recently completed buildings (Henders academic building, library, and dorm tory for men).

Gifts are also needed for propos buildings which include a chapel, phy

cal education building, student center, and administrative building. All of these buildings are urgently needed and will be provided as soon as funds are available.

3. **Student Aid**

It is the desire of the College that no student be denied admission for financial reasons. Gifts may be made in any amount to provide either loans or scholarships to worthy and needy students.

Persons who are interested in creating a permanent loan fund or scholarship may do so through gifts totaling $1,000 or more payable according to a plan convenient to the donor.

4. **Library Books**

A book may be placed in the library for a gift of $5 or more and special gifts for this purpose are recognized by a nameplate in a book(s). Many persons make memorial gifts to the library in lieu of flowers.

5. **Endowment Funds**

A permanent endowment fund may be established through gifts of $1,000 or more. Funds of this type are placed in a safe investment which provide an annual income to the College in the name of the donor.

6. **Landscape Gifts**

Mount Olive is seeking to develop its new campus into one of the most beautiful colleges to be found anywhere and gifts to this project may be made in any amount.

7. **Special Projects**

A number of special projects for which funds are needed include:

a. An organ for the music department;
b. Works of art for the new buildings;
c. Recreation equipment for the department of physical education;
d. Vehicle (car or station wagon) for the development office;
e. Office furniture for development office, public relations office, dean of students, chaplain's office;
f. Incentive awards in any amount for faculty, students, or other persons who render a distinctive service to the College;
g. "Green houses" for the science department; and
h. Lights for the tennis courts.

METHODS OF GIVING

Friends may use the method of giving which is most convenient for their financial circumstances and to their greatest tax advantage. Gifts may be made in a single installment, in several payments on a schedule determined by the donor, or through bequests.

1. **Cash**

This form of giving provides immediate benefits to the College.

2. **Property and Gifts in Kind**

It is somtimes more convenient and more advantageous to the donor to give property (real estate, buildings, equipment, furniture, works of art, merchandise, and other items) than to give cash. In gifts of this kind, credit can be given based on the fair market value of the gift.

3. **Insurance**

a. Existing Policies. A policy now in force may be given for credit at its "cash value."
b. New Policies. The College has a plan whereby most friends may take policies in amounts between $2,500—$25,000 without a medical examination. An insurance policy enables a donor to make a sizeable and lasting gift to the College for a purpose of his choosing, and the premiums on these policies are tax deductible.

4. **Stocks and Securities**

Gifts of stocks and securities may under certain circumstances be transferred to the College at a distinct tax advantage to the donor.

5. **Trusts**

By means of a "trust" a donor can retain for himself and his family the income from property or investments with the provision that at their death the assets of the trust go to the College. Advantages of a trust include:

a. The donor does not decrease his spendable income during his lifetime or the life of another person for whom he wishes to provide protection;
b. He receives a tax benefit which may be carried forward over a number of years; and
c. He provides a meaningful gift to the College which may be used as a memorial.

6. **Bequests**

Friends may include the College in their wills for a specific amount of money, a percentage of their estate, or for a specific piece of property. Gifts be queathed to the College are removed from the estate for tax purposes and may result in the entire estate being in a lower tax bracket.

SUMMARY

The president or another representative of Mount Olive College will welcome an opportunity to discuss with any interested person plans whereby they may contribute to the project of their choice in a manner most suitable to them.

"If we work marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds and instill into them just principles, we are then engraving that upon tablets which no time will efface, but will brighten and brighten to all eternity."—Daniel Webster.

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King's Cross Roads College Day

King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, December 5, as Mount Olive College Day. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will teach the young people's Sunday school class at 10 a.m. and speak at the morning worship service.

The Rev. Joseph Lehmann is pastor of the church and invites all friends of the College in the King's Cross Roads community to attend this service.

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Kinston Church to Host College Group

The Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship and the double quartet at Mount Olive College will present a youth program at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, Sunday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The entire program will be conducted by students who will share their Christian witness and what their faith means to them as they are confronted with problems which youth face today. A double quartet from the music department will render several musical selections and other student groups will witness through personal testimony and singing.

The pastor, the Rev. James A. Evans, invites all friends in the surrounding area to attend the service.

The Generation Gap

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grooming. Each is a youth's way of saying, "Let me do my thing"; as well as a means of identifying with other youth as opposed to adults.

Youth are also appalled by the hypocrisy of some adults. They expect actions to match words. Many of the most radical youth do not disagree with their parents' ideals and values. But they do criticize their parents' inactivity, their unwillingness to pay the price to match belief and behavior. The young are also harshly critical of two basic institutions that profess high ideals—the church and the university. Again, their criticism is against not practicing what is preached. Youth increasingly ignore the churches and seek to change the universities.

Other young people feel that the response of adults to current problems has been one of evasion. The offspring of middle-class parents often view them as persons trapped in nice, comfortable, suburban cages, afraid to express themselves for fear of social pressures. Youth of the poor and racial minorities often see their parents as spineless victims of oppression who allowed themselves to be caged in the ghetto without even putting up a fight. Determined not to suffer a similar fate, some youth refuse to fit into their preassigned cage roles. Such refusals to conform create anger, resentment, and frustration on the part of many parents.

Youth lives under great pressure. Lacking both experience and maturity, they must deal with things which can destroy or cripple—drugs, sex, alcohol, and cars. School is a constant crisis of grades and human relations. These pressures are too much too soon.

Parents feel a tremendous obligation to keep their teen-agers on par with the neighbor's kids—physically, educationally, and socially. Many parents upset their children by constantly urging them to "succeed." They want their children to be popular, so they press them to be in sports, choirs, clubs, and all that is involved in being a modern teen-ager. Tension easily develops from such pushing because teen-agers quickly sense when they are being used rather than being understood.

I'm sure the world of adults is no bed of roses either. Pressures drive many parents to extra work and activities. Health, finances, work, and social problems take their toll. Added to these burdens are the demands of their teen-agers. Because of our youth-oriented culture most parents feel they must fulfill the wants of their children. These constant pressures drive many adults to seek relief in ways destructive to themselves and to their families. Alcoholism, reckless driving, sexual escapades outside marriage, and drugs are used by many uptight parents. Even when adults steer clear of such vices they are often irritable, nagging, overanxious, and uncertain about their roles as parents.

Modern families frequently are marked by lack of discipline, parental control, affection, respect, and genuine religion. Little sense of togetherness is experienced. Fathers often work in distant offices and plants. Mothers are left to raise sons and daughters with insufficient fatherly support. Too many mothers are preoccupied with outside concerns. The children are neglected and the teen-agers are caught up in their own whirl of acitvities. "Modern society breaks up families."

Whatever the causes of the generation gap, the results are rather obvious. Youth are alienated from their parents. Families are disrupted. Schools are filled with tension. Churchmen are alarmed with the less-than enthusiastic response of the youth to church programs. But the results are not all bad. The young people force adults to examine many long-accepted ideas and decide if they are worth preserving. Parents in turn temper the idealism of youth with realism.

However wide it may be, the generation gap is real, and it represents a challenge to churches, families, and individual Christians.

Churches should understand that an increasing number of youth are highly idealistic, impatient, activistic, and critical. In regard to their church and faith they want an honest straightforward approach. They are more interested in **action** than words. Churches should provide means for young people to express their faith in their own ways.

Local churches can do a number of things to minister to parents and youth. Many of the things are done right here at Marlboro. Sharing groups between youth and parents can help bridge the communication gap. For instance, a good example would be the youths' representation on various committees concerned with our new church, and the youth of the church interest in the building program. Many churches are involving youth in church programs. Young people serve as ushers and operate the entire church during youth week. These practices have long been in use here at Marlboro church. Other youth-oriented programs include presenting before the church music with a contemporary sound and message, and going outside the church building to work in mission projects.

Both parents and youth need to learn how to understand and talk to each other. The generation gap can be decreased by communication and understanding. Youth today want to talk; and adults, especially parents, must learn to listen. Parents and teen-agers must be led to experience that love and understanding which Jesus exemplified.

Parents and youth need to understand the process by which a young person leaves the nest and becomes independent. Either rushing the process or trying to prevent it can lead to disaster.

Parents and youth should explore together biblical insights on family relations. When both apply such truths gaps can be bridged.

Parents should avoid a patronizing approach, oversimplified solutions, or complete surrender to the demands of youth. Sensible debate, careful consideration, and the maintenance of a responsible adult position are marks of mature parents.

Youth should learn to accept themselves and their parents. They must try on for size a variety of political, philosophical, social, and religious styles of life. These life styles may clash with their parents' beliefs. When this is the case they should be willing to listen to their parents.

Much is at stake in youth's struggle for maturity. The well-being of individuals, families, and society in general depends on the outcome. Most parents and young people are responsible persons. They are not intentionally malicious. But even the best of families must take adult-youth relations seriously and work to ease the tensions between generations.

In closing, let me share with you the first four verses of the sixth chapter of the Book of Ephesians which reads: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "So when hey had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou ne more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). What did Jesus mean when He said, "Lovest thou me more than these?"

Answer: There is some obscurity to be reckoned with here when these words are examined; and in this case, the Greek from which the expression comes leaves us with about the same problem as is found in the English as we have it translated in the authorized version. This may refer either to persons or things. In some cases the form of the pronoun helps to determine the number and gender, but here we have the genitive plural in which case the form is alike in all genders. Jesus, most likely indicates by his question more than those other disciples; that is, "Do you love me more than these other disciples?" It may be that He had in mind Peter's boast that although all the other disciples should forsake Him, he would not, but would be true under the coming circumstances implied in what Christ's forewarning indicated. Peter's declaration suggested Peter's loyalty would not fail when all else forsook Jesus. Now, however, in answering the question, Peter does not repeat his bold boast. He merely says, "Thou knowest that I love thee."

Jesus, in this language, might just as well have said, "Do you love me more than you love these other men?" or "Do you love me more than these earthly things and tasks?" Together with "Barnes' Notes," "Pink's Commentary," and several other commentaries on John, that to be found on Pages 726, 727, in Ryle's "Expository Thoughts on John," is worthy of our consideration here, which is as follows:

"This remarkable expression, which is only used in this verse, admits of three interpretations. (a) It may mean, Dost thou love me more than thou lovest these thy brethren and friends around thee, and are thou willing to give them up for my sake, and follow me alone, if need be? (b) It may mean, as Whitby says, Dost thou love me more than these boats and fishing nets, among which thou hast spent so much of thy life, from which I did first call thee, and in the midst of which I find thee today? Art thou willing for my sake to give them all up, and devote thyself to preaching the gospel? (c) It may mean, as the great majority of commentators think, Dost thou love me more than thy brethren love me? Thou rememberest a certain day when thou didst confidently say, 'Though all men forsake thee, yet will not I.' Thou was confident then, that thou wast more faithful than others. Will thou say that now? After all that has happened, art thou sure that thy heart is better than that of others?—I decidedly prefer this last view to either of the others. I think it was meant to teach Peter that the two grand qualifications for a faithful pastor were love and humility.

"Musculus observes that Jesus did not ask Peter this thrice repeated question, as if He was ignorant and desired to learn, but in order to remind him before others of his future duty.

"Bullinger suggests that one reason among others why Jesus said, 'more than these?' was Peter's forwardness to spring into the water, and come to shore, before the other six apostles, who were in the boat with him.

"Rollock observes, on our Lord's merciful and loving dealing with Peter, 'Rebukers should be lovers. If thou rebuke a man, love him; otherwise speak not to him, but close thy mouth. If thou season not thy rebukes with "love," then that which should have been as medicine will be turned into poison. They that would be instructors and admonishers should be lovers. Wherefore, whatever thou doest, do it in lenity and meekness. A bitter teacher is not worth a penny. This is what Saint Paul requires when he says, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men" (2 Timothy 2: 24). All should be in gentleness: teaching in gentleness, admonishing in gentleness. Wherefore? Because, if gentleness be lacking, there will be no edification, no comforting, no instruction.' "

One thing that we should also note here and let serve as an example to us, is that in each of these comments that vary slightly with the rest is that none are dogmatic, leaving room for the honest opinion of the others and that this is done following exhaustive research and sincere prayerful study. The Bible is God's Book—the inspired Word of God—that will still be one hundred percent accurate when we all have finished our work here, and that it will all be fulfilled and will be known to have been so done by every single Christian. "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12); "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

When we have been saved and have done our very best to obey God's Word fully, including studying to show ourselves workmen that need not to be ashamed, having hid it in our hearts, and having meditated on it day and night; then, yes, even then there is much lacking in our efforts and way of living to bring us in perfect line with God's standard for us as found in the Bible. But when we stand before Christ, clothed in a glorified body like His, then we shall see clearly and know completely what it is to measure up to His standard. Until then we shall be found "pressing toward the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ."

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STORIES

for our youth



RUSTY

by HAZEL R. SLATON

"WONG! WONG!"

"That's Japanese for "bow-wow,'" explained the missionary, as he told the story. "A Japanese dog barks in Japanese," he laughed.

The bark came from Rusty, the pet of five-year-old David and three-year-old Gloria, children of Reverend and Mrs. Robert Hymes, missionaries to Japan.

Rusty had been very sick, and no one had expected to ever hear that "wong wong" again. That is, no one except David.

Rusty was usually tied in the back yard. For in Monbetsu, Japan, where David and Gloria lived, wild dogs that were dangerous came down from the mountains each year seeking food. To protect boys and girls from these dogs, it was necessary for the city to use a poison to get rid of them. This was not cruel, for the poison was so powerful and acted so quickly that the dogs did not suffer.

One day when David's father had gone to another city on a preaching trip, David brought Rusty into the house. While Mrs. Hymes, David, and Gloria were having devotions in the back room, the front door opened, and a Japanese man came into the house. This was all right, for their home served also as the mission church.

Rusty saw his chance for freedom. He bounded past David and Mrs. Hymes, then between the man's legs, and ran straight out the door and down the street.

Mrs. Hymes called Rusty, and kept calling, but Rusty kept on running. David called, too, but Rusty was gone!

Mrs. Hymes was distressed for the children who were losing their pet. But what would David's father say when he came home and found Rusty gone? Rusty was a beautiful Irish setter.

But Rusty was not gone long! A few hours passed, and he came home. But he was not the same dog. His eyes were glassy, and his tongue was swollen and hanging from his mouth. He dropped in front of the house, and a crowd quickly gathered. To scatter the crowd, Mrs. Hymes pulled Rusty into the house and closed the door. But there was nothing else they could do for him.

"Mamma, you said, 'Our God is different.' He can make Rusty well," said David.

"Oh, David," his mother replied, but the voice within her said, "David's faith is at stake." David kept repeating, "Mamma, you said, 'Our God is different.'"

Mrs. Hymes had never prayed for a dog. But she said, "All right, David, you and Gloria go back into the room and pray, and I will ask God to make Rusty well."

Just then there came a knock at the door, and there stood the Japanese pastor who worked with the missionaries. Mrs. Hymes told him the trouble and asked him to pray with her for Rusty.

He probably thinks I'm crazy, she thought, for who would pray for a dog? Japanese people don't believe that God can heal a person, much less a dog. But the native pastor followed her to where Rusty lay, quivering all over. His tongue was black and swollen.

Mrs. Hymes knelt by Rusty, putting her hand on his head. As the tears ran down her cheeks, she prayed to God. Then she asked the pastor to go get the druggist from the store on the corner. He came, looked at Rusty, and said, "The dog will be dead in a few minutes. There is nothing that will save him. He has had poison." He left, but the children would not give up.

"Mamma, you said our God is different," David repeated over and over.

Hours went by, and Rusty was still living. When Mrs. Hymes prayed, Rusty would get better. David and Gloria prayed, too. Many times that day they prayed, for Rusty would get worse again and have convulsions.

Evening came, and it seemed that Rusty could not live. Before morning he would be dead. Mrs. Hymes covered him with a sheet. Japanese Christians brought an orange box in which to bury Rusty. They planned to bury him in the morning before David and Gloria awoke. They did not want them to see their pet dead.

Christian friends and neighbors came to comfort and console David and Gloria in the loss of their pet. But Rusty was still living, and David believed that God would answer their prayers.

David said, "Mamma, Jesus said 'Lazarus, come forth.'" And getting louder and louder and more excited, he said, "Why don't we say, 'Rusty, come forth! Rusty, come forth'?"

Then came that "Wong, wong" loud and clear, which startled everyone present. As David was still shouting, "Rusty, come forth," Rusty bounded into the room, tail straight up, wagging back and forth, as lively as he had ever been. Straight to David he went, laying his head in the boy's lap.

Early the next morning, David's father returned home after a hard trip, tired and ready for a long rest. But there was something more important to do first.

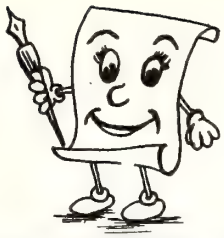
After telling him what had happened, Mrs. Hymes said, "You take Rusty to that druggist and show him what God has done."

"If God can get glory and praise from the stones crying out, I guess a dog can praise Him, too," replied David's father, and he took the dog to the druggist.

God honored a boy's faith, and that was not all. The people of Monbetsu were astonished, and they were ready to hear the gospel, the good news of a God who is living and loving, who hears and answers prayer—even a child's prayer.

Would you like to know more about Rusty? Seven years have passed, and Rusty is still living a healthy and happy dog's life.—Gospel Herald.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Our family is having an advent wreath his year.

It's easy to make your own by (gently) bbing four purple candles into a styro- oam form. Cover the styrofoam with vergreen, and add a purple bow or ball or decoration. (Replace the green oc- asionally, and keep a glass of water andy, just in case.)

The four Sundays before Christmas ark the advent season with each week different observance.

Very few people were watching for hrist that first time, and not many an- cipate His return; although His second oming is mentioned in the Bible more mes than His birth. The first Sunday advent one candle burns, assuring us hat He will return as the King of Glory nd we should be watching for Him.

The second week, two candles tell that he Word of God became flesh to live on arth. His Word is for all people, but here are more than 1,000 tongues into hich no Scripture has been translated.

Three candles the next Sunday remind s His message of love is for the whole orld. It is being spread by radio, press, nd missionaries; but still not everyone as heard the gospel.

When four candles are burning the ourth week, each is a different length. is easy to see that time has passed and he day of His birth is near.

May the candles on the advent wreath emind us that the Light of the World urns within us; the purple, that we are hildren of the King; the evergreen, that is kingdom is eternal. May His love be orn anew in our hearts.

Christmas has become so busy and so ommercial, we are trying in our home o regain the spirit of worship in its elebration. We hope this visible re- inder will lock out the world for a lit- e while each week, and focus our minds n the real meaning of this season.

Report of Resolutions Committee of the Cape Fear Conference

Resolution on Drugs and Alcohol

Whereas, there has been a continuing effort to secure liquor-by-the-drink in North Carolina;

Whereas, the sale and consumption of alcohol has contributed to increased social and moral problems;

Whereas, the widespread use of illegal drugs has grown at an alarming rate;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, meeting at Lee's Chapel church, Dunn, North Carolina:

1. Express its appreciation to the Christian Action League of North Carolina and its executive director; to those members of the General Assembly of the state of North Carolina, and others who have worked against the sale and use of alcoholic beverages and for their success in defeating bills that would have legalized the sale of liquor-by-the-drink.

2. Be it further resolved, that we encourage individuals and churches in each of our local communities to combat illegal drug traffic and further liberalization of liquor laws.

3. Be it further resolved, that we encourage individuals and churches to contribute financially through the Christian Action League of North Carolina as it attempts to combat the increased flow of alcoholic beverages.

4. That we commend the Attorney General's office in our state and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation for their intensive efforts to curb the illegal sale and use of drugs in our state.

5. That we urge the North Carolina General Assembly to:

(a) Oppose any further legislation that would increase the incidence of drinking and its accompanying problems.

(b) Encourage programs of education and rehabilitation that would deal with drug abuse.

6. That we contribute $100 to the Christian Action League to be used to combat the increased flow of alcoholic beverages.

7. That a copy of this resolution be sent to: "The Free Will Baptist" for publication and the Christian Action League of North Carolina, Box 2126, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. C. Felton Godwin, Chairman
Ray G. Smith, Secretary
Mr. A. F. Ballance
Rev. E. Floyd Smith

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Have you thanked Him today? If not, do so now.

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Silence is sometimes the severest criticism—Buxton.



LINES

By Margo Mangum

Walking the long corridor in the psychiatric ward of the big hospital, the young intern quickened his step as he neared the room of an elderly patient in whom he was seeing some progression toward his former state of normalcy.

Entering, he was greeted with a "Good morning, Dr. Rex; I've been thinking about what you said the other day. I realize I should wear my clothes, and I'm going to be more careful about my appearance from now on."

Nothing can be more satisfying to one in this type of work (and I say this is earnest, having been a nurse in a psychiatric ward) than to see or hear some thing like this young man had just ex perienced. He whistled a tune as he continued his rounds.

A couple of days passed. The young intern went back to see his friend and was surprised to see him sitting in his room wearing his Sunday hat. A little disconcerted, he thought quickly and then said something about it not being visitors' day, to which the old gentleman answered, "No, son, but you never can tell; somebody **might** drop in."

Did you know that you can really laugh with a real tear in your eye?

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 12



GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISE

Lesson Text: Luke 1:68-79; 2:29-32

Memory Verse: Luke 2:30-32

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today is built around the reaction of Zacharias, father of John the Baptist, to the realization that the promise of God to Israel is now ready to find fulfillment, and that his son shall serve as an instrument in the hands of God to prepare the way for Him who will be the Redeemer of Israel.

This realization by Zacharias that the redemption of Israel was at hand was brought about by the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and by that power he was also led to prophesy of those great works which would be performed through the ministry of Jesus.

The second portion of today's text is designed to show us that there were devout men in Israel who were convinced that the time was now at hand for the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. It deals specifically with one Simeon, a devout man to whom it had been revealed by the promise of God that he would be privileged to see the Lord's Christ before physical death should bring about his departure from this world. His reaction to the fulfillment of this promise forms one of the most touching and beautiful passages that can be found in all literature, and served, we are sure, to prepare the hearts of many in Israel for the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God and to make hearts receptive to the preaching of John the Baptist, who should be sent to prepare the way for His coming.

The background for today's Scripture text is the temple of God in the city of Jerusalem at the time of the birth of John and Jesus.

The purpose of today's study is to demonstrate to the youth of our day the fact that all of God's promises to mankind will find fulfillment.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. That love is an aspect of the nature of God is revealed in the fact that He has wrought redemption for His people (Luke 1:68).

B. God not only has the ability to predict, but He also has the power to bring to fulfillment (Luke 1:70; cf. Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

C. In connection with the covenant, God assured its immutability by giving His oath (Luke 1:73; cf. Hebrews 6:17, 18).

D. God could call a child, even before he was born, to be a prophet and designate the work to be done by him (Luke 1:76; Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5).

E. The Lord is always faithful to His Word. This is shown in the case of Simeon (Luke 2:25-32).

F. In accordance with His statement to Abraham relative to a blessing for all men through him, God sent the Lord Jesus to be a Saviour for the whole world, Jew and Gentile alike (Genesis 12:3; Luke 2:32).—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Most of us take little stock in the predictions of fortune-tellers who claim to see the future in a crystal ball. Though a few of these "extrasensory perceptionists" have had surprising success, their mysterious ability to divine tomorrow can hardly be attributed to God.

There was a day, of course, when God did foretell the future through angels and prophets. Our faith in the Scriptures is based partly on the abundant evidence of fulfilled prophecy. Much of the Old Testament is a record of God's promises and warnings concerning events that were to happen hundreds of years later. The New Testament reveals how these predictions came true.

Many of God's prophecies had to do with His Messiah. The Prophet Isaiah especially concentrated on the Messianic theme. His inspired forecast of Christ's coming was detailed and specific. Th supreme promise of God to His peop gave hope to numerous generations b fore the prophecies were wonderful fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ.

The promise of a Messiah was repea ed to Zacharias and Simeon. They we predictably thrilled, as were Mary ar Elisabeth, to learn that they would b personally involved in the ultimate rev lation by which God would keep H promise.

Because the first coming of the Me siah was foretold and fulfilled, we tru His promise that He will come again. Standard Commentary.

B. "It was in the fullness of time th God sent His Son into the world to r deem lost mankind. Not even the ful ness of the time could suffice to provic a royal reception from all men. Th devil saw to that. The exceeding gre joy that came to Zacharias and Elisabet and to Mary and Joseph was exceeding mingled with sorrow and suffering. A ded to the misunderstanding, false acc sation, and contempt that Mary an Joseph must have faced in Nazareth w the fact that the Son of God was bo in such lowly surroundings as an ou cast might have found.

"There was probably no particul rude attitude on the part of the innkee er. He simply had no room left. H could not have guessed that this chi was the long-promised Messiah—in fac the Lord. Busy lives find it easy to to aside spiritual information and appeals —Selected.

C. One young girl, looking into a sto window filled with Christmas gifts, w puzzled by seeing a picture of Jesu about which the display centered. "Ima ine," she exclaimed, "putting religio into such a happy time as Christmas Like many others, she thought of re gion as something somber and forbi ding.

A man, watching a Christmas para in his town, saw a float with a religio theme on it. "Isn't that something he commented, "even the church is tr ing to get into Christmas!" How f from this attitude are you today? Wh is Christmas after all without Christ? The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

LIVING A LOT

(continued from page five)

arrying large rocks to stop a large wash aused by the rain. A dam burst and a arge log passed where he had been but second before. Once he tried to catch freight train. He had on a new pair of hoes (a very unusual thing for him). is left foot was caught under the train wheel and the new shoe slipped along head of the wheel on the steel rail, ushing him clear of the train and down ravine.

He was walking along a road one day. swarm of bees descended upon him. e saved himself by submerging himself a nearby water hole. Would I have ver thought of such a thing? I would ave died of fright if not from bee stings!

Our son's recent induction into the rmed services brings to mind another ose call for my friend. This was dur- g World War II. Targets had been laced in an area of the base for long- nge guns. There should have been anger signs erected. He looked afar ff. He seemed to forget that I was ere waiting. "It was twelve o'clock. e saw that a big crowd of fellers had athered. It was the afternoon crowd. hey started shooting. A shell passed ver my buddy's head and exploded. We ade a hasty exit. Whew!" He shook is head.

I could go on and on. A book should, nd will be, written on this man's life. y reason for writing this much about is great man is, in a way, a kind of ibute to my own father. He, too, to e was a great man. It took death and me free time for me to realize this. aybe my friend helped too. Each one as contributed to my joy in living—each his own way.

A man, any man, all men live or have ved—some more than others. For some takes a long time; for some it takes a ry short while. Maybe some never ally live. Am I being overly contra- ctory? Surely all men live. The defi- tion of living, according to the diction- y, is varied. The same applies to men the art of living varies.

Both of these men—my friend and my ther—have wondered at one time or nother why they were born. They won- ered at the longevity of their lives, the ttle they have done for anyone while ey lived. But was it this way? My ind goes back to a day not long ago. was listening again.

Putting a hand saw under his chin— es, a regular hand saw (the kind car- penters use), he pulled a Stradivarius bow across it, gently bending and twisting the saw as he gazed into the distance, a slight smile across his face. The most haunting, sublimated, floating, sometimes lilting, and then again almost unbearably beautiful strains of a melody could be heard. Where was it coming from? The floors, the walls, the ceiling. It echoed and reechoed throughout the room. Truly the most rapturous, ethereal sounds I've ever heard!

With tear-filled eyes my thoughts turned again to that other man. Never in my life had I heard so much as a hum, a whistle, or a tune of any kind from him. Yet, his soul somehow longed for this kind of music, I am sure. He played his in an entirely different way. But I say again, somehow I felt it was one and the same.

Time passes. Whether it lopes or drags, it passes. How we use it is another thing—every precious minute of every single day. Maybe we should live one day at a time. I think my friend does, and my father did—each in his own way.

Both of them have known great joy, and great sorrow. Could one live and not know both? These two men have done a lot of living. As it has been said before of others, I fear that I will not look upon their likes again in a long while—if ever.

Do you know what it means to **really** live, to live a lot everyday? Do you know what it means to allow life its freedom, to allow it to present to you the things that so many people take for granted. Do you know what it means to breathe fresh air and to be thankful that you have the air? Do you know what it means to live?

Fourth International Conference Convenes in Monaco Congress Center

CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY—November 1, 1971—Under brilliant sunshine and a clear blue sky, more than 170 delegates and observers to Trans World Radio's Fourth International Conference met together October 5-8 in Monte Carlo, Monaco. At the entrance to the beautifully situated Monaco Congress Center, a gentle breeze off the French Riviera rustled the flags of various nations represented by the delegates.

The Conference was officially opened by Dr. Paul Freed, TWR founder and president. "My welcome to you tonight," Dr. Freed said, "is on behalf of thousands of our listeners who cannot be here to do so." In his keynote address Dr. Ralph Freed, general director, based his message on the Conference theme taken from 2 Corinthians 9:6, ". . . he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully."

Twenty-one speakers gave reports from each of the target areas represented in Trans World Radio's far-reaching ministry. Each report gave an overall picture of what God is doing through programs in the 35 languages which now comprise the TWR program schedule. Almost without exception, the speakers told of a phenomenal increase in mail response. The total response for 1970 was estimated to be more than 300,000 pieces of mail.

The meetings were held each morning and evening with the afternoon left free for special events. One of these events was a mayor's reception held at the Exotic Garden on Wednesday afternoon with light refreshments and a tour of the garden. On Thursday an elegant and delicious buffet luncheon was served at the transmitter site on Mt. Agel.

In the closing message of the Conference Friday evening, Dr. Paul Freed spoke urgently of the need to ask God, "What would you have me to do? Millions this very hour are passing into eternity . . . passing into eternity . . . passing into eternity . . . Lord, what would you have me to do?"

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THANKFUL HEARTS

For all that God in mercy sends—
For health and children, home and friends;
For comforts in the time of need,
For every kindly word and deed,
For happy talks and holy thoughts;
For guidance in our daily walk—
In everything give thanks.

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning morning light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky—
For these and everything we see,
O Lord, our hearts we lift to thee;
In everything give thanks!

—Author Unknown

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Thank God for little things; children, for example.

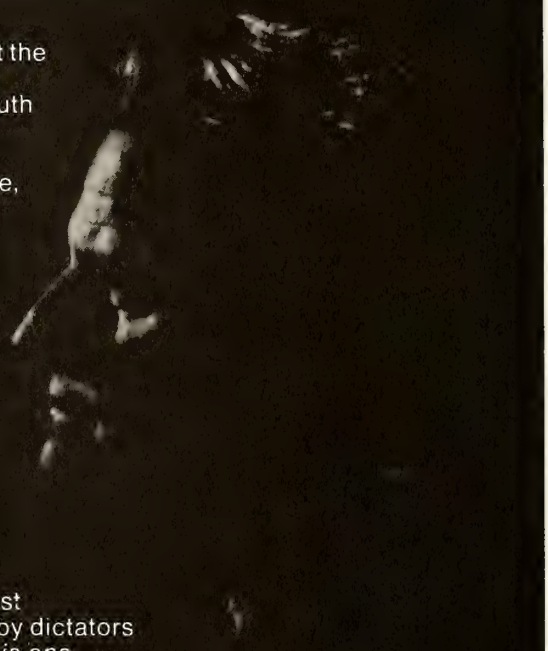
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ACCEPT LIFE AS IT IS

Editorial...

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ACCEPT LIFE AS IT IS

To accept life as it is:

To look in the mirror and see irregular features, less than ample hair, a body fat or thin . . .

To take reality with a smile or a tear, whichever seems more appropriate . . .

To know that you are found wanting, lacking much, expecting more, getting less . . .

To feel unsure, sometimes insecure, often downcast, dejected, suppressed, misused, abused . . .

To be misunderstood, unloved, unwanted, unneeded, uncared for . . .

To accept life as it is:

To hurt inside, outside—all over—and not be able to help it . . .

To want friends, respect, having some, wanting more, doing little to merit either . . .

To know your abilities, inabilities and the limits of your talents, your mind, your strength . . .

To let come what may when it will, despite how forcibly it comes, often unwelcomed, even though deserved, yet a part of life's program . . .

To be content with such as you have and in whatever state you find yourself, knowing that in life's register there are some who are more fortunate, some who are less fortunate, and many who share your level . . .

To accept life as it is:

To find that real things are important, that artificiality is deceptive and unsatisfying, that making something pretty "beautiful" is not good, that making something average represent something "less than" is dishonest . . .

To appreciate other people's happiness, their sadness, to overlook their seeming indifference to yours . . .

To know that sighs must be sighed, tears must be cried inwardly if not outwardly, smiles must be smiled, hearts must follow their urgings . . .

To know that all can never be well, that some things are not meant to be, that songs are sometimes unsung and unheard, that stories are sometimes unwritten and unread, that important things are sometimes unsaid . . .

To realize that real worth is not always in abundance, that sometimes the small become great, that each day starts with a sunrise somewhere . . .

To accept life as it is:

To know that stepping stones are not always solid, that you must test them out to find the good ones, that paths are never always straight and smooth, that skies are seldom completely blue . . .

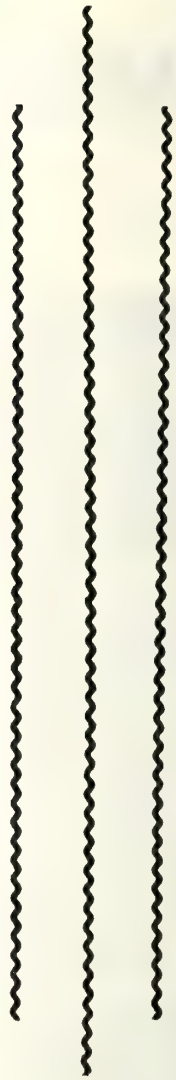
To know that hurts are never everlasting and seldom too painful to bear, that facing a problem is better than turning your back to it . . .

To know that each door has another side, that there are two ways to go through it, and that the way you enter determines which way you're going . . .

To know that windows get dirty inside and out, that they must be washed both ways to be clear, that views are always better when looking through a thoroughly clean one . . .

To know that others have passed this way, have experienced life as you have, that others will come and know more or less, feel as good or bad, be as alone or as unalone, depending upon circumstances, and must accept life as it is . . .

'Tis hard; but God, let us accept life as it is. Let us make it more only if it needs to be. Let us make it less only if it has to be. Let us grace it and place it. Let us be able to face it. God, let us accept life as it is.



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WHY I DON'T LIKE CLERGY DISCOUNTS

by
PAUL HOSTETLER

MANY of us ministers are glorified beggars. Our hands are out to receive ecclesiastical economics. In other words—discounts.

As for me, I'm tired of the whole business. Speaking in the vernacular, I would say that "it bugs me to beg."

A Toronto minister recently bought a suit in his neighborhood store. He asked for the "usual" ten percent discount.

"Sure," agreed the merchant, "I'll give you the discount on one condition—that you let me stand in your pulpit next Sunday. I want to ask your people why they don't raise your salary so that you won't need to come here and beg!"

As the clergyman left the store he wasn't sure if his friend was speaking out of humor or exasperation. It was probably the latter.

It just isn't fair to ask local stores to subsidize the expenses of my church. And that is what a minister expects if he asks for or even accepts unsolicited discounts.

Many merchants attend their own places of worship. And because they are in business they are expected to give generous offerings. And many do. So why should I presume to pressure them to help my church pay its bills?

Ministers who accept clergy discounts advertise to the owner and finally to the whole community that they are underpaid. Or that their congregations don't appreciate them enough to pay what is needed to keep bread on the table. Or that their worshipers are stingy. Or that they just aren't in the know. Or something.

Now, it should be stated here that some pastors are underpaid with good reason. Some churches are small and struggling. We all know of such. But many men in other occupations are also underpaid. They are forced to supplement their incomes by moonlighting—getting other part-time work. That's hard, but they have their self-respect left. And that is more than I have when I get a ten percent handout from stores and other places of business.

Here is another angle. Merchants can't afford to give discounts. I mentioned this to a friend recently and she almost exploded. "They are making money by the bushels!" she declared.

But not so. Not the smaller stores which willingly give discounts. And the big stores won't. Managers must always be consulted and they are almost inaccesible. How do I know? To my shame I have tried it.

The smaller stores—say the local hardware—are having a hard time competing with the big places. Their net profit is gradually being forced downward. In many cases it is less than ten percent.

So when we ministers ask for a discount there, we not only ask them to forego all profit on items sold us, but many times ask them to lose money. The same thing is true of Christian bookstores. Many of these are losing money on their overall operations and still giving discounts to ministers. How ironic.

If a local merchant wishes to give money to my church, it will be received with deep apreciation. But it will be received as a gift and not as a painful extraction.

As all businessmen know, there are dozens of ways of hinting or pressuring for a discount. Sometimes the ladies of the church ask for a better price because they represent a good cause such as "starving orphans," etc. Store owners feel they must give lower prices or lose the goodwill and patronage of the people in the local parish. This is unfair to them and degrading to the church.

Favors to a good customer are another matter and are legitimate. One minister buys $50 to $70 worth of service a month from a gas station. He receives some discounts and extras as any other good customer would.

But ministerial discounts should be eliminated. And the easiest way to bring this about is for the clergy simply to refuse them. Then let churches pay their pastors in keeping with their training and needs. This will remove the need to seek discounts.

Most clergymen I know would be only too glad to face their communities as regular paying citizens.

I have only one more store to inform: "Sorry, I'd rather not accept a discount." I plan to stop there in the next few days. And when that pleasant task is done, I will meet my fellow-workers of the community as an equal. A paying-on-par-parson.—Reprinted from **Moody Monthly**. Used by Permission. Copyright 1970. Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Rev. Paul Hostetler writes from his own pastoral experience. He pastors the Bridlewood Brethren in Christ Church of Agincourt, Ontario, Canada.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Miss Meant-To

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:17

Miss Meant-To has a comrade
And her name is Didn't Do.
Have you ever chanced to meet them
Did they ever call on you?
These two girls now live together
In the house of Never-Win,
And I'm told that it is haunted
By the ghost of Might-Have-Been.
—*Selected.*

Prayer Thought

One wonders as we read the above if by chance we have met these girls on the "Road of Good Intentions." Let's tell ourselves we just conversed and then went another way. But did we?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Afraid of God's Love

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 23:5

One morning I wanted to feed the birds. It was gray and cold, and the ground was covered with snow. I stepped out on the porch, and flung them handfuls of crumbs, and called to them. No, there they sat, cold, hungry, and afraid. They did not trust me. As I sat and watched and waited, it seemed to me I could get God's viewpoint more clearly than ever before. He offers, plans, watches, waits, hopes, longs for all things for our good. But he has to watch and wait as I did for my timid friends.—*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

Do we ever find ourselves in this person's place? Do we ever see our friends as he saw his bird friends? Let's work harder at being more tolerant, more helpful, and more caring. That's God's way! He loves us.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

A "Desirable" Parent

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:6

A newspaper comments on a questionaire recently sent to 369 high school boys and 415 girls, who were asked to check a list of ten desirable qualities in a father. The quality receiving the second largest vote was, "Respecting his children's opinions." Others were: "Never nagging his children about what they do; making plenty of money; being prominent in social life; owning a good looking car."

The Scriptures, with their unfailing accuracy, predict what we are seeing today as a fact of the end of the age, that "perilous times shall come" when "men (meaning mankind, including young and old) shall be lovers of their own selves . . . boasters, proud . . . disobedient to parents." —*Sunday School Times.*

Prayer Thought

Are we "desirable parents"? Every true parent sincerely wants to be. That within itself is enough to let us know if we are. Do we really and truly want to be? What is your answer?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

"Faithful Unto Death"

Scripture Reading—Psalm 28:7

Several years ago, when a railway train was approaching the city of Montreal, the engineer saw a large dog on the track, barking furiously. The whistle was blown, but still the dog stayed on the track. Just as the engine came upon him, he crouched down and extended himself across the track, where he was struck by the locomotive and killed. The engineer, looking toward the front of his engine, saw a piece of white cloth fluttering in the wind. He discovered that it was part of a child's dress. After backing the train he found not only the mangled body of the dog, but also the body of a little child. The child had evidently wandered along the track and had fallen asleep there, while her faithful companion, seeing the train approaching, had done his best to save her. Failing, he had covered her with his own body and died with her. He had been "faithful unto death."—*The King's Business.*

Prayer Thought

Is there one among us who would give his life for a child? For one's own—"yes," we would say. Look what our Lord did! Would we do what He did? Could we?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

What Does the Creator Need?

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 29:17

In looking to God for deliverance of any kind we are prone to try to discover what material He has on hand to work on in coming to our relief. It is so human to look for something in sight that will help the Lord out. Just think a moment, it is not at all necessary for God to have any relief on hand. He does not need anything to begin on. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. What did He make them out of? Nothing, absolutely nothing. When the earth was made what did He hang on? Nothing. Pretty satisfactory earth to be made of nothing, eh? Remember not a scrap of anything was used to make it. "He . . . hangeth the earth upon nothing." It hangs all right, doesn't it? Very well, then. A God who can make an earth, a sun, a moon, and stars out nothing, and keep them hanging on not ing, can supply all your needs whether l has anything to work with or not. Wc derful, isn't it? Trust Him and He w see you through, though He has to ma your supplies out of nothing.—*From t Tract, He Can.*

Prayer Thought

God can do anything He wants to w us—but He does need our help. Let help Him daily—His load will be light And how rewarding for us!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Are Sinking Spells Necessary

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 13:12

Someone said: "If you have occasio spells of despondency, don't despair. T sun has a sinking spell every night, but rises again next morning." But this is r accurate, as the sun does not have a sir ing spell every night; it only seems to l cause the earth is so changeable! The s never sinks, and the sun that God l placed in the heavens to give light a warmth to the earth is a type, according God's Word, of the Sun of Righteousne our Lord Jesus Christ. Despondency cor only from unbelief.—*Sunday School Tim*

Prayer Thought

Someone has said that we see what want to see. How about our beliefs? we believe the sun really sinks? Let's ways see its rays—they're always there, ev if on the other side.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Christian's Victory

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:43, 44

When Richard Weaver was a pit work he inadvertently angered a fellow min "I have a good mind to smack you on face," the man exclaimed.

"Very well," Weaver replied, "if t will do any good, you may do it."

The man struck him. Weaver turned him the other cheek. The man struck ag This was repeated five times; and wh Weaver presented his cheek for the si time, the man turned away, cursing.

Weaver cried after him: "The Lord f give thee, for I do; and the Lord s thee!"

His assailant was the first man Wea met next morning in the pit; and, as We er approached, he burst into tears. "(Richard," he cried, "do you really forg me?"

Together they knelt and he rose a sa man.—*Gospel Herald.*

Prayer Thought

Do we have to turn the other cheek actually get another slap? It may be t we could live so we would not prov one's slappings.

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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

MANAGERS SECURED!

The Cragmont Assembly, Inc. Board of irectors is happy to announce that anagers for the 1972 camping season ave been secured. There are the Rev. nd Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow of Snow Hill, orth Carolina. The board feels happy nd fortunate to secure the Barrows for is position. We are quite confident at they will make a meaningful contriution to the work of Cragmont during e forthcoming year. The new mangers are responsible for securing work-s for the 1972 camping season. All rrespondence with the new manageent should be addressed to them at oute 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580. fter May 15, 1972, correspondence ould be directed to Cragmont Assemy, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina 3711.

Last year was a very good year for agmont in every respect. Our prayer that we will work together in an even reater spirit of love and unity of purse during the next year. Our goal as ways is that we may continue to imove upon our "Mountaintop Ministry" d bring more glory to God.

Let's Talk About Cragmont!

As publicity director for Cragmont Asmbly I ask you for the opportunity to me to your church or church group d share with you information concernng the assembly. I am available on cond, fourth, and fifth Sunday nights, well as any night during the week. t me hear from you. My address is O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 7851.

ponsoring Conventions of Cragmont!

Please inform me (the Rev. De Wayne kes), secretary of the Cragmont board, to any changes in the Cragmont stockolders from your convention that have en made since last January. The adess is the same as stated above.

De Wayne Eakes, Publicity Director

Cragmont Assembly Managers' Report For 1971

CASH RECEIPTS

General	$ 1,006.68
Kitchen Equipment (Earmarked)	93.33
New Buildings (Earmarked)	1,204.00
Guests	1,326.52
Conferences	14,925.75
Store and Drinks	2,513.90
Others	1,225.76
Total to Account For	$22,295.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Supplies	$ 578.48	
Food	5,164.84	
Labor	5,085.00	
Travel (Mileage for Cragmont)	576.05	
Repairs	207.07	
Laundry and Utilities	2,637.42	
Insurance	453.00	
Store and Drinks	2,378.07	
Others	1,661.45	
To Mrs. Fountain Taylor, Treasurer:		
Advance Returned	800.00	
New Buildings	1,204.00	
General Fund	1,550.56	
Total Disbursements		22,295.94
Balance		$ 0.00

Number of Campers and Counselors:	
YFA Conference, June 7-12	120
General Youth Conference, June 14-19	135
Ministers' Conference, June 21-26	43
Christian Cadets, June 28—July 3	139
YFA Conference, July 5-10	91
AFC Conference, July 12-17	121
Young People's Bible Conference, August 16-21	77
Woman's Auxiliary Conference, August 23-28	100
Total	826

At the close of the camping season the managers' account is closed out and all funds are placed in the general treasury.

We thank each member of the Cragmont staff, each church, each conference director, each camper, and other interested persons who helped to make this report possible.

—De Wayne Eakes, Publicity Director

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Cragmont Treasurer's Report, November, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as follows for the month of November, 1971:

Balance October 31, 1971		$2,734.27
RECEIPTS		
Churches	$ 258.85	
Auxiliaries	6.00	
Sunday Schools	3.00	
YFAs	50.00	
Unions	48.05	
Sunday School Conventions	59.00	
Summer Camp	2,754.56	
Refund from Advance to Open Camp	800.00	
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention	735.82	
Total Receipts		4,715.28
Total to Account For		$7,449.55
Operating Expenses		182.17
Balance November 30, 1971		$7,267.38
On Savings		2,262.17
Grand Total		$9,529.55

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Little Things

A stamp is just a little thing
Of very little worth,
And yet 'twill take a letter all
The way across the earth!
A smile is just a little thing,
But you will find this true:
To give it brings much happiness
To others, and to you.

—The Water Lily, 300 Illustrations for Christian Service, W. B. Knight, Eerdmans Publishing Company.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Progress Being Made At Peace Church



Pictured above is the Rev. W. L. Poythress, Mrs. Poythress, and 37 members who have been recently received into the Peace Free Will Baptist Church near Pinetops, North Carolina.

Since Mr. Poythress began his pastorate of the Peace church Sunday, July 11, 1971, God has really blessed in every service. The Sunday school attendance has increased about 40 percent; and by the fifth Sunday in October, 13 souls had been saved and several others became members by transfer of membership.

Monday night, November 1, the Rev. F. B. Cherry, pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson, North Carolina, began a revival service which lasted through November 6. During this meeting ten souls were saved and three came for membership. God surely blessed in every service.

On Sunday afternoon, November 14, 32 persons were baptized by Mr. Poythress, assisted by Edward Walston, in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina. That night these new members were received into the Peace church.

The pastor states, "Others are still making commitments to Christ. We here at Peace church praise God for all His blessings."

Trent Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress at the Trent Free Will Baptist Church, Merritt, North Carolina, with ministerial students from Mount Olive College bringing the messages each evening. The services began Sunday evening, December 5, and will continue throughout the week. The pastor, the Rev. Willey Stilley, is assisting in the services which is featuring special music from the college and youth choirs from several churches. The church membership invites you to attend and receive a spiritual blessing.

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The Sunless Valley

If we never find our path dipping down into the sunless valley, we may seriously question whether we have not missed our way to the Celestial City. The road to the Mount of Ascension invariably passes through the shadowed Garden of Gethsemane, and over the steep ascent of Calvary, and then down into the garden of the grave.—F. B. Meyer, 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service, W. B. Knight, Eerdmans Publishing Company.

LAUGH LINES

By Margo Mangu

There are just so many times that yarn is rewoven; but with our many gol ers—family, friends, and co-workers, ma I reweave?

The day was balmy. The carpete green fairway was beckoning. The ma and a fellow golfer began their game.

It was so exilerating out there beneat the blue skies, with everything going h way—this avid golfer . . .

Just one more move and . . . and . .

A funeral procession was slowly craw ing along the highway that ran alon side the course. As the big black hear came nearer and parallel to the man, l laid down his iron and removed his ha reverently placing it over his heart. Th he stood at attention.

His friend was puzzled. What cou take Joe away at this crucial momen There was nothing so unusual about fu eral processions passing this course route to the nearby cemetery.

The man saw all of this in his friend eyes. "Yes, Bill; I know, but it's t least I can do for my wife!"

The degree of laughter is up to t individual.

He Helped Someone

I do not know how soon 'twill be
Ere I will cross life's darkest sea;
But when on earth my life shall end
I hope in heaven to meet a friend
That I did help, by act or word,
To follow Christ, the risen Lord.
No greater joy to man can come
Than just to know he's helped someo

—Gospel Herald, 300 Illustrations Christian Service, W. B. Knight, Ee mans Publishing Company.

OBITUARIES

THERE WAS A MAN

In Loving Memory of the Rev. Lemmie Taylor)

He was a good husband, a good father, nd a friend to all.

He was born in Onslow County, North arolina, July 5, 1912, and was one of welve children born to a Christian fam-ly. The children were all taught to love nd fear God. Each Sunday they were aken to Sunday school and church.

At an early age he confessed his sins, ccepted Christ, and was baptized. At he age of twenty-one he married and egan a home of his own. He was bless-d to raise five children who knew the ord. He had a good job and provided a ood home for his family.

It seemed as if everything was going ell until one day God came upon the cene and said to Lemmie, "Feed my heep." This took a lot of praying, sac-ificing, and forsaking family and home. is faith was too weak to believe he ould support a family and go to school prepare himself for the task God had id upon him.

He played Jonah for five years. How-ver, he taught a Sunday school class, as a league director, sang in the church oir, and served as church clerk; but all is did not take the place of the job he as supposed to fill. This went on until e day the burden became so heavy at he could not carry the cross any nger. It was then that he went to the per story of a packhouse on the farm, alone, to talk with God. Then and ere he met God face to face and yield-himself completely.

At the evening meal, while we were all ting around the table, Lemmie made e announcement, "All to Jesus I sur-nder, all to Him I freely give." There as a silence in the room for a few mo-ents, then the thought came to me: he Lord is my Shepherd, and I know He ll care for us."

Then came the question of how he uld go to Nashville, Tennessee, and epare for the ministry, leaving his fam-behind. However, this was taken re of as Mount Olive College opened doors for night classes and he was e first student to enroll. He went to hool for three nights each week, and ere was never a time while in school at his family was in want of support.

Lemmie pastored several churches dur-ing his fifteen years in the ministry. He loved his work and dearly loved people. But best of all, he loved his Lord.

One night, after the children were in bed, during our customary talk, Lemmie said to me, "Evelyn, I have three requests of God if He sees fit to grant them. First, I hope I can live to see all five of our children confess their sins, join the church, and be baptized. Second, I hope I can live to see all of them happily mar-ried." (These two requests were granted as he baptized all of our five children and joined three of them in holy matri-money.) Then he continued, "Last, but not least, I want to go to sleep and wake up to be with Jesus." This too was granted for as he went to sleep the night of Oc-tober 14, 1969, at 1:15 a.m., October 15, 1969, he took his flight to be with Jesus in another home.

It would be selfish of us to wish to have him back here in this world of sin and strife; yet, a place is vacant in our home that cannot be filled. Yes, the days are dreary, the nights are long, but God knows best.

He knows it all: each troubled thought,
Each anxious wave of care;
And every burden, every grief,
Or cross that's hard to bear.

He knows it all: the weight of woe,
Thine often tear-dimmed eye;
The stabbing pain, the slow dim ache,
And sorrow's broken cry.

He knows it all—but His to choose
And thine to take His choice;
He knows it all, He planned it so;
Then trust Him and rejoice.

Written by his wife,
Evelyn B. Taylor

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Mr. Arthur Mac Honeycutt

(In Memory of "Mister Mac")

In the Herring Community of Sampson County, North Carolina, on November 26, 1893, there was born to Frank and Al-myra Honeycutt a bouncing baby boy named Arthur Mac Honeycutt.

The boy soon grew to be a husky young man and the name "Mac" was at-tached to him by all of his friends. He was schooled in Sampson County and early in life developed a trait of making friends with everyone that he contacted.

Like most young men in their courting days, he finally met a girl who was "his one and only." Then on December 18, 1924, he and Miss Verdie Hudson were united in marriage. In those days he was known by the name of "Mister Mac."

"Mister Mac" worked with Tillman's Lumber Company for nine years (1920-1929). Being an industrious person, he saved most of his earnings, and in 1928 he bought a farm on which he built his home. He farmed the land the year of 1930 and then let others tend his land while he was employed by Pope and Bla-lock Lumber Company as a foreman. He worked with this company for fourteen years (1931-1945). In 1945 he decided that he would devote full time to his farm.

Prior to this, October 6, 1930, "Mis-ter Mac" and Mrs. Verdie were blessed with the birth of their only child, a boy. They named their son Mac Ray. When Mac Ray grew to manhood, at the age of 22, it was with much joy in the hearts of "Mister Mac" and Mrs. Verdie, that they saw their son marry a wonderful person, Miss Iris Marie Rose.

To Iris and Mac Ray were born three children: Janet Rose, Alan Mac, and Robin Leigh. Grandpa "Mister Mac" and Grandma Verdie were overflowing with love for these three lovely grandchil-dren. This lovable, Christian family is a living monument to "Mister Mac" and Mrs. Verdie.

While enjoying his earthly home, "Mis-ter Mac" in the year of 1950, accepted Christ as his Saviour in preparation for his heavenly home. He was also a faith-ful Mason and enjoyed this work very much. But most of all he enjoyed the work of his church, Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, having served as chair-man of several committees.

"Mister Mac" always had a speech with a long southern drawl, and with his dry wit, he was a most interesting per-son to talk with.

He departed this world for his heav-enly home on July 9, 1971, and we be-lieve that "Mister Mac" awaits each of us there.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the Highway of Life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles not their tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan.
I have lived in my house by the side of the road
To be just a friend to man.

—William R. Miles, Chairman
of Memorial Committee

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

CROSS ERECTION AND DEDICATION



Students and faculty of Mount Olive College braved the sharp winds of a cold November day to erect and dedicate a cross on the new campus at the site where a chapel for the future is planned.

CROSS ERECTION AND DEDICATION

Students, faculty, and the administration of Mount Olive College gathered on November 23 for the erection and dedication of a wooden cross which will mark the sight of a future chapel at the College.

The dedication was the culmination of weeks of intense spiritual activity on the campus.

The spiritual life developments were greatly advanced by a retreat at Oriental, North Carolina, where Mount Olive College students renewed their commitment to Christian discipleship. They returned to the campus with an evangelistic Christian dedication which has spread to all areas of the College. A baptismal service for new Christian converts was held November 23.

Lacking an adequate place for private worship, the students have also constructed a small, intimate chapel in an unused room in the women's dormitory. Mount Olive College students meet formally for chapel services in the auditorium.

Then, a group of ministerial students meeting at the home of President W. Burkette Raper decided that the erection of a cross on the site of the proposed chapel would serve both as a symbol of their Christian faith and also emphasize the need for a chapel.

Frank Harrison, College chaplain, spoke before television cameras at the erection of the cross: "We have gathered here today to dedicate this cross on the site of what we hope will someday be a chapel. This cross will be a symbol to us: it wi remind us that sometime in the futur there will be a chapel on this site her to aid us in our worship of God.

"Second, this cross, which for tw thousand years has been a symbol of th Christian faith, will remind us of ou own commitment to Christian discipl ship. Jesus Christ, our Lord, died on cross; He died a shameful death becaus He involved Himself in the life of th world, loving it and seeking to transfor it for the glory of God. He sought no to save His life and live in comfort the status quo, but rather, He became i volved as a loving revolutionary to cha lenge the evil forces that crush, rob, an distort the dignity of being a full huma being in relationship to God and neigh bor.

"I am reminded of the words of Bo hoeffer, the German pastor who wa hanged by the Hitler regime durin World War II, when he said, '. . . A Chri tian is a man who plunges himself in the life of the world around him, see ing to transform it and correct it in lov

"So today, this cross will be a symb to us, a reminder of our own comm ment as Christians to be involved in th life of the world, loving it, challengi it, transforming it, so that all men m have peace, the necessities of life, a enjoy the labors of love."

The cross was raised as Mr. Harris spoke.

John Williams, a student and preside of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, th offered a prayer of dedication. "As pass this cross everyday," he prayed, " it remind us of our need as well as commitment as we seek to follow Chr in our lives."

President Raper emphasized that spiritual life developments in rec weeks is one of the most signific events to ever happen on the campus. potential for the future is unlimited.

Nathan Tadlock, a member of Nor east Free Will Baptist Church near Mo Olive, offered the students the use of farm near Calypso where they cut a t and fashioned the cross. Tadlock present for the dedication ceremonies.

Mount Olive College is a two-year, educational, liberal arts college spon ed by the Free Will Baptist Church.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

MY EXPERIENCE AT THE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Penny Edwards
Wilson, North Carolina



"Heaven came down and glory filled my soul . . ." This phrase describes the religious life retreat we went on November 5-7. Heaven truly did come down—I could feel the wonderful love and glory it brought to each one of us.

I had been looking forward to this retreat for a long time and when I got up Friday morning I was so excited and ready for a wonderful experience with God that I couldn't think about anything else. I knew in my heart that we were going to have a good time; but the love, joy, peace, and happiness that I found far exceeded even my wildest dreams.

God was so real and so wonderful to us that I cannot describe it. I found a deep love for God and for everyone who went. I didn't know that love could be so beautiful and so sincere, but each one of us can truly say to each other, "I love you," and mean it from the depths of our hearts.

From Rev. Wallace's sermons and the discussion groups we participated in I found many answers to questions I had been asking and solutions to problems. My only regret is that everyone could not have been with us. If everyone could find the love and peace that we found that weekend, the Free Will Baptist denomination and every other denomination would wake up and really get on fire for God.

Many of us have been given burdens for souls—someone may have a burden for you. Pray with us and for us that our fires will not die down and that we can pass our love and happiness to others. God has truly come to Mount Olive College.

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Report of Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College met for their quarterly meeting and approved an operating budget of over $1 million for the College.

Nathan Garner of Newport, North Carolina, vice-chairman of the board, presided over the meeting.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper addressed the members on the progress of education at Mount Olive College. He cited, "Individualized instruction, internship programs, a reformed grading system, and personalized attention to each student are the steps that are putting Mount Olive College first in 'student oriented' education."

"There are still problems to be worked out, and reforms to be made with this innovative system of education," Dr. Raper said, "but we are continuing to evaluate and refine our program in order that we might get on with the business of relevant education today."

Dr. Raper accompanied his talk with a series of slides depicting life at the College.

Following this discussion, elections were held for new officers of the board of trustees. They are: Dr. W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive, president; Ralph A. Morris of New Bern, chairman; Nathan Garner of Newport, vice-chairman; Dr. Hervy B. Kornegay of Mount Olive, secretary; Miss Jean Fillingame of Mount Olive, assistant secretary; B. E. Bryan of Calypso and Arthur Kennedy of Beulaville were elected to the executive committee.

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College 'High School Day'

Mount Olive College has designated Saturday, December 11, as "High School Day" for all juniors, seniors, their parents, and friends.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the Henderson Building and will be followed by a tour of the campus with discussions concerning admission requirements, academic programs, athletic and student activities, religious life programs, and transfer assistance.

Participants are invited to a luncheon in the auditorium as guests of the College with entertainment provided by students of Mount Olive College who are presenting the folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is."

Current students, as well as alumni, will also be present at the luncheon providing high school students with a unique opportunity to discuss Mount Olive College with them.

Jerry Edwards, director of admissions, stressed the advantages of attending such a program and invited all those who may be interested in coming to Mount Olive College to participate in the events on Saturday.

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College to Celebrate Homecoming

Homecoming celebrations at Mount Olive College will be held on December 11 in conjunction with a High School Day program and the annual business meeting of the Mount Olive College alumni.

Mount Olive College officials anticipate this year's event to be one of the most successful ever held in its twenty-year history, and they cordially invite the public to participate in the events to be held at the College.

The schedule includes:

11:30 A. M.—Registration
12:00 Noon—Luncheon in Auditorium
1:00 P. M.—"Tell It Like It Is,"—Folk Musical Presented by Mount Olive College Students in the Auditorium
2:00 P. M.—Alumni Business Meeting
3:00 P. M.—Alumni Ball Game in Mount Olive Junior High School Gymnasium
4:30 P. M.—Dinner ($1 per Person)
6:00 P. M.—Pep Rally
7:30 P. M.—Ball Game, Mount Olive College vs. College of the Albemarle at Southern Wayne Gymnasium
9:00 P. M.—Social, Music by the Sugar Creek

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"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
And may I nobly do my part,
To win that soul to thee."
—David Johnson, 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service, W. B. Knight, Eerdman Publishing Company.

The Stoney Creek Ladies Quartet

sings of a

WONDERFUL SAVIOUR



Members of the quartet from left to right are: Mrs. Bobbie Holland, contralto (bass); Mrs. Mary Lou Howell, alto; Mrs. Alma Dale, first soprano; Mrs. Ida Lee Wooten, second soprano (tenor); Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, organist; and the Rev. Clyde Cox, pianist (not pictured).

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The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, requested the ladies quartet of the church to make a record because many hearts had been blessed by their singing. These ladies have sung at numerous church revivals, homecomings, state conventions, woman's auxiliary conventions, mission rallies, and in 1970 were invited to sing at the General Baptist-Free Will Baptist Fellowship in Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Selections in this album include: "He touched Me," "Sing Me a Song About Jesus," "I've Been to Calvary," "Surely Goodness and Mercy," "Without Him," "Remind Me," and others. The record is available at the Press and all of its branch bookstores. Order yours today.

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: What was Jesus' purpose in sing parables in His teaching?

Answer: He himself gives a good rea- on in "And when he was alone, they hat were about him with the twelve sked of him the parable. And he said nto them, Unto you it is given to know he mystery of the kingdom of God: but nto them that are without, all these hings are done in parables: That seeing hey may see, and not perceive; and hear- ng they may hear, and not understand; est at any time they should be convert- d, and their sins should be forgiven hem" (Mark 4:10-12). When the whole ontext is considered we note from this le did not begin to teach so much by arables until His miracles were malig- antly ascribed to Satan and his agents. hese enemies of Christ saw His works rom day to day and closed their eyes to hem and the spiritual meaning they con- eyed. They heard His unusual words or "He spake as never man spake"; yet, hese enemies of His turned a deaf ear o the quickening power of His words.

Like in the case of Pharaoh of Egypt, he message that was designed to soften heir hearts and give sight to their piritual eyes produced the opposite ef- ect so it was placed beyond their reach n the use of parables. In the case of haraoh, the Red Sea was the barrier etween Moses with the Children of Is- ael. He said that the Egyptians would e seen no more of Israel in their journey o the promised land and it was true.

Jesus finally said of the Israelites that ad finally rejected Him: "Wherefore, ehold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your syna- gogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this gener- ation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children to- gether, even as a hen gathereth her chick- ens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you deso- late. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:34-39).

Then beside what Christ said above other passages of Scripture tell us the same thing about Israel, as God's chosen nation, that is turned from Him and His kind instructions and special watch care over her. He has placed her on the shelf or laid her aside as punishment of chas- tisement to her, and in the meantime He is calling out the church from both Jews and gentiles. "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sac- rifice, and without an image, and with- out an ephod, and without teraphim: Af- terward shall the children of Israel re- turn, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days" (Hosea 3:4, 5); "And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your breth- ren, even the whole seed of Ephraim" (Jeremiah 7:13-15); "But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away" (2 Corinthians 3:15, 16).

Listen now to what He says of the church when it becomes heedlessly dis- obedient: "For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? . . . Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. . . . And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blind- ness in part is happened to Israel, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. . . . As concerning the gos- pel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are be- loved for the fathers' sakes" (Romans 11:15, 19-21, 23-25, 28).

The Jews, who when Christ came, had the opportunity to be saved and would not, were brought into a time of spiritual darkness in which they now remain and will continue until the church comes into that evil lukewarm state that causes God to ". . . spew her out of his mouth" (Revelation 3:16). Then and not until then will Israel be converted. The church, of course, has Jews and Gentiles in it; but Jews as a race or nation, will not come into line with the Bible's teaching to her as a people until then.

Bookstore Hours

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STORIES

for our youth



THE CHARMING DOLL COTTAGE

PAULINE ROTHRAUFF

ANNE gazed with starry eyes at an advertisement in one of her mother's magazines.

"A doll house!" she exclaimed. "Mother, I can get a doll house free if I just find five new subscribers for this magazine."

Anne's mother peered over her shoulder at the picture of the doll house and read, "This is the Charming Doll Cottage. It has four rooms made of heavy cardboard that any child will be able to assemble. It comes complete with cardboard furniture, paper dolls, and a garden and lawn that can be easily constructed."

The picture of the cottage, with its red roof and flower garden, was certainly delightful to look at.

"Oh, Mother, may I start getting subscriptions tomorrow?" asked Anne. "Notice the date of the deadline to send in the orders. That's almost a week away. Maybe they'll mail the doll house to me so that it will arrive here by Christmas."

"Yes," replied her mother, "you may if you promise not to pester people. Ask them politely whether they'd like to subscribe, but if they say no, be pleasant and go on your way."

"Perhaps Marcie would like to get subscriptions, too," said Anne, growing more enthusiastic every minute. "Then we'll each have a doll house."

Marcia, Anne's best friend, was delighted with the idea, and the two little girls started out together after school the next day.

"We have almost a whole week to get five subscriptions," explained Anne to Marcia. "We surely ought to be able to have them in that time."

Marcia nodded, eager to start.

They each selected certaiin streets for their campaign and began ringing doorbells.

After an hour, they met to compare their progress.

"I have only one," sighed Anne. "People were either taking this magazine already or they had subscribed to others." And some of them said they were busy and hardly spoke to me."

Marcia swallowed hard and wiped a tear. "I didn't get any at all," she murmured.

"We'll do better tomorrow," Anne reassured her cheerfully. But the next day, neither of them had any success. And Marcia twisted her ankle on a broken sidewalk and had to hop all the way home on one foot.

The doctor who bandaged it said that it was a bad sprain and that she'd have to stay off of it for awhile.

"Poor Marcia! Now, she can't possibly have a doll house," Anne moaned to her mother, "unless I can get ten subscriptions and win two of them."

By the end of the time period, however, Anne had only five subscriptions. She sent them in and waited eagerly for the doll house.

It arrived the day before Christmas, and she took it over to Marcia's house so that they could set it up together.

When it was completed, the two little girls gazed at it. The miniature rooms with their pretty furniture, the yard with its brilliantly colored cardboard shrubbery, and the flowers that they fastened into place looked beautiful.

"Oh," gasped Marcia. "I wish I had one, too. If only I hadn't hurt my ankle."

Anne frowned, thinking deeply. It must have been awful for Marcia to remain inside while she was working fo the doll house.

"You wait a minute, Marcia," she sai "I'm going to ask your mother for pape and a pencil."

She ran into the kitchen and was bac in a flash. She sat down and wrote hu riedly and then handed the paper to Ma cia. "Here," she said, "read what wrote on it."

Marcia's eyes nearly popped out as sh read, "I hereby give one-half of my in terest in the Charming Doll Cottage t Marcia Alders. From today on, she ca have it for one week, and then I, Ann Martin, will have it for one week. W will share it forever. Signed, Ann Martin."

"There," she explained, "I think it' all legal. I tried to write it the way tha some important papers my father has ar written. Letting you be an owner of th doll house, too, is my Christmas presen to you."

Marcia sat there, too excited an thrilled to speak. She reached out an touched the furniture lovingly, saying "You're wonderful, Anne. This is th nicest Christmas Eve that I've ever had.

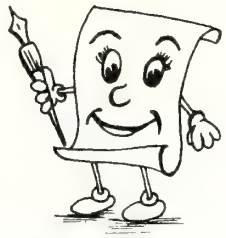
It's the nicest one I've ever had, toc Anne thought as she hurried home be neath the beautiful, star-filled sky. understand now what it means when th Bible says, "It is more blessed to giv than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Happines does have to be shared to be real hap piness.—My Pleasure.

Churches and Minister Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, whe needed, for any church that is seeking pastor and for any minister who is seekir a church to serve and would like to giv such notice. Please send the necessary i formation to the editor of "The Free W Baptist." Each notice will run for two i sues only.)

The Otway Free Will Baptist Churc near Beaufort, North Carolina, is sti seeking a full-time pastor. The churc has a parsonage for the minister's us Anyone interested in pastoring the O way church is asked to contact Mr Alonzo Taylor, Route 2, Box 677, Bea fort, North Carolina; telephone (after p. m.) 728-3935.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Almost a year ago the editor wrote a short piece entitled "Overloaded," in which he compared a person doing so many things at once that nothing is done well, to a wall socket into which someone has inserted a multiple plug with a different appliance in each outlet. Then, the August 18 cover pictured that very thing: seven lines hooked into one outlet! It's bound to blow a fuse!

He evidently had me in mind when he wrote it, so I immediately began looking for things to "unplug." But each time I dropped one activity, there was another to take its place. I tried changing jobs, but the new one takes more time than the old one. No solution there.

How does one slow down?

One answer is to quit everything and start over. Pull all the plugs and leave the electricity off. But sitting in a corner, keeping quiet, loafing, isn't satisfactory to an individual used to rushing about. After a short rest, the urge comes to get active again, and a person soon is busier than before.

My brother quotes Scripture at the drop of a sigh, and one day he answered my complaining with ". . . be not weary in well doing," which is 2 Thessalonians 3:13. But Galatians 6:9 adds, ". . . for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." That sort of gave me a second wind.

Some of us really are overtaxed. We may need to slow down or quit some unimportant things.

When we're very busy and feel exhausted, it could be that we've taken our spiritual eyes off God for whom we work and begun looking at the people with whom we work. We expect plaudits from them, forgetting that God is keeping a record of our toil and its merits.

Maybe we aren't overloaded at all. Maybe we just get plugged into "people power" instead of "God power."

WHATSOEVER MAN SOWETH

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

The storm clouds are gathering above us,
    While old earth continues to spin:
Faster, and faster, and faster,
    Dizzy with power and sin!

Violence, hatred, destruction;
    LSD, Hippies, "free" love;
Marching, and burning, and looting;
    Under the guise of a dove.

What's happening? Man suddenly wonders.
    We didn't plan it this way!
These terrible things can't be happening . . .
    Not in our nation, our world, in our day!

Why, we're preaching a new "social" gospel,
    Designed to please everyone.
We've been careful to make it appealing . . .
    No more blood, no more cross, or God's Son!

And we're building our own great utopia!
    We're the masters of all we survey.
Why, conditions have never been better . . .
    Or worse! . . . than they are today.

Everyone has complete freedom
    To live in the way he sees best . . .
Yet we're moving in different directions!
    What's lacking? (for we've failed the test)!

Oh my friend . . . I can tell you what's missing.
    It's God! . . . for you say that He's dead!
You don't need Him; hence He's a fable;
    As worthless as though made of lead.

So, you carefully change all your history;
    Blot out every hint of Him there;
Forget why this country was founded;
    View with disdain, truths once held dear!

No more God in ouir Pledge of Allegiance;
    No more Bibles or prayers in our schools;
No more "In God We Trust" as our motto . . .
    Oh, poor misguided, self-righteous fools!

Do you think by denying your Maker
    He'll simply cease to exist?
Like a troublesome conscience not wanted:
    An acquaintance who'll never be missed?

And you wonder about all your troubles:
    Your moral decay, lawlessness!
You've brought all this sorrow upon you:
    You've reaped what you've sown! No more . . . no less!

Now there's only one course left before you:
    Seek the Father before it's too late!
For Jehovah-Elohim will judge you:
    With His Son, He'll determine your fate!

—Sylvia A. Storms.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



FOR DECEMBER 19

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Lesson Text: Luke 2:1-14

Memory Verse: Luke 2:10, 11

I. INTRODUCTION

There are two full accounts of the birth of Jesus in the Gospels. One is in the Book of Matthew and the other in the Book of Luke. There are some rather interesting differences between them.

For example, only Matthew mentions the visit of the wise men from the East, whereas only Luke tells of the shepherds. Joseph, the espoused husband of Mary, is the central figure in Matthew's report, while Mary is the dominant character in Luke's version. Matthew says that an angel appeared to Joseph, but Luke describes the announcement that was made to Mary.

But both Gospels dovetail in the account of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ which is the central and most compelling doctrine on the deity of Christ, and which is so essential to the heart of Christianity.

Perhaps some of Luke's interest can be explained by the fact that the young physician, while attending Paul on his visit to Jerusalem and while awaiting the day when the apostle might be released from prison, must have had many opportunities to visit with Mary whose husband, Joseph, is believed to have been dead at that time. If this is true we may be certain that Luke's contacts with Mary influenced him in his account of the birth of Christ.

But more certain are we that the two differently, yet harmoniously, written stories were inspired by the Holy Spirit, for both have a definite purpose within themselves.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. We need to take a fresh look at Christmas.
2. The Old Testament had prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (see Micah 5:2).
3. Joseph was the legal father of Jesus, but not the actual father. He was born of the virgin.

B. The Decree from Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1-3)

1. Caesar Augustus was the first emperor of the Roman empire.
2. His decree said that all men should return to their native city to be taxed.
3. Joseph was from Bethlehem; therefore, he had to go to Bethlehem.

C. The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:4-7)

1. Joseph and Mary went from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea.
2. Joseph was not able to find room in the inn for Mary.
3. Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem.

D. The Adoration of the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-14)

1. Shepherds, probably from the temple, were watching their sheep at night.
2. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and brought the message of Jesus' birth.
3. The heavenly host joined the angels for the first Christmas carol.
4. The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see this Baby that the shepherds had announced.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Often angels are pictured with beautiful wings. Artists have assumed that flying would be the best way to travel from heaven to earth and back again.

As a matter of fact, we have records of angels that looked like men, presumably without wings. In Jacob's vision he saw angels coming and going between earth and heaven on a ladder or ramp of some kind.

What the artists are trying to tell us with their pictures of wings is that angels are free to come and go swiftly. Freedom is highly praised in our day. The message of the angel near Bethlehem is good news because it promises freedom from sin and death. He announced the coming of Jesus, who will free His people from bondage of their sins.

Angels sometimes have appeared in shining garments, but artists often picture a circular glow or halo around the head of an angel. Like the pictured wings, this is more symbolic of the nature of an angel than realistic. We recognize the halo as a symbol of holiness. The holy angel announced the birth of a holy child.

Angels are sometimes depicted as heavenly harpists, though the records seem to indicate they are devoted to service more often than to music. But again the artists are giving us a symbol. A harp expresses joy. The angel brought to the shepherds good news of great joy to be given to all people.—Standard Commentary.

B. An outstanding Christian scholar said, "It is unthinkable to try to rob Jesus of His deity. If He is not virgin-born, He is not divine. If He is not divine, He has no power to save. You cannot deny the virgin birth of Jesus and be a Christian. Christianity must stand upon the virgin birth. He has royal blood in His veins. Only God and Mary are involved in Jesus' birth." Jesus was unique in His birth, His life, and His resurrection. He is indeed the Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, without an earthly father.

It is not enough that Christ was physically born into this world. He must be born in the heart of each of us. It is not enough for us to experience physical birth; we should also experience spiritual birth. If you are not saved from your sins, then His birth for you is in vain. If you have not had a spiritual birth, then your physical birth and life are without meaning and purpose, and you have missed the mark.

The church, the Bible, the cross, the Lord's supper, the love of parents, and the love of friends all remind us of His divine love, which goes beyond defining. Is Christ born in your heart? He was born in Bethlehem. Has He been born in you? He is the Saviour—"Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Christ has come, and yet, peace has not come, for we have not taken His teaching seriously. An artist drew a pic

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

CHRISTMAS CHEER

". . . How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15).

Benevolence chairmen, and all auxiliary ladies of the Eastern District:

The Christmas season is here again—the time of making merry and sharing the peace and love received through God's wonderful Gift unto us.

While engaged in our preparation for this time of exchanging gifts and sitting down to loaded tables of Christmas cheer, may we be enriched with heavenly blessings as we remember that the greatest Gift was given by God the Father in the virgin birth of Jesus His Son.

Let us remember the faithful servants of God who brought to us and unto others this glorious message of peace and goodwill, redeeming grace, and the life everlasting—our retired ministers, their wives, and the widows of deceased ministers—by just taking the time and thought to send a card or some small gift. This would mean so much to them and would make them feel so warm inside. Knowing that "we care" will assure them that the Christmas message of remembering love still glows with the radiance of Bethlehem's star, and that their service as the ministers of God's people was not in vain, nor has it been forgotten.

Then, while we are planning for these great things, let us remember the spiritual food we all need each day and receive through the reading of God's Word, not forgetting that there are those whose eyes are dim and who would enjoy so much a visit by someone to read God's Word to them. With this visit a little basket of fruit would spread a lot of sunshine with our brothers and sisters who have served so faithfully in the Master's kingdom.

As they have given, may we remember our Lord's admonition: ". . . freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8).

Mrs. Carol B. Hansley
Eastern District
Benevolence Chairman

Be Faithful

The beginnings of unfaithfulness are always the little things that we think will make no difference. No one was ever called of God to a high position who did not lay the foundation of that call in courageous faithfulness to the small details of life. But whether our position be high or low, it is required of a steward that he be faithful.—Selected, 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service, W. B. Knight, Eerdmans Publishing Company.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

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ture of a bleak, wintry night. The trees were laden with snow, and a dark and dreary house, lonely and desolate, stood bleakly in the midst of the storm. It was a sad picture. But then the artist put a light in one window. The effect was magical. The entire scene was transformed into a vision of cheer, gladness, and comfort. The birth of the Christ Child brought similar illumination to this dark, dreary world of sin and unbelief. The great tragedy is not that men live in darkness, but that they love their darkness (John 3:19). They would rather have corruption than Christ.—Ray O. Jones.

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God was better to me than all my hopes,
Better than all my fears;
For He made a bridge of my broken sighs,
And a rainbow of my tears.

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America, A. D. 1971—
Bumper to bumper traffic,
Elbow to elbow people,
Shoving, pushing,
Horns honking out
"Chaos on earth! Get outta my
Parking space, ya bum!"
Christmas cheer?
Goodwill to men?
"I'll be glad when it's over—
Too much to do in too little time,
And what a drain on my wallet!"

Bethlehem, two thousand years ago—
Bumper to bumper camels,
Elbow to elbow Hebrews,
Shoving, pushing,
Yelling, "I'll be glad
When this thing is over—
Too many people in too little space,
And what a drain on my purse! Do
They expect me to support the whole
Roman army?"

Twentieth century man does it again—
Maybe if we stand close enough together,
We can blot out the image of a
Frightened mother-to-be and her
Distraught husband.
Maybe if we act vile enough to each other,
It won't hurt so badly to see the couple
Huddled together in a drafty barn.
Maybe if we blare "Here Comes Santa Claus"
Loudly enough, the cry of a newborn Messiah
Will be drowned.
Maybe if we string enough gaudy decorations,
We can overpower the pure white star in the sky.

Maybe if we try hard enough,
We can turn Christmas into
Just another unpleasant chore
Like paying taxes;
And, like the mobs in Bethlehem that night,
Lose our chance for
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REAL JOY AT CHRISTMASTIME

Editorial...

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REAL JOY AT CHRISTMASTIME

Artificial holly and mistletoe and evergreens found in store windows, in homes, and on the city streets . . . The real joy is found in searching for the real thing in the woods.

Gifts exchanged, returned, reexchanged, wanted, unwanted, appreciated, unappreciated, frowned upon, made to be more or less important, hurting pride and feelings . . . The real joy is found in the giving of the gifts and the spirit in which they are given, not their material worth or use.

Santa Clauses found everywhere, some fat, some lean, some rosy-faced, some pale, some wearing ill-fitting clothes and unreal-looking beards and wigs . . . The real joy is the child's smile when the Santa speaks to him, despite the myth which some of us classify as an unneeded fantasy for childish minds and hearts. A child's smile is worth much —even if a Santa is not.

Hurrying people, laden with packages, fogging the wintry air with their warm breaths, nodding greetings or grunting disapprovals at the snarled traffic or congested stores where they can't get waited on . . . The real joy is in taking it all slowly, patiently, and peacefully.

Tinsel; bright lights, blinking and sparkling; stars glittering . . . The real joy is found in the Light, the One that shines out of darkness for all mankind.

Cards, more cards, loads of cards for the mantle, to line the doorway, to sit atop the piano, just anywhere that has usable space—from friends, loved ones, mere acquaintances . . . The real joy is not the number received but the sincerity of the message.

A huge tree, heavily loaded with every possible ornament and dazzling, multicolored lights, angels, candy canes, balls and beads and bells . . . The real joy is not the grandness of the tree but the place of importance it has in the child's heart and memory. A straggly pine placed in a coffee can, decorated with one green and one red rope would suffice if it were given in love.

A turkey dinner with all its trimmings: dressing, peas, yams, cranberry sauce, biscuits, mince pies, and fruitcakes . . . The real joy is not how much or how good but if it is satisfying to the stomach.

A warm house, well-heated, fuel to last, and so comfortable that sleep comes sometimes uninvited . . . The real joy is found in security, not the warmness of the house. Sometimes a cold house is more secure than a well-heated one. Love makes the difference.

Churches having cantatas, Christmas parties, get-togethers, playlets, and pageants . . . The real joy is not the pageantry, the showiness, or the impressiveness of it all. The real joy is found in the reason for it.

Stockings hung by the chimney, stuffed with the unnecessary, the "not good for" . . . The real joy is not what the stockings contain but the fact that they are not holey and the child has more than one pair.

An evergreen wreath on the door, with red berries and ribbon . . . The real joy is the fact that it indicates the season, not the passing of a loved one. No one should be sad at Christmas.

Cheery music reaching the ears, bands on street corners calling, "O Come All Ye Faithful," Salvation Army people ringing bells, wishing "Merry Christmas" and "God blessing" everyone who gives to the unfortunate . . . The real joy lies in the fact that someone really cares.

Holiday mirth, liquid and solid . . . The real joy is found when it is not sinful.

The story told of the Babe born in the manger . . . The real joy lies in knowing Him and living in a manner befitting the celebration of His birthday.

The real joy at Christmastime: Christ, pure and simple, minus the superficial overtones and gimmicks and personages that overshadow Him and drown out His message of "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

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A Dream Comes True

by EUGENE PRICE,
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Director of Public Relations
Mount Olive College

IN the old downtown campus of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, orth Carolina, one may see the vestiges f the beginning of a dream. From its eaded ceilings, covered with many coats f paint, to its heavy cracked and sag- ing doors, everything on the old cam- us speaks not of ivy-covered tradition, nly of age.

But here in a building the public school ystem abandoned because it was "worn ut," the Free Will Baptist denomination as produced a phenomenon in the field f higher education. During December, 971, the College is celebrating its twen- eth anniversary, and perhaps it is a ommentary on the educational develop- ent of our times that while approxi- ately fifty public colleges have been stablished in North Carolina since 1951, Mount Olive is still the youngest private unior college in the state.

Success of the school has been as re- arkable as its beginnings were humble.

When the North Carolina Free Will aptist Convention voted to locate the enomination's first liberal arts college n Mount Olive, it had in its Christian ducation fund exactly $6.17.

In the town of Mount Olive, an Eastern orth Carolina community of 5,000 in- abitants, a massive but aged elementary chool building had been abandoned. The own was striving for regional accredi- ation of its public schools, and the old uilding was considered a serious handi- ap.

While the property itself, a full city lock, was valuable, county officials look- d upon the old building as a white ele- hant. It is recalled that one town ouncilman at the time remarked, "The nly thing holding that old place to- ether is all the termites shaking hands."

They agreed to sell to the Free Will aptists for $25,000. The denomination aised $4,000 as down payment, with the emainder to be paid at the rate of 2,000 per year.

Amid almost universal skepticism, the ew owners tackled the building with a etermination, confidence, and single- ess of purpose that has marked the day- o-day progress of the institution.



Dr. W. Burkette Raper, President

Broken window panes were replaced. The interior was renovated. Some por- tions were strengthened, though the Free Will Baptists found that the years had dealt kindly with the sturdiness of the old brick structure. President W. Burkette Raper, gazing at the steel fire escape along an outside wall, remembers that in 1954 the $750 to replace the old wooden staircase to comply with fire regulations seemed like $7,500 today.

The following year, the building no one thought worth saving, opened its doors to the 22 students who made up the initial enrollment of Mount Olive College.

It wasn't an entirely pleasant experi- ence.

Education First

"We knew that we didn't have the fi- nancial resources to build a college phy- sically and academically at the same time. We put education first. We felt that by building toward early accredita- tion, we would lay a strong foundation for receiving funds for buildings and other expansions later," explained Dr. W. Burkette Raper, age 44, a Duke Uni- versity graduate who became the first president of the college when only 26 years old.

Nothing was spared in providing the essential tools of learning. For labora- tory equipment alone in those fledgling days, the college spent half as much as it did for the full city block campus and building. From every individual and or- ganization that would listen, the presi- dent unashamedly begged books until, from nothing, he was able to build the library to more than 20,000 volumes.

Of its instructors, Mount Olive Col- lege demanded two things: quality and dedication.

Thus, the school that compromised on everything but education was able to quickly win the loyalty and confidence of its tiny student body and citizens of the area.

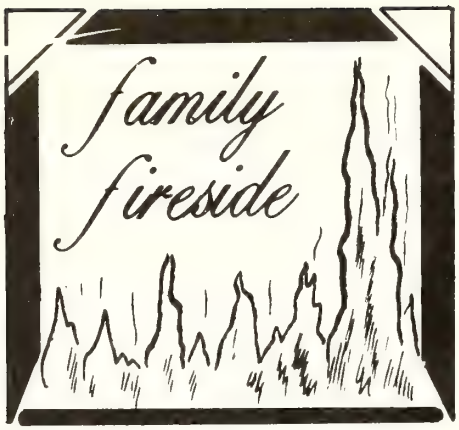
Well before full accreditation came in 1960, Mount Olive had proved that its course of action was well worth the cal- culated risk it had taken. Each year Free Will Baptists contribute more than $100,000 to the college and last year the, no-longer skeptical citizens of the area the college serves, added another $135,- 000. The college has received more than $2.5 million in gifts since it opened here.

This year, the college is operating on a budget of $1 million—20 times the budget of the first year. Total assets of the school have been put at nearly $3 million.

Just as the founders knew that they would, the physical facilities have come to Mount Olive College; and even they are only the beginning.

The College has expanded to a new 100-acre campus one-half mile from the original. Modern, pleasant architecture marks the new sight. Already construct- ed there are the Henderson Academic Building, the Moye Library, a student center, a triple dormitory complex for women, and a three-story dormitory for men, all to be used in conjunction with the old campus. Future buildings in- clude a physical education building, cafe-

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

CHRISTMAS AGAIN

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:1-3

Christmas again! And our spirits grow merrier,
Down drops each selfish, conventional barrier,
Hearts beat more lightly and footsteps grow airier,
This is a glorious period when
All 'round the planet, whatever latitude,
Mortals are glowing with love and with gratitude.
Life for the moment is full of beatitude—
Christmas again!

Isn't it good to be friends with humanity,
Preaching something like true Christianity?
Must we go back to the greed and the vanity
Which have made sorrow and woe among men?
Christmastime spirit, how splendid a thrill it is!
Let us preserve it, with all our abilities;
Hold to it, practice it, live it, until it is
Christmas again!

—Percy B. Prier, Sunshine Magazine.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Could Christmas last all year? It could. Every single day—a thought, a visit, a prayer, a smile—for our fellowman. Let's enjoy Christmas everyday this coming year.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:4-7

Legend tells us that it was Martin Luther who first lighted a Christmas tree. The story goes that one Christmas Eve as he was walking home over the snow-covered fields, he looked up at the stars shining through the frosty branches of a fir tree. He hurried home to tell his family about it. To illustrate, he cut a small fir tree, took it into the house and placed lighted candles on the branches.

A candle-lighted Christmas tree was part of the Christmas celebration in the Luther home every Christmas thereafter. Many years later, trees appeared generally in German homes, and eventually the custom spread to other countries.

In 1847 a decorated Christmas tree appeared for the first time in an American home.

About the lighted and gift-laden evergreen Christmas tree, centers much that is symbolical of the Saviour who is born anew in the hearts of men everywhere each Christmas.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The greenness of the fir tree is so symbolic. And lighting the candles is, too. Let's keep Him alive in our hearts and let our hearts stay aglow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

THE HAPPINESS OF CHRISTMAS

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:8-10

The happiness of Christmas
Comes when the church bells ring;
When we gather there to worship,
The Christmas songs to sing.

The happiness of Christmas
Comes in the quiet hour,
When we hear again Christ's story
With its beauty and its power.

—Author Unknown.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Will we ever get to the place we will not want to hear the beautiful Christmas story? Doesn't it grow more beautiful each year—and more meaningful?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:11-13

Have you any old grudge you'd like to pay?
And wrong laid up from a bygone day?
Gather them all now, and lay them away
When Christmas comes.

Hard thoughts are heavy to carry, my friend,
And life is short from beginning to end;
Be kind to yourself, leave nothing to mend,
When Christmas comes.

—Author Unknown.

PRAYER THOUGHT

It's wonderful to do all of this at Christmastime. Is there any reason for "saving it up" until Christmas? Life is too short to wait that long.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

IT ISN'T FAR

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:14-16

It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you.

—Madeline S. Miller.

PRAYER THOUGHT

That's right! Everything is right here in our homes—in our hearts. Let's look into our friends' faces. It's that simple.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:17, 18

O, Christ, grant us thankful hearts toda
for thee, our choicest Gift, our deare
Guest. Let not our souls be busy inns th
have no room for thee and thine, but qui
homes of prayer and praise where tho
mayest find fit company, where the needfi
cares of life are wisely ordered and pu
away, and wide spaces kept for thee; whe
holy thought pass up and down, and fe
vent longings watch and wait thy comin
So when thou comest again, O holy On
mayest thou find all things ready and th
family waiting for no new master, but f
One long loved and known.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

After reading the above and giving it lot of thought and examining our ou hearts, could we still pray this praye Think about it!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:19, 20

Oh, why leave the Christ out of Christma
Why substitute "X" for His name?
There is naught else on earth or in heave
Can ever make Christmas the same.

Be it thoughtlessness, hate, or indifferenc
By the fault I grieve and offend,
When I leave the Christ out of Christmas
I'm slighting my very best Friend.

When I leave the Christ out of Christma
In vain is my holiday mirth.
For the Christ, God's gift to His children
Is the Christ who brought Christmas
earth.

God, forgive me the thoughtless omissio
I would not that Christ should depart.
I need Christ not only at yuletide,
But all of the year in my heart.

—Author Unknow

PRAYER THOUGHT

Someone has said the "X" stands for th Cross. Be that as it may, let's not lea Him out—Christ or the Cross. Not at Chris mas or anytime. He never leaves us out

(Devotions used my permission, 1010 *lustrations, Poems and Quotes,* Standa Publishing Company.)

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"The remarkable provision God h made to sustain His creation is a furth indication of His greatness and wisdom —Selected.

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"This is Christmas: not the tinsel, n the giving and receiving, not even th carols, but the humble heart that r ceives anew the wondrous gift, th Christ."—Frank McKibben.

Hallelujah! What a Saviour

by Mrs. Hersel L. Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

HERE it is again—Christmas! What does Christmas mean to us? Why do we celebrate this event in the way we do? Would we like to have our birthday celebrated this way?

On a crisp, cold night long ago, while shepherds were tending their sheep under a starry sky, the silence of the night was broken only as the voices of the shepherds talked over the events of the day and watched their sheep which were fast asleep and at peace with the world. Are we like the shepherds, sitting, watching, and talking? Sitting, doing nothing, while souls are slipping out into eternity every second? Watching for what? The shepherds were keeping watch over their sheep. Who knows, there might be a lion or wolf ready to sneak into your life in the form of sin! We are told in God's Word to ever be watching for we know not the day nor the hour.

Remember, Christ told us to watch and pray for He will come again. But are we like the sheep, fast asleep? We can be walking, talking, and going about this earth and still be asleep. We try to tell ourselves that things are going to be all right and still be asleep as far as the spiritual realm is concerned. A Christian must be awake if he is to do the things required of him. Look around you. What do you really see? Noise, tinsel, hurrying, nerves on edge, things never seem to get finished, why? It is Christmas! But should it be this way? How can we hear Christ in all the confusion and noise? Are we talking so loud that we cannot hear Christ speaking to us? Please remember His words, ". . . watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is (Christ's return)" (Mark 13:33). Yes, He is coming! Will you be ready for Him?

When we celebrate Christmas in the right manner, we are celebrating Christ's first coming; but are we prepared for His second coming?

We thank God for Christmas (the coming of Christ—the greatest Gift the world ever known). But what about for His second coming?

Just about every home at this season of the year is adorned with a Christmas tree. Its tinsel and bright lights are very lovely to look upon. Take a look at your tree—its beauty is all on the outside. If it is a real tree (today most of them, along with several other items, are artificial) it has been cut from its roots for your enjoyment. It will never grow again. It is dying. Is our life like the outside of a Christmas tree—all covered with tinsel and glitter—while the inside is dying with its roots cut off? The roots I am referring to is the Lord Jesus Christ. If our spiritual roots are cut off we are slowly dying in our sins.

What do we do with a dead Christmas tree? Burn it, it is no good for anything else. The same is true with a dead Christian (spiritually dead), only fit to be burned in a burning hell.

Christmas! Christmas! hurry it will soon be here. We often hear, "I don't know what to get for Aunt Jane or Uncle John." Whose birthday are we celebrating? What are we giving to Christ on His birthday? We can give to Christ by passing on His Word to others—give a few Bibles for Christmas presents. Have we got into such a habit of giving to our family and friends until we think it is our day? Have we really forgotten whose birthday it really is? Have we left the most important Guest out?

Hurry! Hurry! yes, but hurry to God. He did come into the world on Christmas Eve, but remember, He is coming again. So be busy, but busy in the Lord's work.

We hear everywhere, "I believe I will have a nervous breakdown before Christmas is over. All this shopping, cooking, cleaning, and company by the dozens." Are we shopping for gifts because we feel we have to? It should be a joy to give unto others; so when it gets to be a burden, we are not giving in the spirit that the Scriptures tell us that we should give. Jesus tells us in Acts 20:35, ". . . It is more blessed to give than to receive." So when our giving is a burden there is no blessing or joy, and it is better to leave the gift off.

Cooking—when cooking for someone we love, it should be a joy. Then why do we hate to do it? Cleaning—yes it is a job, but we have to do it anyway. When our children are away in Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, or wherever they might be, we just long for them to run in with mud on their feet and say, "Hi, Mom, I'm home." Yes, there is a time for all things: celebrating, cooking, cleaning, etc.

Company coming! Why did you ask them, really? This should be a real pleasure and not a job. If you don't want company, they will surely know, so don't blame anyone but yourself.

Remember to be careful in all things. As we put the shiny balls on our tree this year may we say to ourselves, "B-all for God." Also of the tinsel, "Tend-sell" (attend to God's business and sell His love to all). Jesus has paid the price so we can now have the Christmas season. May we each receive and be thankful for the Gift of all gifts—Jesus Christ!

Hallelujah! What a Saviour.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Elwood Lane Church Honors the Jenkinses

The Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, honored its pastor of thirty-five years and his family at a surprise birthday dinner given in the social hall of the church Sunday, December 5; Mr. Jenkins marking up another year on the following Tuesday.

Prior to the dinner, Mr. Jenkins' life was depicted in a "This Is Your Life" program. The Rev. Paul Sheehan of Turbeville, South Carolina, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home of South Carolina, served as master of ceremonies; the two clergymen having begun their preaching ministry together.

Around 150 relatives and friends from the Kannapolis area and from Durham, Salisbury, Statesville, and Cleveland, North Carolina, also from South Carolina attended; and many of them took part in the "This Is Your Life" tribute.

Among Mr. Jenkins' many gifts was a Scofield Reference Bible presented to him by the woman's auxiliary of the church.

This Elwood Lane pastor was licensed and ordained into the ministry in 1935 from the Beaver Creek Association. On October 17, 1940, he was received into the Western Conference and has had a perfect attendance record at the annual conference since that time. He has held the offices of moderator of the conference, served on the ordaining council, as well as has been an active member of various committees.

Mr. Jenkins and his wife, the former Miss Katherine Gentle, are the parents of three sons: Henry (Billy) Gaston and Parnell Jenkins of Kannapolis, and Richard Jenkins of Lincolnton, North Carolina; and a daughter: Miss Betty Jo Jenkins of the home.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins are the only two charter members remaining at the Elwood Lane church. The couple lives in the church parsonage at 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Arapahoe Church Dedicates Annex and Fellowship Hall

The Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church held a dedication service for the new annex building and fellowship hall on Sunday, December 5, during the morning worship service. The pastor, the Rev. C. R. Etheridge, was in charge of this service.

The fellowship hall was named for two Christian workers who spearheaded the building project and believed in its betterment for the church: Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Swindell. Mr. Swindell is with us only in fond memories now, but his wife is here setting a wonderful and shining example of Christian endeavor to all. This building was completed about four and one-half years ago and measures 44 feet by 70 feet, costing approximately $16,000. This building provides three much needed Sunday school rooms for the juniors and intermediates; a large room for church organizations, fund-raising meeting, socials, and dinners; a large kitchen that is well equipped; rest rooms; and a ladies' lounge. The members like to think of the hall as serving as a focal point for the youth of the community. The Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts of this area also hold their meetings here.

Nora Willis, church reporter, states: "The young people from our neighboring churches are members of our AFC and YFA. What better place than the church can you find to help guide our young people's feet along the proper path?

"The Swindell Fellowship Hall is used explicitly for the purpose of what the word 'fellowship' implies: 'A gathering place where God's people can come together and fellowship one with another.' And that is exactly what we invite you to do. Anytime you are in Arapahoe, please stop and visit with us for any of our worship services. Mr. Etheridge will be at the door to greet you and welcome you into our house of the Lord."

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Honor is not a matter of any man's calling merely, but rather of his own actions in it.—Dwight.



LINES

By Margo Mangum

This one comes my way from a source other than my own experiences—thankfully. This is not to say that it could not have been my lot and my being able to help convince is not inconceivable.

A few days before the wedding, the sweet young girl was having second thoughts. She confided to her mother, "I'm almost sure Joe is an atheist—in fact I don't think he really believes there's a hell."

After pondering for a few moments the mother said, "Well, my dear, go on with your plans if you love this young man. Maybe between the two of us we will be able to convince him."

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Laugh a little now and then,
It brightens life a lot;
You can see the brighter side
Just as well as not.

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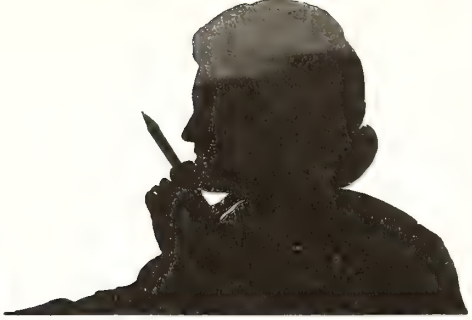
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ear Son -- Wherever You Are



by ANNETTA BRIDGES

SUMMER is gone, the harvest is past, and another year draws to close. This week brings a holiday, hen families are usually together, id perhaps the loneliness may be ised if I talk with you a bit.

How I wish you could have been ere this week. The revival evan-elist was an ex-country boy, and it as good to hear somebody say ings that ring with conviction gain. The fellow's ears stuck out, id his clothes sort of hung the rong way on his lanky frame; but his sincerity he reminded me of ou. You'd have liked him. The hristmas cantata goes a little slow-, and we could use your bass, for ere are never enough men in the oir, of course. Even though you en't there now, every time I look o I see you standing again on the ack row, right there between your others.

Too bad you weren't here to see uane graduate. He was you, all er again, coming down the aisle ll and straight. I sat there remem-ering the first bird that had flown e nest, knowing how your face oked when you opened your grad-ation present from us. You were eased with the watch, but that was ons ago. Today kids expect a new orts car. Duane, of course, didn't -that's impossible for us. But a od many of the kids got what they xpected, anyway.

The next week we sat in the bal-ny of the huge coliseum and atched Roxie get her college de-ree. I don't have to tell you that 's been a tough four years. We'd oped your sister would take a job aching school and spend a little oney on herself; but your sister asn't changed a bit. She's wearing white uniform as a student nurse the local hospital and wishes she ere through, so she could be where ou are now.

You missed our wedding anniversary in June, too. Twenty-seven years ago I watched my new husband go away to help fight a war, and the years between have always had the shadow of another war for all of you, our sons. We didn't do much to celebrate—went out for dinner and took a couple of pictures. I'll send you a few, but remember that a lot of wrinkles have shown up in the four years since you've seen us, and nothing can wipe them away—as you may know by now.

We had open house Monday night at the school where I teach now—the one you've never seen. The band played a few numbers that reminded me of your dad in his uniform and of you in yours, and then we waited in the rooms for the parents. The mothers and dads came by with reluctant teen-agers whose eyes begged us not to tell on them but whose courage was beautiful to see. Most of the kids over here are magnificent in spite of what you may hear.

There were Jenny, who would do all right in the world, and Tim, who would need help. There were Mary, whose IQ was 80, and Joe, who tested out at 148. The businessmen and the mechanics, the professors and the plumbers—they all came, the parents that we didn't need to see. The ones with whom we need to talk never get around to such things, of course.

After a while I looked up and there stood Sam in the door. Sam's about your age, tall and talented and married now. He's decided not to go on to college, though. He bragged a little as I asked him how things went, and then he told me that he had a deferment because of his drafting job and wouldn't have to worry about military service. I thought about your abandoned scholarship, your idle drafting set, and your long fingers that now hold guns and grenades. I had to stop talking awhile, there.

Later Bob came by. Bob was in the local trade school, he said, but he was failing most of his work.

"But why don't you work a little harder?" I said. "Or do you want to get drafted?"

"Not me!" His smile was sardonic. "I've got bone cysts on my feet—calcium deposits. They wouldn't have me on a bet. How lucky can you get?" And he waved and was gone.

Bone cysts? Calcium? But I guess you learned something about that, didn't you, in that bout with bursitis? O.K. So Bob wouldn't have to go help you.

Well, I won't be bitter. I won't march or riot or make speeches. But I can miss you in silence and in love.

After all the people left, I closed the door to my room, and I drove slowly home, remembering a lot of things.

Maybe it's too much to ask for this holiday season, but I hope you're warm and dry now and then —and not too hungry. I remember how much sleep you used to need and the eight biscuits you used to put away for breakfast. And each time we sit down together now, all seven—no, six of us—I see you again, and I remember the times we talked and laughed and fought and loved. You wouldn't know your brothers and sisters—people change a lot in four years.

The last eleven months without a letter have not been easy, but wherever you are tonight, goodnight and may God bless you. No matter what you may read or hear about some of us, remember that most of us are behind you. May your heart ever know that we are proud of all of you, of what you stand for, of what you're doing for us.

Love, Mother ★

--Gospel Herald.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

GOD LOVES YOU



Diane Johnson
Benson, North Carolina

Today many people ask the question "Where is God?" During the weekend of November 5-7, He was at Oriental, North Carolina. He was in and near the hearts of more than sixty students and faculty members from Mount Olive College who were on a Religious Life Retreat.

To me, God is "more than just a God who doesn't care, that lived a way up there." He is real, and when I say that, I mean He is Someone inside me right now.

During the retreat, God touched everyone's heart and as a result, there was a lot of love, joy, and tears expressed. I had never seen God's love displayed and witnessed so much. I would love to describe how I feel, but words just will not express it. One would just have to see the faces and lives of everybody who went on the retreat. I can only say, "God loves you!"

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"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!" –Hamilton Wright Mabie.

Stanbacks Increase Loan

Mount Olive College has received a contribution in the amount of $2,000 from Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stanback of Salisbury, North Carolina, to be added to a student loan fund the Stanbacks established last year. The purpose of the fund is to provide loans to students who have a genuine desire to obtain a college education and who are willing to work and sacrifice for this purpose.

President W. Burkette Raper reported that this gift brings to $4,000 the amount of money now contributed by the Stanbacks to Mount Olive College for student aid purposes.

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COLLEGE PLANS SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION

A Spiritual Life Mission for laymen and ministers will be sponsored by Mount Olive College, January 3, 4, 1972. The mission will begin on Monday evening, 7:30 p. m., in the College chapel and will conclude Tuesday afternoon. The purpose of this conference is to seek personal spiritual renewal and examine how one may best fulfill the commitment of Christian discipleship in our world.

Preparation for this event is vitally important, perhaps as important as coming to participate in the conference, according to Frank R. Harrison, chaplain at Mount Olive College, and director of the mission. Those who plan to attend may prepare by reading a book entitled **New Life in the Church,** by Robert A. Raines, and by forming a prayer group to seek personal spiritual renewal.

The Spiritual Life Mission program will consist of worship, prayer groups, and discussion groups, with emphasis on seeking to open oneself to the renewing presence of God.

The College dormitories will be available free of charge for those who wish to spend the night. Each person is asked to furnish his own linens, blanket towels, pillow, soap, etcetera. Those who wish to spend the night are asked to contact Mr. Harrison by December 30. Letters may be addressed to Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive North Carolina 28365; telephone: office 658-2502; home, 658-9363.

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College Day at Wintergreen

Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church near Cove City, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, December 19, as "Mount Olive College Day." The Rev. Rudy Shepard, pastor, has announced that Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will teach a Sunday school class at 10 a. m. and preach at the morning worship service.

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Raper on "Hospitality House"

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will appear on WITN Television, Washington, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 18. He will be a guest of Mrs. Kay Currie on "Hospitality House" at 1 p. m., and will discuss recent spiritual life developments on the campus of Mount Olive.

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His Name

(Isaiah 9:6)

Wonderful—in His person and work;
Counsellor—in omniscience and wisdom;
Mighty God—in omnipotence and authority;
Everlasting Father—in creation and upholding (Father of Eternity);
Prince of Peace—in redemption and government.

—Christian Victory.

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"Whatever else be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas still a shining thing."—Grace Noll Crowell.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Otway Free Will Baptist Church near Beaufort, North Carolina, is still seeking a full-time pastor. The church has a parsonage for the minister's use. Anyone interested in pastoring the Otway church is asked to contact Mrs. Alonzo Taylor, Route 2, Box 677, Beaufort, North Carolina; telephone (after 6 p. m.) 728-3935.

Chinese Program Is Now Dual-Dialect

Trans World Radio's Cantonese broadcast to the Chinese people of Europe now includes Mandarin, as of October 4, 1971. The Mandarin speaker is Pastor Chen of Amsterdam, and the Cantonese portion is prepared by Evangelist Chan of Rotterdam.

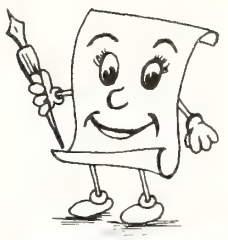
Beamed to the many thousands of Chinese immigrants in Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, and on the European Continent, the program is made possible by sponsoring Christians in the Netherlands and is coordinated by the director of TWR's Dutch Studio in Baarn, Holland, Hans van der Steen.

With a concern for reaching the Chinese-speaking people of Europe, Dutch Christians began the Cantonese program in November, 1969. However, with Mandarin growing in importance among Chinese Europeans, this main national language of China was made part of the program on October 4, thus making it the first dual-dialect gospel broadcast on Trans World Radio.

Airtime is every Monday at 13:30 GMT, on the 31 Meter Band over TWR—Monte Carlo.

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"The orderly fashion in which God has made provision for His entire creation is a testimonial of His great goodness and wisdom."—Selected.



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

One of life's most frustrating experiences is sitting in church with a bad case of laryngitis, unable to sing.

Worship is not a spectator sport to me. I like to participate actively in the whole service. And singing is one of its most important parts.

We were created to praise and worship God. "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:3). What better way than in song?

The Lord likes music, but we have to be careful what kind we sing to Him. You know, Lucifer was created with a set of pipes so that every word he spoke was melodious. Of course, his voice no longer praises God, but some of his music is in the churches.

We may sing the pop tunes for fun sometimes, but they don't last like hymns. "Rock of Ages" is more than a hundred years old. So is "Aurie Lee." which one can you sing all the way through? ("Love Me Tender" and "Aurie Lee" aren't the same.)

Christianity is the only religion in which everyone sings. (Women haven't always been allowed to sing in church!) Congregational singing probably dates from the time of Martin Luther. He urged that everyone—not only the choir—sing. In 1524 he gave the people a hymnbook "so that God might speak directly to them in His Word and that they might directly answer Him in their songs."

The hymn is a useful tool in worship, as well an inspiration. It lifts a heavy spirit, rests a tired mind, eases grief, verifies God's presence. The poet concisely expresses our innermost thoughts and aspirations.

The privilege of singing, like other privileges, is missed when it's gone. So whenever I can't sing, I move my mouth. And I don't understand folks who just sit and listen, unless it's a cantata or special concert for understanding, instruction, or pleasure.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

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teria, chapel, and additional academic facilities and student housing.

Mount Olive College's success is apparent in more than the beautiful buildings. It shines forth in its graduates. Transferring their credits to some of the biggest and most demanding colleges in the state, graduates have earned for their alma mater the reputation of being one of the best junior colleges in North Carolina.



The Moye Library and Henderson Building

These graduates are preparing for careers in medicine, engineering, psychology, science, business, agriculture, art, music, the Christian ministry, pharmacy, dentistry, government, home economics, accounting, nursing, and law.

Opportunity for All

Of particular importance, fully half of the Mount Olive College students are those who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend college. Over half of the students presently attending Mount Olive are receiving financial aid from the college out of a $176,000 budget set up for the purpose. It is a policy of the college that no student be denied an education at the school for lack of sufficient personal finances.

The college has developed rapidly amid a rather remarkable set of circumstances: It was founded and sponsored by a denomination that, alone, couldn't afford a college; it is thriving in a community which, by itself, couldn't muster enough money to finance it; but, through church and community cooperation, both have a fully-accredited college.

And look at the present student body: the enrollment represents seven states and one foreign country. However, the college has been receiving student inquiries from all over the world and a move is now in progress under the leadership of Dr. Jamil Shami, dean of students, a native of Jordan, to admit 12 additional foreign students next year.

The college has a firm Christian commitment but avoids narrow sectarianism. Its student body represents the major religions of the world, as well as more than 12 major denominations of the Christian religion.

This striking example of mutual assistance and interdependence between church and community has provided enough students and money to justify the curriculum. Both have been benefited. Dr. Raper puts it this way:

"We feel that at Mount Olive College, there is a lesson for other denominations and other communities that cannot afford a college. And, in this example, there is hope for young men and young women who could not otherwise afford to get an education."

The Whole Student

At Mount Olive College there is an educational philosophy and atmosphere which is perhaps unique. It stems from the dream of the president who has worked tirelessly during his 18 years in office to shape and mold the college.

It is a deceptively simple philosophy called "human development." The college must not only provide for the education of the mind of a student, but it must also contribute positively to the development of the **whole** person. "We believe that every student is a child of God and our goal is to provide educational experiences appropriate to this philosophy," President Raper explained.

It is a fundamental premise of education at Mount Olive College that when a student arrives, he brings with him not only his mind, but those personal characteristics which define him as an individual human being. He is dealt with at every level of his college experience as an individual.

Through "individualized instruction," a student participates in one of the most innovative educational programs in the country. He moves at his own rate through courses of study. No failing grades are given; instead the student is tutored and is given more time. The emphasis is on positive reinforcement rather than negative retribution in the grading system. Still, a student must achieve certain minimum standards to remain enrolled.

In a nutshell, the idea is not to mold or remake the student according to an archaic academic blueprint, but rather **to allow the student to become** his best self. The student is not an object of instruction but a human being to be developed.

Mount Olive College employs another unique program, Cooperative Education (Co-Op). This method combines classroom learning with practical, on-the-job experience. This co-op program attempts "to make formal education relevant to the real world." Money, which the student earns in this program, may also serve to supplement scholarships or financial aid.

Athletics also play a part in a student's life at Mount Olive College. Intercollegiate sports include basketball, golf and tennis. Participants in these sports are eligible for athletic grants-in-aid. Basketball is an exceptionally-strong sport at Mount Olive College, and this year it will again play host in January to the annual "Pickle Classic."

Additional intramural programs in football, basketball, volleyball, tennis

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BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "Against hee, thee only, have I sinned, and done his evil in thy sight: that thou mightest e justified when thou speakest, and be lear when thou judgest" (Psalm 51:4). oes this mean that all sin is against God nd Him only?

Answer: It may mean that all sin is gainst God, and surely the Bible teaches hat all sin is against Him; but also that ertain sins are also against individuals s well as being against God. When one respasses in any way against his fellowman, he sins against him as well as gainst God. Then he should seek forgiveness both of God and him that suffered the wrong. "Therefore if thou ring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought gainst thee; Leave there thy gift before he altar, and go thy way; first be reconled to thy brother, and then come and ffer thy gift" (Matthew 5:23, 24); compare, "And be ye kind one to another, nderhearted, forgiving one another, ven as God for Christ's sake hath forven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

God forgave us when we repented of ur sins, otherwise we would not be aved. In the same way God forgave us o save us when with a broken and conite heart we sought Him, beseeching r this forgiveness; therefore, we should e willing and ready to forgive our felw Christians that sin against us. "Then me Peter to him, and said, Lord, how t shall my brother sin against me, and forgive him? till seven times? Jesus ith unto him, I say not unto thee, Unl seven times: but, Until seventy times even" (Matthew 18:21, 22); "If we conss our sins, he is faithful and just to rgive us our sins, and to cleanse us om all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). aul, when thinking in terms of the inructions given in the verse in this quesn and other instructions in the Psalms, ys ". . . let God be true, but every man liar; . . ." (Romans 3:4).

In other words, God is the first to be nsidered when wrong of any kind or ture is concerned; and whatever the Bible may teach concerning retribution and confession, we are to abide by that without which there is no way of being reconciled to Him in whom alone is the power to forgive sins. His Word teaches that even though a brother sins against us seventy times seven in one day and comes each time seeking forgiveness, we are to forgive that one; and that on the basis of our forgiving a Christian that mistreated us, confessed it, and asked of us forgiveness, that is the basis on which God will deal with us in forgiving us our debts or trespasses. Therefore, we need to grow daily in our attitude of being gracious to all who mistreat us and ask of us mercy and forgiveness.

Charles Simeon, in his Expository Outlines of the Whole Bible, Volume 5, Page 369-396, discusses the Psalm from which the verse in the above question occurs. The following are excerpts from that discussion which gives appropriate light on the subject:

"The occasion of this psalm is well known: it refers to one of the most melancholy transactions that ever took place in the world. In the point of enormity, the deed is almost without parellel; because it was performed by a man who till that time had made the highest professions of religion, and had been characterized even by God himself as 'the man after God's own heart.' But it is not the crime which David committed, but only the repentance which followed it, that is the subject of our present consideration. For a long time his heart was hardened: but after that Nathan had come from God to accuse and condemn him, he yielded to the conviction, and humbled himself before God in dust and ashes. In this psalm is recorded the prayer which David offered unto God on that occasion; and it was given by David to the Church, that it might be a pattern, and an encouragement, to penitents in all future ages. The particular declaration in our text is introduced as an aggravation of his guilt. We are not however to interpret it so strictly, as if the crime which David had committed were really no offence against man; for in that view it was as heinous as can possibly be conceived: it was a sin against Bathsheba, whom he had defiled; against Uriah, whom he had murdered; against Joab, whom he had made an instrument to effect the murder; against all the soldiers, who were murdered at the same time; against the friends and relatives of all who were slain; against his own army, who were hereby weakened; against the whole nation, whose interests were hereby endangered; against the Church of God, who were hereby scandalized; and the ungodly world, who were hereby hardened in their iniquities. It was 'a sin also against his whole body.' We must therefore understand the expression rather as comparative; as if it had been said, 'Against thee, thee chiefly, have I sinned.'

"God has represented himself as 'a God of judgment, by whom actions are weighed'; and has declared his purpose to 'call every work into judgment,' and to 'judge every man according to his works.' But in violating his laws, 'we say, in fact, God will not require it': 'The Lord is altogether such an one as ourselves'; 'he will not do good, neither will he do evil.' What an indignity is this to offer to the Governor of the Universe, the Judge of quick and dead! He has spoken of the last day as 'the day of the revelation of the righteous judgment of God'; but, if the issue of it were such as we expect, and heaven were awarded to wilful and impenitent transgressors, it would rather be a day wherein God's want of justice and of holiness shall be displayed before the whole assembled universe.

"When Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife, he answered her, 'How shall I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' Thus we would recommend all, when tempted to commit iniquity, to consider, first, what God will think of it; and next, what they themselves will think of it in the last day. Now it may appear light and venial, especially if it be not such a heinous sin as adultery or murder; but when it comes to be seen in its true light, as against an infinitely good and gracious God; and when the judgments which he has denounced against it come to be felt; what shall we think of it then? Oh! ask yourselves, 'What will be my view of this matter in the last day? Then even the sins that now seem of no account, will appear most heinous, and the price paid for a

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STORIES

for our youth



CRUTCHES AT CHRISTMAS

RAYMOND L. COX

"BE careful, Jerry," Mrs. Burke called to her ten-year-old son as he ran out the door on his way to the football game.

"I will, Mom," the boy called back good-naturedly.

All the neighborhood boys met for the game in the vacant lot at the end of the street where Jerry lived. They chose sides, and the game was soon under way.

But as he was going out for a pass, Jerry's foot slipped, and he tumbled hard to the ground. A cry of pain escaped from his lips. Jim Lewis, one of the neighbors who had been playing, was at his side almost immediately. "My leg," Jerry moaned. "I think it's broken!"

"Well, at least I won't have to go to school for a few days," Jerry smiled weakly at the doctor after being wheeled to his room in the hospital.

"Oh, we'll have you up on crutches almost before you know it," the doctor replied cheerily. "You were mighty fortunate. Your injury could have turned out a lot worse."

"Crutches?" muttered Jerry. "How long will I have to use them?"

"For two or three weeks, I'm sure," the physician replied. "We have to keep the weight off that leg until it completely heals."

Jerry made a face. "Come on now, boy," the doctor encouraged. "This morning I set a broken leg for a high-school student. He'll have to stay here in the hospital until after New Year's. You should be up and around before Christmas."

"But I'll have to use crutches," the boy complained.

"They're not too bad, once you master them. And you will master them," the physician remarked as he walked out into the corridor.

A few days later Jerry was home. He sat at a window, enviously watching his older brother and some neighbors passing a football back and forth. "I think I could practice passing, even with crutches," he told Bruce after his brother came into the house.

"Forget it," laughed Bruce. "You might hurt yourself worse."

Jerry's parents drove him to school and picked him up each day. They noticed with concern that his melancholy mood did not improve.

"We'll see what we can do to cheer him up," their pastor told the Burkes when they talked to him.

That night a practice session was scheduled for the Christmas program at church. "No use in my going," muttered Jerry. "I can't perform my part now—not on crutches." The Burkes understood their boy's disappointment, for he had wanted a part and had learned his lines long ago.

"Come on, cheer up," encouraged Bruce. "You can visit with the fellows while they're waiting their turns to practice. Don't sit home and mope!"

But Jerry did.

The next day Mr. Brewster, who was in charge of the Christmas program, dropped in to visit Jerry. "We missed you at practice last night," he greeted.

"What's the use in my coming?" demanded Jerry. "I can't be in the program now."

"Why not?" asked the visitor.

"Why not?" exclaimed Jerry. "Because I'm on crutches. A fine deal this is! I'm on crutches at Christmastime!"

"Well, crutches needn't stop you from enjoying Christmas," Mr. Brewster announced, "or from being in the program."

"I can't do my part on crutches," objected Jerry.

"I've rewritten your role to accommodate your crutches," smiled Mr. Brewster. "In fact, I believe the change will strengthen the program."

So Jerry reported to the next rehearsal. "I'll need your crutches for a few minutes," Mr. Brewster told him. "You sit where you are until I come back."

"What are you going to do with them?" he asked curiously.

"You'll see," the man said with a twinkle in his eye.

Ten minutes later, Mr. Brewster returned and handed Jerry his crutches. He hardly recognized them, for they were decorated with evergreens and sported some tinsel and tiny balls such as were on the church's Christmas tree. While Jerry stared, Mr. Brewster said, "Your new part has you in the role of an injured boy who's making the most of Christmas in spite of his misfortune. So he decorates his crutches!"

It wasn't easy to struggle through the rehearsal; but Jerry did his best, and the other participants encouraged him.

"We're really glad you can still be in the program," Jim Lewis exclaimed when practice was finished. "Everyone is glad you're back."

"If you'll give me your crutches now," Mr. Brewster addressed Jerry, "I'll take the decorations off, and you can go home."

"I think I want to keep them on—even wear them to school!" Jerry replied. "I'm not going to let my bad leg get me down. I'm going to have a happy Christmas after all!"—My Pleasure.

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LANGUAGE STUDY

On July 26, 1971, we began studying he Tagalog language. There are two anguages that are the most widely used n the Philippines: one is Tagalog and he other is Cebuano. Tagalog is the anguage of the North and Cebuano the anguage of the South. This is not a nost accurate picture though, because here are several million people in both he North and South that have other dia- ects. In fact there are approximately '8 dialects in the Philippines. Tagalog s the most widely known, even though here are actually more "mother tongue" peakers of Cebuano. Tagalog is the ational language and is taught in the ublic schools throughout the Philip- ines. It is hoped that in years to come he country can be more closely united y having one common language.



Harold with Tutor

We are studying Tagalog at the Inter- hurch Language School here in Quezon ity. The school is owned and operated y several mission boards that work here n the Philippines. One that you are amiliar with is the Southern Baptist. hey allow all denominations to send mis- ionaries to this school, which is truly great service to many. We spend five ours a day in class and between two or hree hours at home studying. Classes tart at 7 a.m. and last until 12 noon.



Sandra with Tutor

We are taking a full course in Tagalog which is 32 weeks long. We started the last of July and will finish the end of March. At this time we are a little over half through the course. The course is divided into three units, Phases I, II, III. Each phase is advanced. We are about ready to enter Phase II. This phase will be mainly conversation, having covered grammar and vocabulary in Phase I. Phase III gives the student the opportunity to work on things of his own interest.



Harold and Sandra in a Session

The school also gives courses in Philippine culture. This has been very valuable to us in helping us understand better the ways of the Filipino people. The director and all of the staff are Filipinos which also helps us in learning the culture.

Through the school we have met many people and had wonderful fellowship with them. We believe that this has been a valuable year in many ways in the learning process and in the Lord's preparation for the work we will do in the near future.

We are truly thankful for this opportunity to study Tagalog. With this tool we should be much more effective missionaries for our Lord. Please continue to pray for us that the Lord would quicken our hearing and conversational ability in Tagalog.

Your missionaries to the
Philippine Islands
Harold and Sandra Jones

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We Need Your Help Now!

At this time of the year when our people and churches are turned to the thought of giving during the Christmas season, many of the plans and programs that depend on your gifts to do the work of our Lord go lacking.

During the past three months, gifts to the mission program have been somewhat low due to the promotions of many of the other programs of our church. In fact, our income during these months have been short about $13,000 of our proposed budget. We have received less than half of the amount necessary for this quarter to keep in line with the budget. Our income for the months of October, November, and thus for in December, has only been $11,894.09.

Realizing this decline must be reversed, we are asking that you through your church make a special contribution **now** and let's continue on the road that has brought glory to God in the past years. Pastors, you can help by giving your people the opportunity to give a special gift to missions during this Christmas season.

During the period of January 24 through the first days of February, there will be some special mission services held in areas throughout the state. Brother Timmons, along with Antonio Castillo and Antonio Escobar, will be here for these services.

During this time, we will be asking that each church in our organization plan to unite all agencies of the church to participate in raising several thousand dollars for missions.

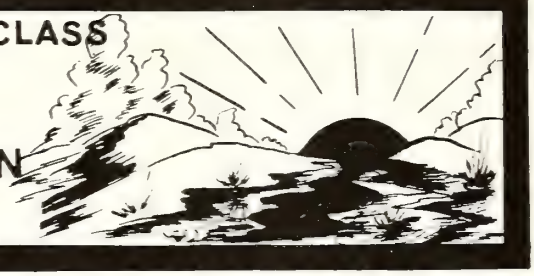
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 26



VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

Lesson Text: Luke 3:21, 22; 4:1-12

Memory Verse: Luke 4:8

I. INTRODUCTION

We know very little about the childhood of Jesus. In fact, from the time of the escape into Egypt and the return to Nazareth, only one incident is mentioned in the Bible, His appearance in the temple at the age of twelve. Our lesson today begins with His appearance in His mature life.

The baptism of Jesus is recorded in all three of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—and is referred to in the Gospel of John. Matthew's account is the longest with five verses, Mark's is next with three verses, and Luke's is the shortest with only two verses. To get the full story, we suggest that you turn to Matthew 3:13-17 and Mark 1:9-11 and read these verses in addition to the two verses in Luke which is part of our printed text.

The temptation is also recorded in all three of the Synoptic Gospels. The shortest account of the temptation is in Mark 1:12, 13. The next in length is Matthew 4:1-11. The longest account of the temptation is our printed Scripture for today—Luke 4:1-12.

If one is not careful, he will get the idea that the temptation which we study today is the only one that Jesus ever had, but this is not true. Jesus himself said, "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations" (Luke 22:28). The temptation of Jesus is blessed to the Christian because, "For in that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18). — The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is significant to observe that prayer played an important part in the earthly life of Christ. We would do well to follow His example (Luke 3:21; Mark 1:35).

B. Concerning a person's worth, the testimony of heaven is worth more than all the honors that the world is able to bestow (Luke 3:22).

C. No temptation can enter a believer's life without the provision of a way of escape. If he sins, it means that he has not utilized the provision (1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 119:11).

D. Victory over temptation means that the believer has experienced the full force of the temptation and has withstood it (Luke 4:3-12).

E. The devil did not tell the Lord Jesus how long the kingdoms of this world would last (vv. 5, 6).

F. It is important to note that even the devil will utilize the Word of God when it suits his purpose to do so (vv. 9-12).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Jesus was alone in the wilderness, and hungry, but He was not defenseless. He wore no heavy armor, and carried no real weapons, yet He ably resisted a concentrated attack of the devil. Each time Satan suggested a tempting detour to glory, Christ countered with a direct quotation from the Scriptures. He was defending himself with "the sword of the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:17). It is significant that the tempter was defeated in each skirmish by the use of this strategy.

Standing against temptation is always a spiritual battle. The Apostle Paul makes this clear in Ephesians 6:10-17. In this passage he also describes the armor of God with which we ought to prepare for battle. That armor includes the ideals of truth, righteousness, peace, salvation, and faith. The only weapon mentioned in the list is "the sword of the Spirit," which is identified as "the sword of God."

Christ's temptation to turn stones to bread suggests materialism; the suggestion to worship the devil is heard yet today as power and pleasure call for our obeisance; the pinnacle spectacle reminds us of our desire for popularity and fame. But if we have God's Word in our hearts, we, like Jesus, will be able to resist Satan's overtures.—Standard Commentary.

B. Many years ago there was a parable of a lion and a fox. It does not illustrate the temptation of Jesus, but it is quite suggestive in regard to many of our temptations, especially a temptation to enter the door of alcoholism. The lion was seated at the door of his large dark cave, when the fox was attracted by his courteous invitation to enter and make himself at home. The fox tarried in one position outside the door and exchanged greetings with the lion till he could observe the tracks of the different animals that had passed through the door. He noticed nothing but entrance tracks. All toes were turned toward the door, none toward the light and the freedom of the outside. The fox declined the invitation because it was obvious that many had entered, and none had ever escaped.—Higley's Commentary.

C. Very few people, especially in America, will admit being idolaters. We believe, since we don't dance around a big pot in some distant jungle and chant meaningless words, that we are not guilty of idolatry. But one does not have to be an ignorant pagan in some foreign land to worship an idol. There are many "comfortable pagans" in America.

When we love anything or any person more than we love the Lord God, we become guilty of idolatry. Many people today love and worship their cars, their boats, and their houses more than they love their Lord. But we are commanded to worship God.—Ray O. Jones.

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The Value of a Soul

Think of the value of just one soul. For one may be many. Andrew brought Simon—just one. But that one was many, for, under God, Simon brought 3,000 in one day. Joel Stratton, a waiter in a restaurant, brought John Gough to Christ. Ezra Kimball, a Sunday school teacher, brought Moody to Christ—just one man. But that one was many, for Moody rocked two continents toward God.—Selected.

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The most important thought I ever had was that of my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster.

New British Antenna Gives Improved Reception In the British Isles

On a recent inspection tour of TWR—onte Carlo's new antenna for the Brit- Isles—Dr. Paul E. Freed, founder-esident of Trans World Radio, gave the gh-gain directional facility the highest marks.

In looking over the giant array with designer, Dr. Louis M. Muggleton, VR's scientific advisor; and Mr. Al ewart, the station's production man-er; Dr. Freed viewed the installation sthand from the perspective of both e sending and the receiving ends.

Mr. Stewart, who produces the D-X ecial, a program for short wave en-usiasts, said that listener response to English language transmissions has filled the expectations of the new an-na very well.

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Man has not been created stooping to-rds the earth, like the irrational ani-ls; but his bodily form, erect and look-heavenwards, admonishes him to nd the things that are above.—Augus-e.

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Questions & Answers

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mentary indulgence, most prodigal. e selling of a birthright for a mess of tage is but a very faint emblem of folly of those, who for the whole rld are induced to barter the salvation their souls. View things in any mea-e now, as you will view them at the t day; and you will rather die a thou-d deaths than sin against your God."

There seems to be a lack of reverence many groups as they of today discuss refer to sin, guilt, God, eternity, heav- and hell; but none who correctly con-er these as set forth in the Word of d may so treat these. Some of the st serious discussions to be found in rature are given in the Bible on these. peaks of ill and eternal consequences t are sure to follow those who thus ard God as we find Him represented His Word. Here He says, "The fool h said in his heart, There is no God. ." (Psalm 14:1); "The way of a fool ight in his own eyes: . . ." (Proverbs 15); "A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever" (Psalm 92:6, 7); "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: . . ." (Luke 12:20); "Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction" (Proverbs 10:14); "Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!" (Ezekiel 13:3). The most foolish of all people are those who have heard God's Word, but neglected to make a personal application of it.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years, will be greatly appreciated.

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OBITUARIES

Miss Daisy Jones Wells

One year ago God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call home from our midst, one of His dear children, Miss Daisy Jones Wells, the last charter member of Pearsall Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kenansville (Duplin County), North Carolina. She died on December 7, 1970, at the age of 89.

She was a faithful and devout church worker, having served as clerk of the church, a Sunday school teacher in the beginner's department, and a teacher in vacation Bible school for many years. She had a tender love for small children and all her pupils had a great love for her. She was also a life-long member of the woman's auxiliary of the church and was very active in all phases of this work.

For a number of years she attended the annual woman's conference at Cragmont Assembly in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina; and also attended the C.F.O. camps several times.

Miss Daisy was a great lover of flowers and all kinds of shrubs which she displayed in a small nursery at her home.

Besides reading through the Bible several times, she memorized over 500 Bible verses. One of her favorite Scriptures was the Twenty-Third Psalm. She also enjoyed doing fancy work like crocheting and making her home more attractive.

In her earlier life, after attending the State Normal and Industrial College, which is now a part of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, she taught in the public schools for a few years.

She was the daughter of Cora Pearsall Wells and Stephen William Wells. In her early twenties her mother died, leaving her to help her father in looking after the family, especially the younger ones. She was just a precious mother to them since she was the oldest girl in the family.

Miss Daisy Wells was a charter member of the Early Morning Home Demonstration Club (now the Home and Garden Club) when it was organized in February, 1954. She was a great inspiration to everyone and was a faithful member as long as her health permitted her to attend.

She loved her Lord and was a devoted and faithful Christian in her home, her church, and in her community.

We, the Woman's Auxiliary of Pearsall Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, bow in humble submission to God and say, "Heaven's gain is our loss."

Written by,
Birtha Smith
Nora Winstead

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A Dream Comes True

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ping-pong, softball, soccer, and speedball are also active.

Mount Olive College has policies and regulations in its code of student behavior, but the emphasis is placed not on "policing" the students, but rather on achieving the desired ends through self-discipline and careful leadership and example by the faculty and administration.

Impressive Results

In every area of educational and development process, Mount Olive College has been innovative and progressive—with impressive results as evidenced by junior colleges from thirteen states who came to Mount Olive last summer in order to study how to improve their own schools. In recent years the Mount Olive faculty and administration have served as consultants to colleges in more than ten states. Mount Olive is one of two junior colleges in the nation funded by the United States Office of Education under the Education Professions Development Act to coordinate a program designed "To Strengthen Development in Private Two-Year Colleges."

At the outset, many people thought that Mount Olive College was going out on a limb, and it was. But it has paid off far beyond the expectations of those who helped originate the program. Mount Olive has taken students and developed them into high-caliber members of the student body and these students have later transferred and succeeded at the very schools which initially rejected them. "Success stories" at Mount Olive have become a tradition.

So, through the devotion and dedication of those who have worked so hard to build the dream of Mount Olive College through the years, it has been proved that the true foundation of a college does not lie in the stone and concrete of its buildings, but rather in quality education focused on the development of the student as a whole person.

Best Year for Mail at Bonaire's Spanish Department

Sammy Montoya, head of the Spanish department at TWR—Bonaire, reports that "The Lord is working marvelously through this ministry, and the results are most encouraging day by day. During the month of July, for example, we received a total of 759 letters in Spanish. This, of course, is a very small percentage of the total mail response to our Spanish programs. That is because most people send mail to the address of the follow-up office in the country in which the programs are produced.

"The first five countries in mail response in July were Venezuela with 201 letters. This was unusual because we were accustomed to having Colombia in first place. In second place came Colombia with 176 letters. Third, Dominican Republic with 84 letters. Fourth, Cuba with 81 letters. In fifth place was Argentina with 48 letters."

Letters continue everyday with very interesting reports. Montoya continues, "Some time ago, for instance, we received the report that in the northern part of Colombia six congregations were formed as a result of the broadcasts from TWR—Bonaire. Shortly after receiving such a report, two of our Trans World Radio missionaries traveled to this town to help the radio listeners in establishing a local church, with the aid of one of the students from the Bible Institute in a nearby town."

The staff of Trans World Radio—Bonaire has taken as a missionary project the support of this student as he ministers to these people in Northern Colombia.

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IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN . . .



Editorial...

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IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN...

It's Christmas again . . .

So what? Christmas came last year too. It's nothing so great.

It's the Lord's birthday, sure; but each year it seems to lose some of its meaning—

For some people.

It's Christmas again . . .

So what? Christmas doesn't change too many things—maybe for a little while, but not for long.

People are a little friendlier, sure; but after the decorations are taken down life becomes the same old drag—

For some people.

It's Christmas again . . .

So what? Christmas doesn't make a cold house much warmer, nor a troubled heart more comforted—except maybe for a little while when one pauses to think of others less fortunate.

Thoughts settle on the divine, sure; but after awhile worldly things again take a front seat—

For some people.

It's Christmas again . . .

So what? Years have come and gone with Christmases which have been no different.

There is scurrying back and forth and altering characters for just awhile in reverence for the season, sure; but celebrating it all with liquid sin is really living—

For some people.

It's Christmas again . . .

I don't know why it's Christmas again—except God planned for it to be Christmas again; and I'm glad.

Glad am I also that countless others in the world consider it an important time—

A time of merriment, sure; but not so much so that being merry overshadows Him . . .

A time of giving and receiving, sure; but with the realization that giving to Him and His is the most important—that receiving, however pleasant, can never weigh so much . . .

A time of love—real, true, honest-to-goodness, genuine love: love for God; love for each other; wives' love for husbands; husbands' love for their wives; both's love for their children, their cherished memories, dreams, ambitions, hopes; love for the underprivileged, the sick, the destitute, and the brokenhearted . . .

It's Christmas again . . .

So what?

I'll tell you "so what." I don't ever remember a year without Christmas. Some were sadder and some were happier than this one, but I don't ever remember not pausing to think about the Lord and His reason for coming. I don't ever remember not hearing the story of the angels and the shepherds, the Baby in the manger, Mary keeping her vigil, the wise men bringing their gifts. I don't remember a single year without Christmas, nor do I want to live another year without it.

It's Christmas again . . .

Even amid tears and heartaches, smiles and happiness, hunger and poverty, cold and sickness, my small heart can still cry out with its might, "Praise the Lord!" And my small exultation can be heard above the busy, uncaring, unfeeling world. Thanks be to God!

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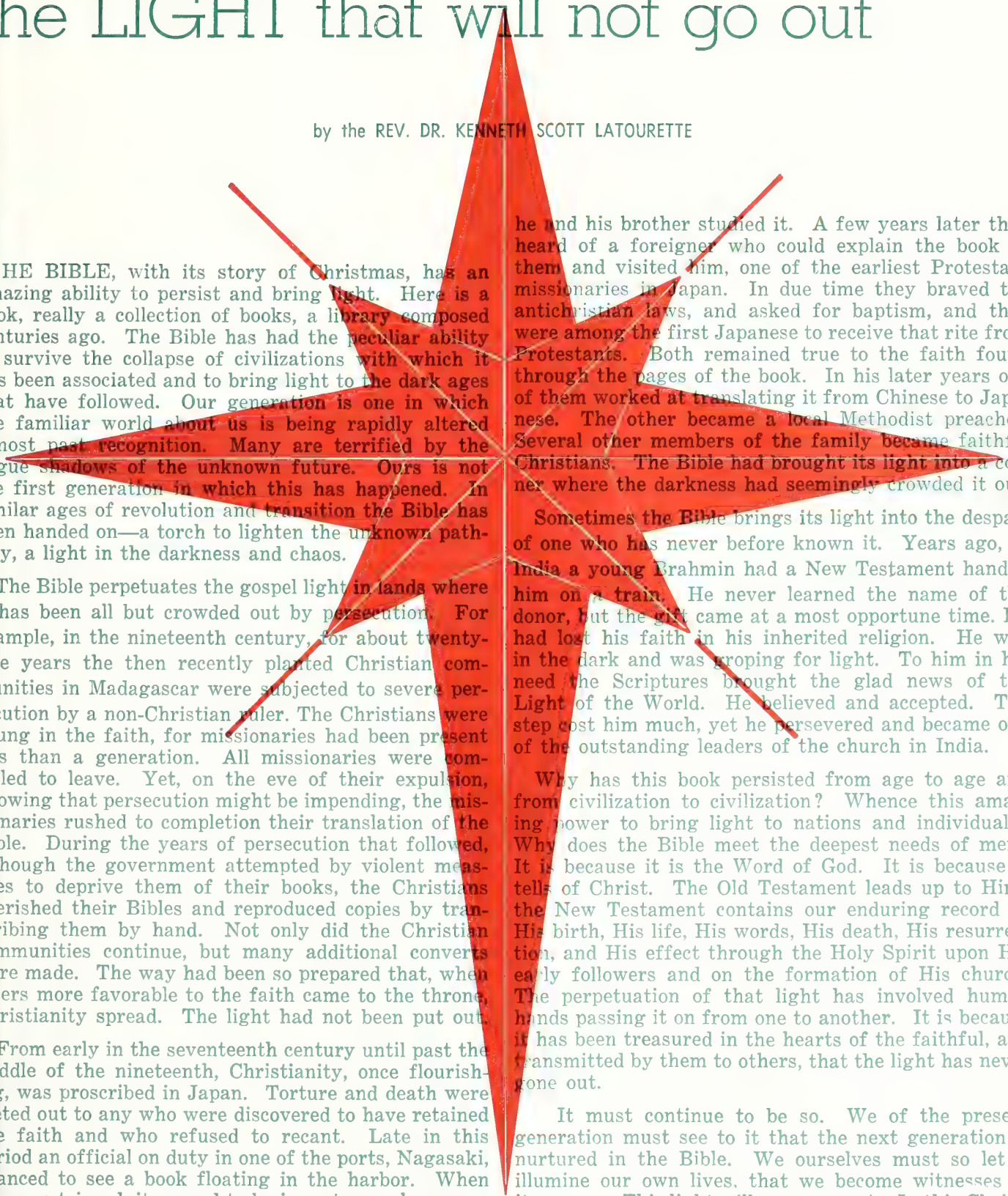
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the LIGHT that will not go out

by the REV. DR. KENNETH SCOTT LATOURETTE



THE BIBLE, with its story of Christmas, has an amazing ability to persist and bring light. Here is a book, really a collection of books, a library composed centuries ago. The Bible has had the peculiar ability to survive the collapse of civilizations with which it has been associated and to bring light to the dark ages that have followed. Our generation is one in which the familiar world about us is being rapidly altered almost past recognition. Many are terrified by the vague shadows of the unknown future. Ours is not the first generation in which this has happened. In similar ages of revolution and transition the Bible has been handed on—a torch to lighten the unknown pathway, a light in the darkness and chaos.

The Bible perpetuates the gospel light in lands where it has been all but crowded out by persecution. For example, in the nineteenth century, for about twenty-five years the then recently planted Christian communities in Madagascar were subjected to severe persecution by a non-Christian ruler. The Christians were young in the faith, for missionaries had been present less than a generation. All missionaries were compelled to leave. Yet, on the eve of their expulsion, knowing that persecution might be impending, the missionaries rushed to completion their translation of the Bible. During the years of persecution that followed, although the government attempted by violent measures to deprive them of their books, the Christians cherished their Bibles and reproduced copies by transcribing them by hand. Not only did the Christian communities continue, but many additional converts were made. The way had been so prepared that, when rulers more favorable to the faith came to the throne, Christianity spread. The light had not been put out.

From early in the seventeenth century until past the middle of the nineteenth, Christianity, once flourishing, was proscribed in Japan. Torture and death were meted out to any who were discovered to have retained the faith and who refused to recant. Late in this period an official on duty in one of the ports, Nagasaki, chanced to see a book floating in the harbor. When it was retrieved, it proved to be in a strange language. It was a Dutch New Testament. Like other educated Japanese, he could read Chinese. He thereupon procured a Chinese translation of the New Testament, and he and his brother studied it. A few years later they heard of a foreigner who could explain the book to them and visited him, one of the earliest Protestant missionaries in Japan. In due time they braved the antichristian laws, and asked for baptism, and thus were among the first Japanese to receive that rite from Protestants. Both remained true to the faith found through the pages of the book. In his later years one of them worked at translating it from Chinese to Japanese. The other became a local Methodist preacher. Several other members of the family became faithful Christians. The Bible had brought its light into a corner where the darkness had seemingly crowded it out.

Sometimes the Bible brings its light into the despair of one who has never before known it. Years ago, in India a young Brahmin had a New Testament handed him on a train. He never learned the name of the donor, but the gift came at a most opportune time. He had lost his faith in his inherited religion. He was in the dark and was groping for light. To him in his need the Scriptures brought the glad news of the Light of the World. He believed and accepted. The step cost him much, yet he persevered and became one of the outstanding leaders of the church in India.

Why has this book persisted from age to age and from civilization to civilization? Whence this amazing power to bring light to nations and individuals? Why does the Bible meet the deepest needs of men? It is because it is the Word of God. It is because it tells of Christ. The Old Testament leads up to Him; the New Testament contains our enduring record of His birth, His life, His words, His death, His resurrection, and His effect through the Holy Spirit upon His early followers and on the formation of His church. The perpetuation of that light has involved human hands passing it on from one to another. It is because it has been treasured in the hearts of the faithful, and transmitted by them to others, that the light has never gone out.

It must continue to be so. We of the present generation must see to it that the next generation is nurtured in the Bible. We ourselves must so let it illumine our own lives, that we become witnesses to its power. This light will never go out. In this Christmas season we must see afresh that, so far as in us lies, all men shall be led by it into the ways of lasting peace.—Bible Society Record.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

THE RIGHT KIND OF RELIGION

Scripture Reading—Psalm 84:11

Some years ago in the little suburb of Rock Run, where I have my Mission Sunday school, an epidemic of chicken pox broke out. I visited one of the homes where this infantile ailment seemed to be worst; the whole family was down with it. I danced the youngsters on my knees, carried the baby in my arms. The father had it pretty badly also, and I kneeled by his bed and prayed with him. Then lo and behold! it was discovered that our "chicken pox" was the worst form of smallpox. Rock Run suburb was strictly quarantined, the public school closed, and our chapel where we had Sunday school was not permitted to open for almost a year. But nothing happened to me or mine. "I would have been scared to death," one young lady exclaimed. "You don't have the right kind of religion, come and join my church," I laughingly told her. "The religion of the church I belong to teaches that the Lord takes care of His own."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Somehow it's hard to believe that religion (any particular form of) entered into this situation—just love for his fellowman. The rest of it fell into place. This man believed in God!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

QUIET TRUST

Scripture Reading—Romans 11:36

An Englishman traveling through Ceylon says: "As I was dining in a home in Timcomolec I was startled to hear the hostess ask her servant to place a bowl of milk on the deerskin near her chair. I knew at once there was a cobra in the room, for they prefer milk to anything else. We also knew that a hasty movement meant death, so we sat like statues. Soon, to our amazement, a cobra uncoiled itself from my hostess' ankle and swiftly glided toward the milk, where it was quickly killed." What a triumph of self-control over the external! But if we use the same quiet trust in Christ as this woman did in the bowl of milk, when the serpent of all evil approaches us, internal triumphs over him would be more numerous than they are now.—*Record of Christian Work.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are always aware that evil is around us. We can handle it with the same expertise this woman did if we would trust in Him completely. Let's trust our Lord—completely!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

ALONE WITH GOD

Scripture Reading—John 14:16

In silence, at the close of day,
When sun and light have gone away,
I kneel in solitude to pray,
Alone with God.

When sad, I count my every care,
And all the grief that I must bear;
Then close my eyes in peaceful prayer,
Alone with God.

When triumph brings me joy anew,
And I feel blessed in all I do,
I ne'er forget my rendezvous
Alone with God.

Through life, I always want to be
A Christian of reality,
And keep that hour so dear to me,
Alone with God.

—*David L. Diehl.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do you ever feel the need to be alone? Sometimes it's when we're sad—other times joyful. Maybe we need this time to converse with God, to be consoled, or to thank Him. Is it this way with you?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

WHEN THEY FOUND THEIR MAN!

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:7, 16

A story is told of a king who was suffering from a malady and was advised by his astrologist that he would be cured if the shirt of a contented man were brought for him to wear. People went out to all parts of the kingdom after such a person, and after a long search they found a man who was really happy, but he did not possess a shirt.—*The Christian Evangelist.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Maybe there's something to all of this. Are they trying to tell us something? Can we be really happy if we don't have everything we want or need? It's worth looking into.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

WHY HE DID NOT PRAY

Scripture Reading—Joshua 23:11

A deacon living in a Bershire town was requested to give his prayers in behalf of a poor man with a large family who had broken his leg. "I can't stop now to pray," said the deacon (who was picking and barreling his early apples for the city market), "but you can go down into the cellar and get some corned beef, salt pork, potatoes, and butter: that's the best I can do."—*Sunday School Chronicle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There are a time and place for all things. Maybe this man felt that he did not have time to pray for this man and thought he could help him more in some other way. Let us not ever underestimate the power of prayer, though; it works miracles.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 10:26

"Into the silent places
The old year goes tonight,
Bearing old pain, old sadness,
Old care and old delight.
Mistakes, and fears and failures,
The things that could not last,
But naught that e'er was truly ours
Goes with him to the past.

"Out of the silent places,
The young year comes tonight,
Bringing new pain, new sadness,
New care and new delight;
Go forth to meet him bravely,
The new year all untried,
The things the old year left behind us—
Faith, hope, and love abide."

—*Annie Johnson Flint, Reprinted by Permission, Evangelical Publishers, Toronto, Canada.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a challenge! A whole new year ahead for us! What will we do with it? It's up to us.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:7

BLESSINGS in abundance,
STRENGTH for every way,
COURAGE for each trial,
GLADNESS for each day.

FAITH in heaven's guidance,
HOPE that's firm and true,
May the Lord the Saviour
Give these gifts to you.

—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Reading the above is beautiful, but in making wishes for the new year, let's go a bit further and add the word L O V E. May it abide in our hearts all year long.

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(NOTE: "The Free Will Baptist" will not be published next week; therefore, you may select Scripture readings and devotional thoughts on your own—but keep it up!)

Christmas
is a choice
time of the year
to practice kindness

Kindness Bears Fruit

By
CLIFFORD THOMAS

A LEGLESS MAN sat huddled in his wheelchair near the curb at the corner of the street. His thin shoulders showed through a threadbare jacket buttoned tightly around him. In his lap lay an old battered hat in which were a number of cheap pencils. Many persons passed back and forth unheedingly. Close by, watching the man intently, a small boy stood in the doorway of a store. His appearance indicated he came from a family of moderate means.

Judging from the look of wonder and compassion which spread over his face, he had never seen a legless man before this time. These mixed emotions quickly resolved into an expression of indecision as he endeavored to come to a conclusion about some question.

After a few minutes' reflection, he apparently made up his mind. He looked around shyly, hoping no one would notice him; he walked slowly past the crippled man, took his hand out of his pocket and dropped a coin into the man's hat, but did not attempt to take a pencil.

Although many years have passed since I witnessed this scene, the memory of it, during the intervening years, has prompted me to follow this boy's example whenever opportunity offered. It has substantiated the conviction that a good deed not only benefits the recipient, but also the influence from such an act may continue indefinitely. God blesses every act of kindness because kindness is one of the many expressions of true Christian living. Such an act propels a ripple on the surface of events and may touch a great many lives before the ripple dies away.

God cannot bless a kind act, however, unless it is prompted by a pure motive. A true act of kindness comes from the heart with a sincere desire to bring happiness to someone and to exemplify the teachings of Jesus. Any other motive will fail and fall short of its purpose. The Apostle Paul refers to this very convincingly when he says, "So let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

One morning a lady, busy with her housework, heard someone knocking at the back door. Answering the summons, she saw a rough-looking man standing there. His clothes were worn and patched and his shoes were beyond repair.

"Well, what do you want?" she asked.

"Can you spare a bite to eat?" responded the man. "I don't care much for tramps—too lazy to work," said the woman, "but I'll see what I can do."

"Here's something for you," she said, handing him two slices of dry bread.

The man looked at it quickly, then handing the bread back to her said, "Lady, please put some butter on it."

Such an act, probably prompted by a sense of duty only, could not bear fruit, since the tramp would always remember this incident with dissatisfaction. A kind act will either be a blessing or be null and void, depending on the motive behind it.

An act of kindness rendered in the right spirit bears fruit immediately. No one can be the object of a kindness without his mind being filled with good thoughts.

One of my experiences as a boy confirmed this conviction. My father suffered a serious illness which incapacitated him for a long time. When Christmas came that year, my parents were financially unable to buy those things which they would have liked to put in my stocking. I remember feeling rather sad that Christmas Eve when I went to bed and knew it would be useless to hang up my stocking.

Imaginie my great surprise the next morning when I awoke to discover one of my stockings full of Christmas gifts, at the foot of the bed. Eagerly taking out the contents, I felt thrilled with happiness, and what I had expected to be a sad day turned into one of joy.

Later my mother explained that a kind friend who lived across the street, knowing our circumstances, brought gifts to our house after I had gone to bed. And so through the years kind thoughts have always been in my mind for those good people.

Jesus must have meant this type of kindness when He drew the attention of His disciples to the poor widow who placed two mites, all she possessed, into the treasury. Jesus gave no further explanation; yet, this story has been handed down through the ages as an inspiration to all who read it.

Every kind of act performed, every helpful word spoken, if rendered in a spirit of love and understanding, will always bear fruit.—Church of God Evangel.

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BUSYBODIES

Most of us are fearless critics of other men's conduct and meticulous denouncers of other men's sins. To mind other people's business is a common pastime in our day. There are very few of us who are not deeply concerned over the reform of somebody else. There is no more lovely experience than to feel a friend's personal interest in you and your business. But there is no more irritating experience than to be aware of unfriendly meddling and prying into your private affairs. The man who cannot respect privacy is hardly qualified to be listened to on any subject.—W. B. Knight.

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One can have Christmas without a tree, but one cannot have a real Christmas without Christ.

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There are many ways to celebrate Christmas, but there is only one true and acceptable way—that is to celebrate it in a Christian manner.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Progress at Spring Hope Church



Since January, 1971, Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church near New Bern, North Carolina, has experienced great progress with the Rev. Preston Haddock as pastor. During the year 47 persons have been received into the Church—40 by baptism and 7 by letter. Likewise, the Sunday school attendance has averaged over 100. Also the auxiliaries of the church (woman's, men, and young people) have been very active.



Church reporter, Violet G. Eubank, states: "We are now in the process of building a new sanctuary. We covet the prayers of all Christians that God will be with us in all our endeavors for the upbuilding of His kingdom."

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NO 'BAPTIST' DECEMBER 29

In order to maintain our schedule of not printing but 50 issues of "The Free Will Baptist" per year, there will not be an issue on December 29. This is the last issue you will receive this year. The next "Baptist" you will receive will be the issue of January 5, 1972.

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Christmas means joy. The kind of joy depends upon the person. The kind of person depends upon the way he celebrates the joy. The way a person celebrates the joy determines his character. A person's character determines his final destiny.

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The little Babe in manger lay
With angels watch, in softest hay;
A mother's warm and tender smile,
Whose heart has pondered all the while.

—Mamie Lee Rouse.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:

* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

LAUGH LINES

By Margo Mangum

Did you hear the one about the minister who told his congregation one Sunday morning what he would preach on the following Sunday?

It went something like this:

"Next Sunday I plan to preach on the subject of liars. I should like for each one of you to read the seventeenth chapter of Mark."

The week went by and it was time for another sermon. The preacher stood and said, "Now, all of you who have read the passage of Scripture that I asked you to, please raise your hands." Nearly every hand went up. Then the preacher said, "You are the people I want to talk to. There is no seventeenth chapter of Mark."

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A little boy was attending a Christmas program at the church with his mother. The little speeches were followed by applause. The program was ended with an appropriate prayer by the minister. A loud whisper came from the small boy to his mother. "He didn't do too good, did he, Mommy, 'case nobody clapped?"

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Learn laughter from little children by thinking their thoughts, dreaming their dreams, and playing their games.

Christmas and New Year's Holidays

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and Bookstores in Ayden, Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, North Carolina, will be closed Saturday and Monday, December 25 and 27, in observance of the Christmas holidays. The Press and Bookstores will be opened for business Tuesday, December 28, at the usual hours.

The Press and Bookstores will also be closed Saturday, January 1, 1972. in observance of the New Year's holiday.

TWR German Branch Reports Record Mail Response of 75,000 Letters in One Year

Evangeliums-Rundfunk, Wetzlar, Germany, the German branch of Trans World Radio, commenced broadcasting on short wave eleven years ago. In 1960 programs could easily be heard throughout the country. Horst Marquardt, program director, reports that today about 2.5 million German-speaking people throughout Europe listen to the five daily broadcasts on medium wave and short wave.

Word has also been received that there is a loyal group of listeners behind the Ural Mountains in Russia. Also, in many other German-speaking communities of the USSR, Christians report being strengthened by the Word of Life.

How can this great task be carried out? Of course, the work could not be done by just a few persons. Mr. Marquardt said, "We thank the Lord for His wonderful help. He gave the right spirit to do this work. Team effort is necessary to produce the 39 weekly programs."

Mr. Marquardt continued, "Six hundred seventy evangelists and ministers are joining this immense task and are willing to be trained for this particular ministry. Workshops are held twice a year in different places. We have about ten to fifteen training centers in Germany and Switzerland where ten to twenty persons gather to help each other in exogetic and grammatical questions and in the matter of style."

The response to the German programs is encouraging. Evangeliums-Rundfunk receives about 300 letters daily. Many people are writing about their problems requesting spiritual counseling. The Wetzlar staff has produced 1,537 broadcasting hours and answered more than 75,000 letters in the past year.

Quite a new kind of program is EURO-CLUB, geared to youth. The German language version is aired every Tuesday and Saturday night. On other days it is heard in other languages. The good response shows that young people are being reached with the gospel.

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He is God our Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be trusted, worshiped and adored."
—F. R. H.

TIME TO DO NOTHING

A mother of five children, whom I knew for just a brief period one summer, impressed me unforgettably with one thought she expressed: "I think that everybody has to have time to do nothing." She went on to explain, "I like my own children to have some time to do nothing."

In this hectic, active, get-with-it generation—time to do nothing?

This mother showed great insight in recognizing that the desire to have and to enjoy more leisure time is a need for all ages. It can take different forms. Your usually active teen-ager may sit on the front steps alone, with his head cupped in his hands and not a muscle moving. Your five-year-old child may stand by the window staring out, strangely quiet. But they are not really doing nothing. The teen may be, in the words of the Arabs, "letting his soul catch up with his body." He may be sorting out the threads of a tangled problem.

As wise, sensitive mothers, we don't intrude and suggest, "Shouldn't you be getting busy with—?" Nor do we complain, "Is that all you have to do?" The reward for understanding this need to do nothing might very well be a gratifying sharing, a heart response from a son or a daughter.

Five-year-old Ginny had, for long moments, stood quite still. In silence she watched the fine rain trickle down the window. Then she turned wide-eyed to her mother and said, "Mommie, I was just thinking—maybe Jesus will come soon." In her moments of doing nothing, this child's mind had turned from the toys of time to the joys of eternity.

By respecting these quiet times we will be given a glimpse of the thoughts that enrich our children's lives. We must make allowance for a time to do nothing.

Is this, perhaps, something of what the Scripture has in mind in the injunction to "study to be quiet" (1 Thessalonians 4:11)?

We all catch ourselves sometimes doing nothing. It may be when we are momentarily gazing out the window as the potato lies unpeeled in our hands, or when standing seemingly idle by the washing machine or ironing board. Why should we feel a sense of guilt at such times?

Mothers, too, need a time to do nothing—for soul expansion.—Jeanette W. Lockerbie.

FORD'S BETTER IDEA—A GOOD ONE

Atlanta, Georgia—The evening news on television may often appear to be a catalog of tragedies that depresses the viewer. Therefore, one-minute inspirational messages by Leighton Ford are receiving an exceptional response on seven television stations which have aired them nightly during the early evening news program.

The minute spot, "Insight," gives a relevant, inspirational thought on some topic of current or human interest.

The North Carolina station which inaugurated the concept in August of last year has found a "phenomenal positive response." A scientific survey of viewers uncovered 89 to 93 percent in favor of the idea, its time spot, and its length, according to Charlotte Program Director Doug Bell.

The Nielsen ratings for the newscast during the spring months of this year showed increases from 29 to 44 percent over the same period of the previous year in the number of viewing households.

Looking back to its inception, when he was news anchorman, Doug Bell recalls, "Often when I'd finished the newscast I felt the mood was so negative that people needed something to lift their spirits." Now he is persuaded that "Insight" with Leighton Ford is one answer. And obviously viewers share his enthusiasm. Six other stations in Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, and Texas have started to use the daily message.

The positive response to "Insight" has led the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to offer the daily one-minute spots as a public service to television stations.

Commenting on the evident success of "Insight," Leighton Ford simply states, "With things as bad as they are, the good news sounds better than ever!"—From Stan Izon.

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Christmas brings snow sometimes; Christmas brings wintry winds; Christmas brings friendship; Christmas brings thoughts of Christ; Christmas brings Christianity; Christmas brings eternal happiness if one will accept the One for whom it was created.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

Special Halloween Party

On October 31, 1971, the children of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home were entertained with a special Halloween party which was sponsored jointly by the Modern Woodmen of America and the Peace, Hickory Grove, and Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Churches. The party featured games, refreshments, and gifts for each child.



The Rev. Hubert Burress is pictured above directing a group of children in how to play a very interesting game.



This group of children was captured while enjoying the delicious refreshments as Mrs. Lillie Gaskin, Deans Cottage housemother, looked on from the right rear.

Each child was given a personal gift as his name was drawn by one of the younger children under the supervision



of the Rev. Hubert Burress. These children await the drawing of their name with great anticipation.



Immediately following the party, Superintendent Pierce was able to get our six youngest children still long enough for this picture. They are left to right: Mollie Lynn Garris (6), Bonnie Dement and Donnie Dement (6-year-old twins), Johnnie Leggett (6), Margaret Dement (5), and Angie Nichols (6).

CHRISTMAS, 1971

The month of December has found the Children's Home swinging as the staff and children make preparations for Christmas. Several very nice Christmas parties sponsored by various churches, civic organizations, etc. were enjoyed by all. Santa Claus visited on campus on December 13, during the annual Woodmen of the World Christmas party. The "family Christmas party" was held on Thursday night, December 16, at which time each child received his main gifts from his family, sponsor, friends, or th Children's Home.

Our children will be off campus fo Christmas vacation from Friday, Decem ber 17, 1971,.through Sunday, January 2 1972. However, some staff member will be on campus at all times to answe the phone and/or greet visitors. Fee free, please, to drop by or phone at an time. Our doors are always open.

We wish to use this opportunity t express our sincere appreciation to eac and everyone who has helped in any wa to make Christmas, 1971, such a tremer dous success and so meaningful for ou children.

DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS LIFE RESIGNS

The Children's Home announces th resignation of Mr. James Thomas Pull as Director of Campus Life effective De cember 31, 1971. Mr. Pully, who bega his duties with the Home on Septembe 15, 1971, resigned to become a compute operator with a business in Rocky Mount North Carolina, where he makes his res dence.

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Christmas is the time when kind heart get kinder, happy souls get happier, ful lives get fuller, and everything goo takes on added meaning.

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

TV Appearances By the Mount Olive College Chorus

The Mount Olive College Chorus will be featured on four television programs during the Christmas and New Year's holiday season. Their schedule is listed below:

Wednesday, December 22, 10:30 p.m., WRAL-TV, Channel 5 (Raleigh): The entire College Chorus will participate in a program known as "Tar Heel Christmas." This program was arranged by the office of Governor Scott, and the Mount Olive College Chorus was extended a personal invitation to participate.

Friday, December 24, 5 p.m., WITN-TV, Channel 7 (Washington): The entire College Chorus will give a thirty-minute program of Christmas music.

Christmas Day, 4:30 p.m., WNBE-TV, Channel 12 (New Bern): The Chorus will also be featured in a one-half hour color Christmas concert.

Sunday, January 2, 1 p.m., WRAL-TV, Channel 5 (Raleigh): The Mount Olive College Singers will appear on the "Church of Our Fathers Program."

Friends of the College are cordially invited to join with the College Chorus in helping to give a Christmas meaning to Christmas through sacred music.

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NIGHT CLASSES IN RELIGION, SPRING SEMESTER

During the spring semester Mount Olive College will offer as a denominational service three night classes in religion for both laymen and ministers. Those who wish college credit may apply for admission as regular students and pay a modest tuition charge of $25 per course. The courses are also open on a noncredit basis to anyone, regardless of previous educational background, at a cost of $10 per course. Interested persons may enroll in one, two, or all three courses. (Students are responsible for the purchasing of their own textbooks.)

The Free Will Baptist Church. A study of the history, government, and doctrine of Free Will Baptists, taught by Dr. W. Burkette Raper. The course will meet each **Monday,** 7-9:30 p.m. Registration and first class: January 10. Course ends April 10 (2 semester hours).

Preaching and Pastoral Care. Taught by the Rev. Frank Harrison, the course will be a study of the preparation and delivery of sermons with an emphasis upon preaching to meet the real life needs of people. The class will meet each **Tuesday,** 7-9:50 p.m. Registration and first class: January 11, Course ends May 9 (3 semester hours).

Study of the New Testament. The course will be taught by the Rev. Sheldon Howard and will consist of a careful examination of the writings of the New Testament with a consideration of the background of the early Christian community. The class will meet each **Thursday,** 7-9:50 p.m. Registration and first class: January 13. Course ends May 11, (3 semester hours).

Meeting Place

All classes will meet in the Henderson Building on the new campus.

Additional Information

Contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, director of denominational services, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina; telephones: home 658-9363; office 658-2502.

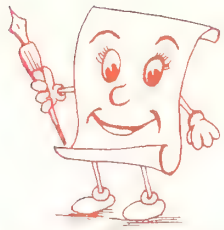
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WHAT SHALL I GIVE HIM?

What shall I give Him poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
But such as I have I give Him,—
Give Him my heart.

—Selected.

GRACE NOTES



By Nina Grace Register

Christmas is bright lights, tinsel decorations, and artificial snow.

It is too much to eat, too much to do, and Christmas carols polluting the ears with the "now" sound.

To a child, Christmas will never come. The weeks are long, and a year is a small eternity. To an adult, a year crashes down and the big day will arrive before everything is done.

The commercial bombardment began in late October, and by the first of December the TV reminded us it was already too late to expect packages and cards to arrive on time. One wishes December would quietly go away.

Surely Christmas is more than this.

Christmas is the magic that holds a wigglesome fourth grade boy absolutely still for twenty minutes, like a worshiping shepherd; and turns a talkative fifth grade blonde into an adoring, speechless angel. It's the awe of the manger scene enacted by children.

Christmas is warmth in the cold—a bright spot in bleak winter. It's a vacation from school and sleeping late. It is writing Christmas cards with a year's summary in a few words, and getting one in return; visiting friends and taking time for people we seldom contact.

Christmas is shopping together, keeping secrets, trimming the tree, wrapping gifts behind closed doors, and anticipating surprises. It's laughter covering the empty place where the family circle is one chair smaller this year, and feeling sadness without showing it.

Christmas is a fragrance—fruitcake, collards, ham, turkey, and cookies—all mingled with the tangy touch of cedar. It's the soft, bright light of candles radiating through the room, stronger than the Christmas tree twinkles.

The music of the cantata which the choir began studying in September blends with the song in our hearts, and the angels sing their message again. Christmas is an intangible feeling of peace and goodwill toward everyone on earth.

Christmas is love.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

(continued from page twelve)

in honoring Christ on His birthday. You should be grateful for that."

Polly raised her head violently. "I won't go!" she croaked. "I couldn't sit there and listen to Kathy Stewart sing in my place." She cried even harder at the thought.

By the afternoon of the next day, her angry frustration had turned to resignation. She even changed her mind about going to the Christmas Eve service. "I want to see how well Kathy does," she said.

Polly's spirits lifted a little when she entered the church that evening and sat down with her parents. Everyone was there, happy and expectant. The junior class had done a beautiful job trimming the tree. The creche, which she had helped to assemble, looked quite realistic under the cleverly placed lights.

Her relaxed mood lasted until she glanced at her program. Kathy was next. Her own name had been scratched out and Kathy's written in. Polly leaned back, trying hard to conceal her feelings.

Kathy hobbled forward, her long, blond hair beautiful in the soft light. She paused to look out at the audience. "I decided to do the same number that Polly had planned to do," she said. "I know how hard she has worked on it and how disappointed she must be." She singled Polly out and smiled sweetly. "I'm sorry that circumstances prevent her from adding her lovely voice to the glory of this day, but I will try to do it for her."

Polly felt a lump rise in her throat. She turned to look at her mother. Her mother's eyes were as moist and as shining as her own.

As Kathy sang, Polly became aware of a strange feeling inside herself. At first she didn't realize what it was. Then she knew. There was a certain quality in Kathy's voice that hadn't been in hers—a sincerity, a true emotion that brought out the beautiful meaning of the words. She stole a look at the congregation. They sat, not moving, a rapt expression on their faces. They felt it, too. Polly knew she could never have made them feel like that.

She reached for her mother's hand and gave it a gentle squeeze. For the first time she was glad she had stayed on the listening end.—Gospel Herald.

At Christmas, consider not so much the gift of the friend, but the friendship of the giver.

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". . . and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young."—Phillips Brooks.

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The best gift around a Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years, will be greatly appreciated.

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Birthday: July 18, 1891

BIBLE Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). What does "poor in spirit" mean?

Answer: This indicates inward character, not circumstances nor a condition, but a temper and state of mind. It also means to be beaten utterly of conceit with one's own strength, goodness, and wisdom; to feel that apart from God's grace we are nothing and are able to do nothing. It is he who feels most poignantly his need of all, who will most heartily hail God's promise of the free gift of all. Our Lord and Saviour says that we are happily blessed in proportion as we feel our own want and our own emptiness in spiritual things. The more that we truly think ourselves to be poor, the more rich Christ judges us to be. This kind of poverty of spirit is the forerunner or condition of each blessing; hence, there is attached to it God's blessing the promise of the kingdom of God which includes all blessings.

The word here for "poor" means utter destitution and "in spirit" and defines the sphere of destitution. There are, however, those who interpret this destitute of the wealth of learning and intellectual culture which the schools offered, because men of this class readily gave themselves up to our Lord Jesus' teaching and proved themselves equipped to lay hold of the heavenly treasure. Then there have been those found who make the idea more inward and ethical; that is, destitute of spiritual blessings. Some scholars believe this to be better.

However, would it be correct to read "poor in the spirit," that is poor in spiritual treasures; or "poor in the spirit," that is conscious of their needs? There is to be found no virtue in poverty, since we are told that the church in Laodicea was "poor and blind and naked," but was rebuked by Jesus Christ. These thought they were rich and had need of nothing. This being taken under consideration it would appear that the better rendering of these words would be "conscious of their spiritual needs." It is in such consciousness of need that leads a person to seek the grace of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. The publican that prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner," well illustrates those in the passage under consideration, "poor in spirit," who possess the kingdom of God.

A time like the present readily gives place to the spirit and attitude of those in Laodicea in John's day; therefore, that church was used of the Holy Spirit as He inspired John to so write. Evidently we are either approaching or have begun living in the part of the church age that the Laodiceans in that day symbolized. The Bible well represents the fact that many who are poor in the things the world and flesh regard as riches and much to be sought after as being worthless when compared with the eternal values it exhorts us to seek while we are here and which we may seek.

The Bible's exhortations direct us into a more sane way of life and always instruct us to give first considerations to that which enlightens us concerning our state of being when the activities of this short life have ceased. Being obedient to Christ in a full commitment to what the Bible says concerning Him and His relation to us is our means to this. He says, ". . . If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Jesus tells us that prerequisite to a correct and obedient walk in this life is a regenerated heart or the new or spiritual birth. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:3, 7, 8).

The new birth is here described as being a mystery. It was demonstrated as such in Acts 2. Those born of the Spirit preached or witnessed in the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and all since born of the Spirit witness in the Spirit. They are poor and meek in the eyes of the world and are regarded as misfits and fanatics by the unsaved. The world then said of them: "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine" (Acts 2:12, 13). But here is what the Christian said then and must say now: "For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:15-18).

Not long after this, even these "meek," and "poor in spirit" went every where preaching; and not too long hence they were called Christians. They were Christlike in that they did not count themselves dear, but truly gave up all things; and as one Scripture puts it, were the "scourings and outcasts of the earth." The "poor in spirit" became all things to all men for Christ. Perhaps this would be a good time for all of us Christians to reassess our values and determine if really and truly we are the "poor in spirit" that Jesus says are happily "blessed."

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"We sow a thought and reap an act;
We sow an act and reap a habit;
We sow a habit and reap a character;
We sow a character and reap a destiny."

—Selected, 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service, W. B. Knight, Eerdmans Publishing Company.

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Asked a prospective buyer of a splendid young Negro in the dark days of slavery, "If I buy you will you be honest, loyal and faithful?" Replied the Negro youth, "Sir, whether you buy me or not, I'll be honest, loyal and faithful!"—Selected.

STORIES for our youth



ON THE LISTENING END

by MILDRED SALLEE

POLLY STONE was eager to get home to tell her parents the wonderful news. When Kathy Stewart stopped her at the church door, she found it difficult to hide her impatience.

"I'll walk to the corner with you—" Kathy said, "that is, if you don't mind walking so slowly."

"Of course not." Polly forced a smile and waited for Kathy to work her way down the steps.

Kathy shifted her crutches to a more comfortable position and walked slowly along beside Polly. "I wanted to tell you how happy I am for you," she said. "I know how proud you must feel to be chosen to sing a special number at the Christmas Eve service. You have such a beautiful voice."

Polly smiled proudly. She knew she sang well, but it was nice to hear her rival say so. She had thought maybe—just maybe, Kathy would be chosen instead. "I am very happy about it," she confessed. "I'm eager to tell Mother and Dad about it."

Kathy's smile was understanding. "I won't keep you any longer," she said. "I turn off at this corner anyway."

Polly was too polite to show how eager she was to get away. She watched Kathy turn the corner, then almost ran the remaining two blocks to her home.

She entered the house, breathless and excited. She hung her coat in the hall closet and rushed into the living room. "Mother! Dad!" she cried. "I have such good news. I was chosen to do a special number at the Christmas Eve service."

Her mother put her mending aside and came to kiss her. "That is wonderful news," she said. "I'm very happy for you."

Polly's father lowered his newspaper and peered at her over his glasses. "That means a lot of practice," he said, looking proud. "You have two weeks in which to do it."

Polly followed her mother to the couch and sat down. "I knew I had a good chance to be chosen," she said, excitement still evident in her voice, "but there was Kathy Stewart. She sings well, too."

"Yes, Kathy does sing well," her mother agreed, "but more important than that, she's sweet and good." She peered at her daughter. "How would you have felt if she had been asked to sing instead of you?"

"I think I would have died." A tiny frown creased Polly's forehead. "You don't think she sings as well as I do, do you Mother?" she asked.

Polly's mother hesitated a moment before answering. "Not quite, dear," she finally replied.

Polly spent most of the next day trying to choose a song. She sang while she dusted; she sang while she did the dishes. When she wasn't trying out her voice, she was poring through the hymnbooks. "What do you think, Mother?" she asked for the tenth time. "I like 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.' It's one of my favorites, but I want to choose one that brings out the best in my voice."

"I'm afraid you'll have to decide that for yourself, Polly," her mother said quietly. "Just don't lose sight of the real reason you were asked to sing."

Polly made her decision the next day. Once it was made, her excitement leveled off a little. "I've chosen 'Silent Night, Holy Night,'" she informed her parents. "It seems to be a big favorite with everyone." She smiled. "Besides, I do it exceptionally well."

For the next ten days Polly practiced diligently at church and at home. "You're pushing too hard," her mother cautioned. "Why don't you slow down a little?"

"Practice makes perfect, Mother," Polly replied.

On the day before Christmas Eve Polly awoke early. She wanted to get her household chores done and get in a few final hours of practice. She slipped out of bed and smiling happily began to sing as she put on her robe and slippers. She stopped suddenly, one slipper on and one sleeve of her robe dangling. No melodious notes came from her mouth—only a hoarse croak.

She clattered down the stairs almost tripping on the trailing robe. "Mother!" she tried to call, only nothing came out.

Her mother looked up, startled at Polly's wild appearance. "What's wrong?" she asked, rushing to her daughter.

Polly pointed to her mouth. "Something has happened. I can't talk," she managed to whisper.

"Oh, no!" Her mother led her to a chair. "You probably have laryngitis. You may have strained your vocal chords with too much singing."

Polly slumped into the chair, fighting to control her tears. "Do you think I'll be all right by Christmas Eve?" she whispered.

"We'll have to wait until Dr. Mattson checks your throat." Polly's mother patted her hand. "Try not to worry."

At her mother's insistence, Polly returned to her room and slipped into bed. She moved restlessly about, trying to convince herself that Dr. Mattson would be able to fix everything.

The doctor came at last. It didn't take long for him to complete his examination. "I'm afraid there will be no singing for you, young lady," he said, returning his instruments to the black bag. "You don't have anything contagious, so you may go to church and enjoy the Christmas program." He smiled as he closed the bag and got to his feet. "Just stay on the listening end this time."

The tears came thick and fast after the doctor had gone. "Why did this happen to me?" Polly whimpered. "I'll probably never get another chance like this one." She buried her head in the pillow.

Her mother tried to console her. "At least you can go to church and take part

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Christmas Greetings From the Joneses



We, the Jones family, wish to take this opportunity to wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We thank you for your support, financially and prayerfully, over this past year.

This has been a very eventful year in which we have experienced the moving of the Lord in a new way. We are now studying Tagalog in preparation for our pioneer work on the island of Palawan to begin in May. We know the Lord has led us in this direction and we are expecting great things from Him in the future.

During this season when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, let us remember also that He is soon to return again. Let us push forward our efforts to reach every person with the message of salvation.

God bless each of you is our constant prayer. May the joy, love, and peace of God constantly abide with you.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Your missionaries to the
Philippine Islands,
Harold, Sandra, Wendy, and
Misty Jones

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A Christless Christmas is something else—and less than Christmas.

"BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GLAD TIDINGS"

Luke 2:10

by JOSEPH INGRAM

". . . behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." This was the message of the angel to the shepherds many years ago while they were keeping watch over their flock at night. This surely was one of the greatest events that could have ever happened to these men, as lonely as they might have been there in the lonely hours of the night with only the stars and wild animals to keep them company.

Having seen this message given in the second chapter of Luke, some 2,000 years ago, there is also a message in it for us today. The angel said this news was to be "to all people." It is just as real today as it was the day it was given from heaven by the angel. The message has not changed. Those that were to receive the message, as far as their needs, have not changed. Only the proclaimer of this message has changed. As this is recorded, God chose an angel to declare this wonderful news. Today, God has chosen the church, through its members, to declare His message to all people.

As we consider the message, the angel declared it to be one that was of ". . . good tidings of great joy, . . ." What a challenge to you and to me today to bring this type of message to our world! With our world full of strife, sin, and the many things that brings grief to the peoples of the world, someone certainly should look for news that would bring joy to the hearts of those that are burdened. Christmas is a wonderful time for this to take place. Too many of us get caught up in the rush and burdens of the season by trying to decide what we can give each other that will make an impression of our love toward that person, that we forget the "glad tidings" of Jesus Christ. We burden ourselves with debts buying gifts that we cannot afford until we tax ourselves for several months after Christmas. These things have caused us to miss the real meaning of Christmas. The real meaning and message of Christmas is that Jesus Christ, our Saviour, is borned. We now have a Redeemer. There is now hope for each of us. Praise God for the "glad tidings." To each of us this brings "great joy."

I have seen a picture of the life of the shepherd. While traveling in the country of Mexico, one very often sees the shepherd as he is out in some lonely, desolate place. Miles separate him from his home, friends, and neighbors. We have commented many times of the loneliness that these persons must go through both day and night as they watch their flock.

God does expect us to be the proclaimer of this "glad tidings of great joy" to these people. As our missionaries go to these people with this message of hope, they become the instrument in the hand of God for the deliverance of this message. My heart was made to rejoice last month as I received the reports from our Mexican pastors. They reported fifteen new converts for the month. Here are fifteen people now that have experienced the great joy of Jesus Christ in their heart. Praise God for their faithfulness and His blessings!

Now let us look at the real matter of Christmas in our life. Are we guilty of robbing God through our gifts to this cause through His church to meet our desires at Christmas? Why does the offerings in the local church suffer at this season of the year? Why is your mission budget over $10,000 short? Could it be that we love ourself more than God? Why do we rob to get things for ourself and our children that they really do not need or want when there is a lost world that needs the gospel of Christ?

Will you reevaluate your look at Christmas today and let God speak to you concerning this matter? As you read this, I hope that the "glad tidings of great joy" that you have experienced through hearing the gospel will so burn in your heart that you will want to share this with the world who also wants and needs to hear about Jesus Christ.

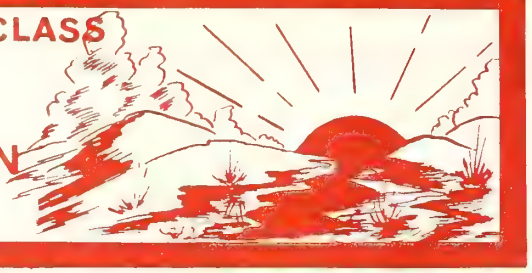
May I leave you with this challenge? Average the amount that you spent on each member of your family this year for gifts at Christmas, and then make a special gift to Christ through your church to missions that we might herald the "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." This news should be

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 2



Love Is . . .

Lesson Text: Luke 6:27-38

Memory Verse: Luke 6:31

I. INTRODUCTION

Love is a word that is given great emphasis in our language of today. It has many meanings to many people. Many have mistaken lust for love; but true love is never degrading, it is always uplifting, cleansing, and helpful. Christians are familiar with at least two kinds of love. The one is a love or an affectionate feeling for others which may or may not result in willing sacrificial service. The other is a deep, abiding love, the kind Jesus sought to instill in our hearts. This is the kind of love that causes a man to lay down his life for his brother, as Jesus laid down His life for us.

Love is the principal word in the New Testament, and Luke placed great stress upon it. It is the heart of the Gospel. In the Gospel of Luke we see the love of God for man, shown to us in the life and death of Jesus Christ; it shows the love of man to God, shown in a willingness to follow Him; it shows the love of man to man, shown in bringing men to Jesus Christ and joining with others in doing His will.

In our lesson for today, we cannot hope to exhaust the full meaning of this great word; but Luke gives us a deep insight into its meaning and, if applied to our lives as it should be, it will certainly cause us to pause a while and reflect on the quality of the love we profess to have for one another.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The setting for the Sermon on the Mount.
2. The word of Matthew and Luke compared and explained.
3. Three erroneous views concerning the Sermon on the Mount.
   a. The sermon is beautiful literature but irrelevant to our society.
   b. The whole of Christianity is contained in the Sermon on the Mount.
   c. The sermon is neither Judaistic or Christian; it is a hybrid between the two.

B. Love for Enemies (Luke 6:27-30)

1. Complacent love and benevolent love explained.
2. This is an impossible ideal in the flesh, but God gives new strength.
3. On turning the other cheek.

C. The Golden Rule (Luke 6:31)

This rule is a summation of what Jesus has said about treatment of our enemies.

D. The Extra Required of a Christian (Luke 6:32-35)

1. Christians should do more than sinners.
2. The attitude of the Christian is not just passive, it is active. We must return good for evil.
3. We must always remember that we never completely understand another person.

E. Extend Mercy (Luke 6:36-38)

1. Christians are to be merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful.
2. Christians are not to judge.
3. Christians are not to condemn, but extend mercy.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "It is not Christian to do all that is expected of us. Unbelievers often do that. Christianity does more than that. A man in a hospital just after a severe operation, asked his nurse to turn his pillow. She at once rearranged two pillows, and made him much more comfortable. As minute after minute and hour after hour dragged on, he noticed that when he asked the nurse to do something, she always did more than he asked: did it instantly and cheerfully. Finally, he asked her if she remembered what the Lord had said about going the second mile, and told her how gratefully he had noticed that she always went that second mile. And it meant so much to a weak, suffering patient lying there in helplessness."—The Sunday School Times.

B. So much in life depends on human relationships. Though each person enjoys individuality and a measure of independence, it is still true, as the songwriter says, "No man is an island, no man stands alone." Each man is inalterably bound to every other man by ties of interdependence, communication, cooperation, and social interchange. "All the world's a stage" on which we not only act out our lives, but react to all the other "actors" as well. Jesus teaches in today's lesson the ideal motivation for human behavior and response.

A few among the masses are friends whom we love quite naturally. With little effort, we treat our friends as we wish to be treated.

The way of love taught by Jesus is not so easily traveled, however, in the direction of our enemies. Returning good for evil is more difficult.

The secret of achieving the ideal relationships prescribed by Christ is a personal relationship with God. God loves you, your friends, and your enemies. God's unbiased love is just as fervent for each of your neighbors as for you. Your relationship with friends and enemies should be determined, not by how they treat you, but by how God treats you.—Standard Commentary.

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FOR JANUARY 9

Our Compassionate Christ

Lesson Text: Luke 5:29-32; 7:11-17

Memory Verse: Luke 5:31, 32

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today constitutes the temperance study for this quarter. Though most of us when we speak of temperance have a tendency to think that this word is applicable only to the use of alcoholic beverages, the truth of the matter is that the Bible condemns excess in all things.

It is a matter of history that in time past the church did not condemn the moderate use of beverage alcohol with such vigor as it does today, but it is also true that at that time the excessive use of beverage alcohol was not nearly so prevalent and widespread as it is today. The church and all observant individuals

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have been forced to adopt the conclusion that the moderate use of alcohol all too often leads to its excessive use; thus if they are to discourage the excessive use, they must condemn the moderate use. The social drinker of today is very likely to be the problem drinker of tomorrow.

Our lesson text for today is composed of two selections from Luke: the first, 5:29-32, is a discourse by Jesus justifying His presence in the company of publicans and sinners; the second, 7:11-17, is an account of the raising from the dead of the widow's son.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show that our Lord had compassion even for those whose own sins had brought their troubles upon them.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Although Christ associated with the publicans and sinners, He remained holy and undefiled (Luke 5:29, 30).

B. Men may draw favorable conclusions about themselves in contrast to others, but these are of little value in the sight of God, who looks upon the heart (vv. 30-22).

C. Christ not only had compassion on individuals, He also had the power to help them in their need (7:13, 14).

D. Death is no match for the Lord of life (Luke 7:14, 15; cf. 1 Corinthians 15: 55; Revelation 1:18).

E. Just as speaking is a sign of physical life, so speaking for Christ is a sign that a person has passed from death to life in the spiritual sphere (Luke 7:15; cf. Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15).

F. Christ demonstrated His compassion. The believer should do the same (Luke 7:13; 1 Peter 3:8).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The funeral and miracle at the city of Nain was being studied in a meeting of women somewhat dramatic in their temperament. The leader of the group proposed to ask for a symposium in which each member would describe what she regarded one of the sweetest days of her life. The leader put it this way, "In things human, dear sisters, in blessings of this life, each of you please select one of the sweetest days you can remember and briefly tell us why." When several ardent responses had been made the leader asked, "What do you suppose would have been the answer of the widow of Nain if she had been included in this symposium?"

What do you suppose she would have said?—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. Jesus knew His mission, and He fulfilled it regardless of the scorn and criticism of the self-righteous. His ministry of compassion was to the sick and to the sick of heart. He was the Great Physician. When He ascended into heaven, the mantle of His ministry fell upon His church. His mission has become ours: to call sinners to repentance.

Christ's church is not of the world, but it stands in the world—a world of sinners. The church was never intended to be a secret society composed of the saints. It is to be more like a hospital for sinners.

As the personal agency on earth of the compassionate Christ, the church should extend its ministry in at least two important directions. One area is the work of benevolence. What of rest homes for the aged, children's homes, and hospital and prison ministries? Is the church doing what it should to alleviate man's social needs?

Social consciousness, however, should never exclude a sense of the great spiritual needs about us. Compassion upon unfortunates must be linked with a passion for their souls. The primary task of the church will always be evangelism. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He established His church for the same purpose. Christians can fulfill His will as they channel their energies into the avenues of benevolence and evangelism. —Standard Commentary.

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HE REIGNS

I did not see the star that shone
  O'er sleeping Bethlehem,
That told the Magi Christ had come
  And bade them worship Him.
But in my heart a Star has risen,
  More glorious and bright
Than e'en the star of Bethlehem—
  For Jesus is my light.

I did not go to Bethlehem
  To worship where He lay,
The Son of God in form of man,
  Upon a bed of hay.
But this I know, He lives today
  As surely as of yore,
For in this heart of mine He reigns—
  A King forevermore!

—E. Margaret Clarkson.

FORGOTTEN! . . .

(John 1:12, 2 Corinthians 9:15)

The holiday hustle and bustle,
  The scurrying 'round to and fro;
Gay tinsel and paper and ribbon,
  And evergreens covered with snow;
Department stores teeming with shoppers
  O'erloaded with gifts head to toe!

Holiday music and carols,
  Silver bells filling the air;
Santas on every street corner,
  Christmas trees all trimmed with care;
Houses all shiny with gay lights,
  Decorations and cards everywhere!

Christmas! And there in the shadows—
  Forgotten! . . . the One at whose birth
An angel with heavenly chorus
  Proclaimed the glad tidings to earth,
Saying, "Glory to God in the highest!"
  —O Gift of unspeakable worth!

Now 'midst the wrappings and boxes,
  These things of the world we hold dear;
The holly, the cookies, the turkey,
  Their fragrances filling the air!
'Midst these . . . the dear Saviour stands waiting—
  Forgotten! . . . no room for Him there!

How futile is Christmas without Him!
  How meaningless is all the cost!
How worthless these gifts that are given!
  Forgotten! . . . God's Gift and the Cross!
How empty the heart that rejects Him!

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Dear Lord,
Like the star, let me shine at this season,
  That I may lead others to thee;
Like the angels, proclaim the glad tidings:
  Salvation so great and so free!

Lord,
E'en one soul, from the Babe in the manger,
  May I point to thy Son on the tree;
Just one heart opened wide to receive Him,
  Where forgotten no more will He be!

—Sylvia A. Storms.

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sent to all people who have never heard this gospel.

May God give you the sweetest Christmas ever this year as you find some of this joy by sharing the good news of Christ to all the world.

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